

### Flower Grower Survey Scheduled For Early January

Harrisburg — Commercial flower growers in Pennsylvania will participate in a 23-state annual survey of the industry in early January.

The State Crop Reporting Service says growers will be asked for 1967 figures on production and sales volume of carnations, roses, chrysanthemums, gladioli and foliage plants, and their intentions for 1968 production of these crops.

The questionnaire will be sent to commercial growers who grow and sell \$2,000 worth or more of cut flowers and nursery products in a year. Results will be published in mid-April by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Statistical Reporting Service.

The annual survey began in 1964 with 11 states and was increased to 23 states in 1966. Pennsylvania has continuously been the most important cut flower producing state in the

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don't always have to prepare it the same way

For variety in preparing a pot roast, use liquids other than water. Tomato juice is a good choice. After you've browned the meat in a little hot fat, add tomato juice or tomato sauce diluted with water. For extra flavor, add soy sauce, Worcestershire sauce, or chopped onions to the liquid.

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In 1966 the crop had a wholesale value of \$11,802,000.

### After-Tax Incomes Of Persons On Farms Will Not Likely Improve

Prospects for 1968 net farm income in the United States to total about the same as 1967 were detailed in a speech delivered recently by chairman Rex F. Daly of the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture's Outlook and Situation Board.

Speaking at the opening session of the Department's annual national Agricultural Outlook Conference in Washington, D.C., Mr. Daly noted that record output and declining prices this year and a continued rise in costs have combined to reduce 1967 net income about 10 percent from the previous year's high average.

"Looking to next year, supplies of farm products will continue large, but prices received in general are expected to strengthen from reduced levels this fall," he said. He added that some increase in government payments to farmers is also anticipated.

Accordingly, he forecast a gain in gross farm income for 1968, "perhaps by around a billion dollars."

"But production expenses will continue to increase and may largely offset the gain," he added.

Thus farmers' income will not keep pace with expected gains in the rest of the economy. Net income per farm, however, is expected to increase in 1968, compared with a small decline this year. Mr. Daly also said that after-tax incomes of persons on farms will likely improve next year.

This year's realized net farm income is expected to total \$14.4 billion, down from \$16.4 billion in 1966. "Despite expanding demand, supply increases in 1967 were large enough to reduce prices received by farmers in January-September by 5 percent from year-earlier levels," Mr. Daly said.

He reported that, with commodity program changes, planted acreage for 1968 wheat and feed grain crops may be about 10 percent smaller than this year. However, he said there is little basis for expecting overall crop output next year to change much in total.

"Large feed supplies and prospective feed-price relationships point to the possibility of larger supplies of slaughter hogs later in 1968, increased output of broilers, and generally heavier feeding of all

species, including beef and dairy cattle," he said. Thus, he predicted that output of livestock products next year will at least equal the record production of 1967.

Mr. Daly said a rise in retail food prices is likely next year, due to an increase in prices of Marketing and processing food eaten away from home.

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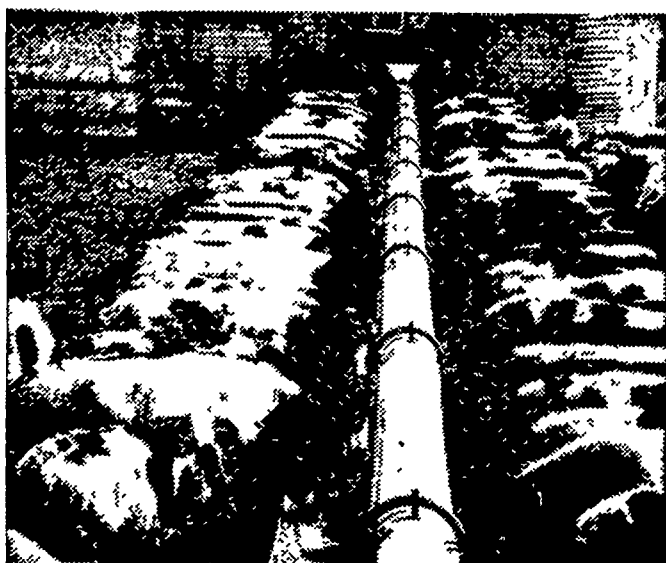
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