

Area Cows

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166,457 lbs. of milk and 5,887 lbs. of butterfat.

Roaring Maples Pilot Sovereign, 119,954 lbs. of milk and 4,415 lbs. of butterfat in 3,357 days on official test. She is owned by Roy H. & Ruth H. Book, Ronks.

Parkchester Sovereign Star Pat, 111,832 lbs. of milk and 4,098 lbs. of butterfat in 3,753 days on official test; owned by Robert H. Kauffman, Elizabethtown.

Groffdale Emperor Hilda, 110,146 lbs. of milk and 3,820 lbs. of butterfat in 2,869 days on official test. She is owned by Robert C. Groff, Quarryville.

Roaring Maples Gay Echo, 110,040 lbs. of milk and 5,414 lbs. of butterfat in 3,601 days on official test; owned by J. Mowery Frey & Son, Lancaster.

Caernarvon Mistress Ruth, 109,792 lbs. of milk and 5,001 lbs. of butterfat in 2,930 days on official test. She is owned by Harvey W. Stoltzfus, Morgantown.

Valeria Cherrydale Lucifer, 109,522 lbs. of milk and 4,617 lbs. of butterfat in 2,930 days on official test; owned by John M. Umble, Atglen.

Red Rose Butterfly Regal Patsy, 108,211 lbs. of milk and 4,033 lbs. of butterfat in 2,899 days on official test. She is owned by Red Rose Research Center, John W. Eshelman & Sons, Lancaster.

Andrean RB Jane, 107,190 lbs. of milk and 4,556 lbs. of butterfat in 3,082 days; Essex Dauntless Beth, 105,769 lbs. of milk and 4,057 lbs. of butterfat in 2,716 days on official test. Both are owned by H. E. & Maybelle Kettering, Lititz.

Hertzler Star Ideal Josie, 105,664 lbs. of milk and 4,165 lbs. of butterfat in 2,838 days on official test; owned by Hertzler's Dairy Farm, Elizabethtown.

Caernarvon Rose Elaine, 103,632 lbs. of milk and 3,691 lbs. of butterfat in 2,564 days on official test. She is owned by Herbert & Rhelda Royer, Lancaster.

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Poor Egg Shell Quality Costs \$

The Oyster Shell Institute, Inc., reports that nation-wide, eggs that are unmarketable because of weak shells amount to 5.7 percent of the total production.

They suggest that if the number of cracked, checked or broken eggs were reduced to 2 percent by improving shell strength, egg income would be increased by 16 to 26½ cents per hen per year.

This estimate is based on an average production of 213 eggs per bird per year, with an average market price of 30 cents per dozen.

Let's see how this reasoning would work out for Pennsylvania farms. According to the USDA statistics for 1963, we had an average egg price in Pennsylvania of 37.8 cents per dozen. The average eggs per bird was recorded at 213. If we were able to increase our marketable eggs by four percent (they say 5.7 percent lost to weak shells so we as-

sumed an average figure of 6 percent; 6 reduced to 2 percent would mean a net increase in marketable eggs of 4 percent) we would gain 8.52 eggs per bird x 3.15 cents per egg. This would amount to an increase in gross income per bird of 26.8 cents per year, if our arithmetic is correct.

Some other small differences that can effect the egg profit picture are pointed out by Donald Bell, University of California Farm Advisor. He suggests that a 1 percent increase in egg production is worth 8 cents per hen per year; that 5 percent more large eggs is worth 5 cents per hen per year; and that 1/10 pound better feed conversion is worth 6 cents per hen per year. In a period of

DEALERS MUST RETEST CARRYOVER SEED STOCKS

With the approach of spring the State Agriculture Department today cautioned seed dealers that carry-over seeds from last season must be retested and relabeled before they are sold.

Henry F. Nixon, director of the department's Bureau of Plant Industry, pointed out that the Pennsylvania Seed Act requires retesting if prior tests were made nine months or more before seed is sold. Tests include those for germination, purity and freedom from noxious weeds.

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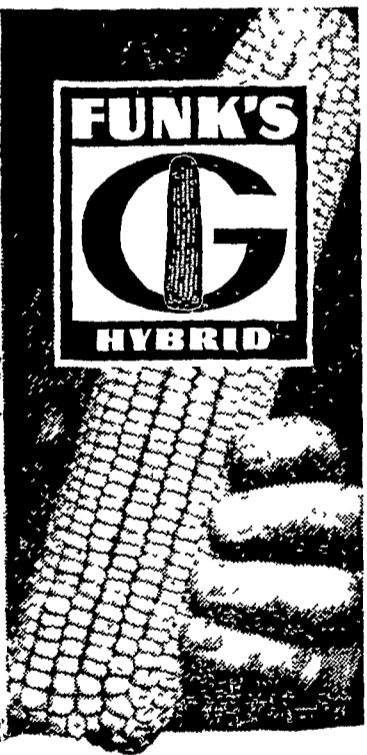
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