

Wheat Crop Off, But Potential Yields Look Up

Pennsylvania's 1965 wheat crop, although small, may be a record breaker in yield per acre.

Based on June 1 conditions, a yield of 32 bushels per acre has been forecast by the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service, State Agriculture Department. If realized, this would be one bushel more than the record set last year of 31 bushels per acre.

Total production this year is forecast at 136 million bushels from about 425,000 acres. This would be the fourth smallest wheat crop on record in Pennsylvania.

The smallest was in 1962 when a 28-bushel-per-acre yield, coupled with a sharp reduction in acreage, resulted in a crop of only 12.6 million bushels. In 1943, per-acre yield was 17 bushels and production totaled 138 million bushels.

Ninety-nine years ago, the 1866 crop amounted to 13.6 million bushels, with an 11-bushel-per-acre yield from a million and a quarter acres.

Pennsylvania harvested its biggest wheat crop in 1901 with production totaling 266 million bushels.

● Poultry Auction

(Continued from Page 1) ably priced. For example, a General Electric vacuum cleaner brought \$11.50; a Monroe calculator sold for \$155, and an adding machine was knocked down for \$70. The barbecue grills were very much in demand and brought \$13-13.50 each. Picnic tables went for anywhere from \$2 to \$6.

Landis seemed right at home at the Poultry Center. He should have been; he auctioned off many a lot of broilers from that location during the Center's more prosperous times.

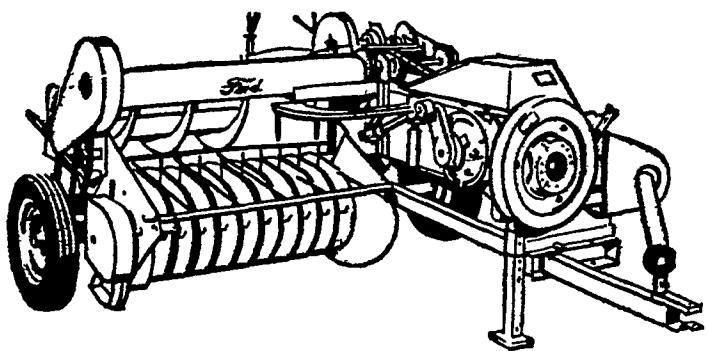
Several members commented privately that they were sad to see all the equipment sold. Especially so in the fear that poultrymen in the county would get the mistaken idea that the Association was dead. They stressed that this was not the case. They will continue to meet and be active. The only thing that has changed is that they will no longer do so in the old familiar surroundings.

Consumer spending during 1965 is expected to top last year's \$80 billion; gross farm income will top 1964's \$42 billion, says the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Higher expenses will make realized net farm income \$12.6 billion — same as 1964.



A FINAL FAREWELL was said this week to the old Lancaster County Poultry Center, long-time home of the county Poultry Association. The building, shown at top left, has been sold. About 30 of the members turned out Monday evening to help prepare the Assn's equipment for sale. They are shown hard at work at the top of Page 11. After the work was finished, a chicken barbecue prepared by Charlie Texter was served. Shown about to enjoy that "good eatin'" in lower left photo are Levi Brubaker and Roy Herr; both of these gentlemen were among the original organizers of the Association. L. F. Photos

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