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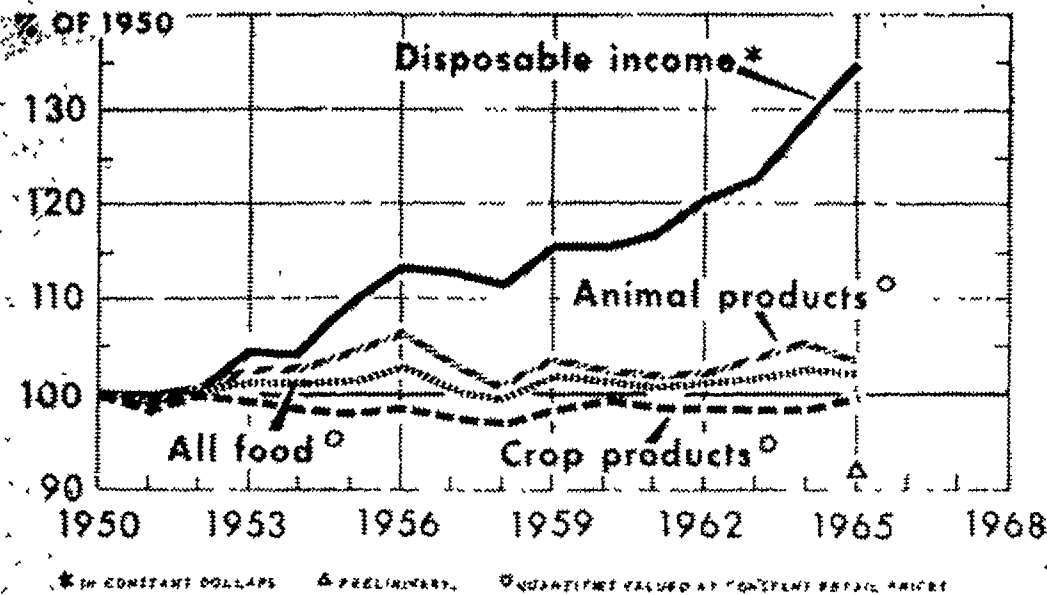


CHART NO. 1 — A growing economy and rising incomes suggest that 1966 will see increased consumer expenditures for food. However, the rise is not expected to be as great as this year's six percent increase. With a further increase in consumer income, the share spent for food is expected to decline again.

The Agricultural Outlook For '66 Calls For Higher Net Income To Farmers

Farmers in general enjoyed a profitable year in 1965, say the economists, and with farm income estimated at over \$14 billion above production expenses for the coming year, the experts see 1966 as another good year. At least, this optimistic view seemed to reflect majority opinion at the 43rd Annual Agricultural Outlook Conference, held recently in Washington, D. C. Reasons for the official optimism were due to such considerations as anticipation of a favorable price and income picture for livestock; the new farm legislation; expanding markets; and record level per capita disposable income.

LIVESTOCK OUTLOOK
Income from livestock production will continue to be the pace-setting factor in the agricultural economy in 1966, the "outlookers" agree. Prices for cattle, hogs, and lambs will probably average high enough to offset any decline in marketings. Thus, cash receipts will continue to gain.

Need More Conservation Efforts, Farmers Told At Area Meetings

At two locations in the county this week, the Lancaster County Soil & Water District sponsored community watershed meetings. The meetings were conducted by District Director Aaron Z. Stauffer of Ephrata R1, and featured Wayne F. Maresch, county conservationist for the U.S. Soil Conservation Service.

In explaining to the audience the importance of soil and water conservation, Stauffer said that in the 1930's the Conestoga Creek was tested for silt content (the Conestoga drains most of the county); two years ago it was retested, and the level

of silt content was found to be unchanged in that 30-year period.

This may not sound like much of a recommendation for the District, Stauffer said, but when the tremendous increase in factors favoring siltation is considered, such as road building, highly inten-

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Extension Meeting To Explain PSU Computer Service To Farmers

Linear Programming is a big term, but Penn State University specialists will attempt to show farmers here that it is one they should not only understand, but use.

This newest service offered by the state university will be explained at an informational meeting on Monday night, December 13, at 8 o'clock at the Agway meeting room, Dillerville Rd., Lancaster.

This electronic tool has long been used by businessmen in helping them make successful decisions but its availability to local farmers is fairly recent.

What can linear programming do for the farmer? Through the use of its vast, electronic "brain," it can assemble and file tremendous amounts of information about

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Producers Co-Op In Good Shape, Members Hear

At 192 to 1, the ratio of current assets to current liabilities is "at its strongest level in a number of years," Harry P. Metz president of the Producers Cooperative Exchange, told an estimated crowd of 300 members gathered at the Plain & Fancy Farm, Bird-in-Hand, for the Exchange's 33rd annual meeting Tuesday night.

