

## Crop Roundup

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The crop possesses a nice chestnut brown color and is of very high quality. Some shed burn has occurred but damage is relatively light. A few growers began stripping the crop the last week of October.

### CARRYOVER OF PA. SEEDLEAF DOWN

Carryover of Pennsylvania cigar filler tobacco owned by dealers and manufacturers on

October 1 was estimated to be 131.0 million pounds, down about 7 million pounds from a year ago. The decrease in uncured stocks more than offsets a small increase in estimated 1965 production. Disappearance of the 1964 & earlier crops will probably reach 53 million—about 8 million larger than the unusually low 1964 figure. However, the total supply for the 1965-66 marketing year will be about 178.2 million pounds. This is 5.8 million less than was available a year ago but about average for the past

several years. Based on the current disappearance rate, a 3½-year supply now exists.

### PA. EGG PRODUCTION DOWN TO 242 MILLION

Egg production during October reached the lowest point for any October since 1950. A total of 242,000,000 eggs were produced last month compared with 260,000,000 in October 1964, a decrease of 7 percent. A declining number of layers is primarily responsible for the drop in egg production from last year.

There were 13,802,000 layers on Pennsylvania

poultry farms during October, slightly below September 1965 and 7 percent below October 1964. Number of layers declined from September to October for the first time since records were kept. Normally number of layers increases as pullets are added to flocks. In recent years the increase from September to October has been decreasing but this is the first year for a reversal of this historic seasonal trend. The small chick hatch earlier this year probably helped keep the expansion of flocks at a minimum this fall.

The number of eggs produced per layer averaged 17.55 during October, 1 percent more than a year ago. Rate of lay the first of November was 55.5 percent the same as a year ago but 4 percent less than October 1.

Prices received by poultrymen for all eggs during October averaged 39.0 cents per dozen, the same price received in September 1965 and October 1964. Poultry feed prices have increased slightly from last year causing the egg-feed price ratios to decline, indicating a less favorable economic position for the farmer.

### MILK PRODUCTION UP

11 MILLION LBS. OVER '64  
Milk cows in Pennsylvania during October produced 548 million pounds of milk, up 6 million pounds from Sep-

tember and 11 million pounds above October 1964. October milk production this year was 5 million pounds above the 1959-63 average but 16 million pounds less than the record high in October 1962.

Based on the July 1, 1962 Pennsylvania population estimate, October milk production was at a level to provide 1.55 pounds or .72 quarts daily per person in the State.

The number of milk cows on Pennsylvania farms in October was 782,000 or 2,000 less than September. Milk cow numbers are down approximately 4 percent from October 1964 and 10 percent below the October 1959-63 average. Lack of roughage has caused some dairymen in the drought areas of the State to dispose of their milking herds. However, due to a more favorable late summer and early fall than in the past few years sales do not seem to be as prevalent.

The October milk output per cow was 700 pounds or 40 pounds above October 1964 and 76 pounds above the October average. On a daily basis, October output at 22.58 pounds was about 4 pounds under September but about 13 pounds above October last year.

The daily rate of feeding grain and concentrates was 11.4 pounds per cow during October or 3 percent more than September and 6 percent above the October 1964 rate. The amount of grain fed per 100 pounds of milk produced was 41.0 pounds, one pound below last year.

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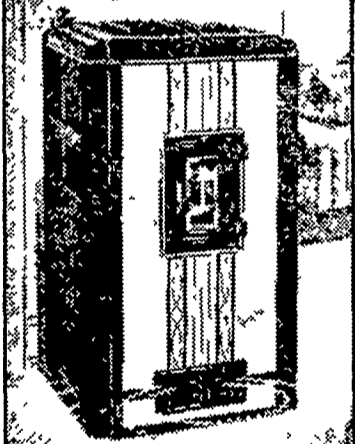
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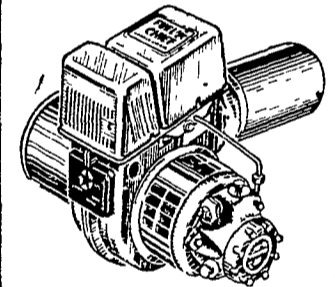
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