K. M. Souders, general manager of the Exchange, in reviewing the improved earning position of the cooperative during the 1965 fiscal year ending September 25, said it had been a year of

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Weather Forecast

Temperatures for the five-day period, Saturday through Wednesday, are expected to average near, or slightly above, normal. It will be relatively mild throughout the period with little day-to-day change.

Precipitation is expected to total less than 1/10-inch. This will occur as light rain late Sunday or Monday.

Farm Calendar

December 13 — 7:30 p.m., Manheim Young Farmer Class at Manheim Central High School; topic, Credit and Income Tax Filing.
— 8 p.m., Extension Service meeting on Linear Programming for farmers, at Agway meeting room, Dillerville Rd., Lancaster.
— 8 p.m., Lancaster County Soil & Water Conservation District directors' meeting, Courthouse, Lancaster.
— 8 p.m., Penn Manor Young Farmer Class, at P.M.H.S.; Speaker, Harry Conner of Internal Revenue Service; Subject: Reporting Farm Income Tax.
December 14 — 14th and 15th; 20th annual Seed Conference at State Dept. of Agri. Bldg., Harrisburg.
— 7:29 p.m., Garden Spot YFA Farm Mechanization Class at G.S.H.S.; Speaker, (Continued on Page 4)

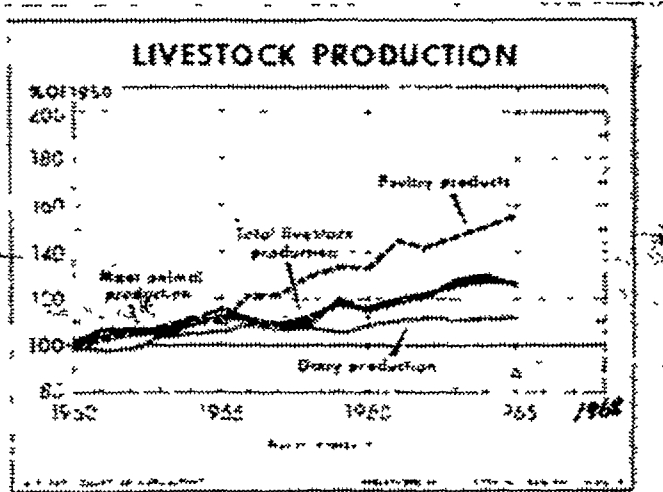


CHART NO. 2 — The supply of livestock is expected to be the same in 1966 as this year. There will probably be more steers, but fewer heifers. Hog numbers are expected to remain low well into 1966. Production increases since 1950 have been most rapid for poultry and beef, but per capita use of dairy products and eggs has declined.

CATTLE

The cattle inventory, which had been building from 1958 to 1965, is expected to be down moderately in 1966. This is nearly assured in light of increased slaughter rates, in fact the cattle inventory is expected to be reduced by more than one million head in 1966.

This reduction is somewhat unusual in that it is

accompanied by higher prices. Usually it is lower fat cattle prices which eventually reduce breeding herd inventories. But higher cattle prices this year, especially feeder prices, will help decide whether the inventory will continue to decline, as in past cycles, or, will build up in response to the increased demand. The experts

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Nutritionist To Be Featured Speaker At Adult Farmer Class

Dr. T. Culton, feed nutritionist with Miller & Bushong, Inc., will be the featured speaker at the Penn Manor Adult Farmer Class to be held at the Martic Township Elementary School on Thursday, December 16, at 7:30 p.m.

Dr. Culton will discuss "Recent Advances in Feeding," a topic which will cover cooking feeds; limit feeding of hogs; feeding to prevent milk fever and acetoneuria; and using urea and limestone in rations.

All farmers, whether feeding cows, hogs or steers, are invited to attend.

County Society Of Farm Women Board Meets

The executive board of the Lancaster County Society of Farm Women met Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Richard B. Lefever, Quarryville R1.

Following reports by the secretary, treasurer, and committees, the group voted to hold a county picnic on August 2nd with Societies 3, 19 and 22 serving as hostesses; and to eliminate favors at the county convention.

New committees were set up for 1966 with the following chairmen and members:

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Tax Expert To Speak At Penn Manor Young Farmer Class

At the Penn Manor Young Farmer class on Monday, December 13, at 8 p.m., Harry Conner, Internal Revenue Service, will discuss farm tax reporting.

Conner, IRS field man specializing in farm tax reporting, will answer questions and discuss such topics as reporting capital gains on cattle, investment credit on new and used farm machinery, additional first-year depreciation on machinery, and some typical problems of farmers filing income tax forms.

All interested persons are welcome to attend.