

ASCS Committeemen Attend Regional Meet

Members of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Lancaster County and community committees and the county office manager recently attended a regional Report and Review Meeting held at Kutztown Grange Hall to discuss and offer suggestions on the improvement of national farm programs. Fred G. Seldomridge, chairman, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation County Committee, said today.

The meeting was chaired by Edison Osborne, member, Pa. State ASC Committee, and presentations were made by members of the State ASC Committee and State office staff. A complete review was made of existing farm programs, their accomplishment in recent years, pending farm legislation, and ideas solicited for improvements in programs to better meet the needs of Pennsylvania agriculture.

Osborne opened the conference with a brief review of the agricultural situation and a look into the future. Detailed discussions followed on the President's 1968 Farm Message to Congress, Food for Freedom, National Food Bank, Farmer Collective Bargaining, Food and Agriculture Act of 1965, and status of major commodity programs and commercial markets.

"We are following a policy of seeking the guidance, counsel, and assistance of farm organizations and farm leaders, particularly our ASC committeemen who represent the interests of their neighboring farmers," Osborne said. "Agriculture has entered a new era. Surpluses that buried the farm economy some seven years ago have been eliminated. We have legislative tools that enable us to adjust to the laws of supply and demand rather than to be at their mercy."

"In 1967, for the first time in many, many years, the supply and demand situation of wheat and feed grains were in reasonable balance. It is a new ball game. And we must be prepared to take advantage of the new opportunities."

Osborne pointed out that farm income was up significantly in 1966. "In the past six years, the average farmer's net income climbed from 55 percent to 66 percent of the urban resident's pay for comparable work."

In concluding his comments Mr. Osborne said, "Agriculture's progress in recent years has sharply lowered food costs relative to income. This both reduces inflationary tendencies and provides a larger market for industry. U.S. consumers last year paid out only 17.7 percent of their disposable income for food—and most of this went for marketing and other services. The farmer received only about 5 percent of consumers' disposable income."

"In 1960 consumers spent 20 percent of their disposable income for food—in 1950, 22.2 percent—in 1929, 23.4 percent. If U.S. consumers in 1967 paid for food the same proportion of income as in 1960, they would have had \$11 billion less to spend on other things."

The following committeemen from Lancaster county attended the meeting: Fred G. Seldomridge, Gap R1; Elmer L. Huber, Pequea R1; John J. Herr, Mt. Joy R1; Jacob C. Stehman, Lancaster R6; B. H. Wiggins, Millersville R1; Robert M. Mast, Narvon R2; Chester R. Eby, Kinzers R1; B. Snaveley Garber, Willow Street R1; Harlan N. Keener, 1266 Gypsy Hill Road, Lancaster; Elias E. Frey, Holtwood R2; J. Fred Shenk, New Providence R1 and J. L. Burkins, Quarryville R1.

Rough Riders Horse And Pony Club Has Show

The Rough Riders 4-H Light Horse and Pony Club held its Open horse show on Saturday, June 1. The first class, which was for Rough Riders only, started at 10 a.m. This class, Grooming and Showmanship, A division, was won by Steve Mitchell with Margie. Division B was won by Mary Beth Little with Charlie Brown. There was then a Grand Entry and after that the main show started at 11 a.m.

The Halter Class, Division A (western) was won by Dee Dee Shaub with Miss Babe Bailey. Hunter division won by Dorothy Cockran with Miss Offet. Saddle Seat won by Cindy Lou Hamill with Shade Lady Genius. Lead Line Class was won by Brion Wade on Sergeant's Beau. Walk-Trot Class was won by Maureen Little on Raggamuffin. Saddle Seat Equitation was won by Nancy Weber on DuLady Scurry. Race was won by Jim McGee on Mertzer. Hunter Equitation

was won by Pat Graver on Fleet Chance.

Western Equitation was won by Cathy Reinhold on Pokey. Junior Working Hunter, Div. A, was won by Nancy Henkel on Queen of Hearts. Div. B, was won by Pam Hassler on Touchdown. Cloverleaf Barrel Race was won by Jim McGee on Mertzer. Western Reining was won by Steve Mitchell on Elanthas. Saddle Seat Pleasure was won by Nancy Weber on Miss DuLady. Egg and Spoon was won by Shirley Craig on Taploca.

Hunter Hack Div. A, was won by Mary Beth Little on Charlie Brown. Div. B, was won by Pat Graver on Fleet Chance. Western Pleasure, Div. A, was won by Cathy Reinhold on Pokey. Div. B, was won by Dee Dee Shaub on Miss Babe Bailey. Children's Horsemanship Over Fences was won by Debbie Cummings on Mardi Gras. Break and Out was won by Pat Graver on Fleet Chance. Pole Bending was won by Lester Morrison on Smoky.

Dollar Bare Back was won by Pat Graver on Fleet Chance. Trail Class was won by Lynn Kreider on Black Jack. The Western Champion of the day was Miss Babe Bailey ridden by Dee Dee Shaub.

The Western Reserve Cham-

Official Game Harvest In Pa. Is Increasing

How many pieces of wildlife are harvested by hunters in Pennsylvania in a year? One million? Three million? Six?

Game Commission studies show that minimum of 8.1 million pieces of game were taken in the state last year, according to Research Division Chief Harvey A. Roberts.

Even more important, Roberts says, are the trends in total harvest and the harvests of individual species over a period of several years.

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The Game Champion was Mertzer ridden by Jim McGee and the Game Reserve Champion was Shirley Craig on Taploca.

There has been a significant increase in the harvests of pheasants and squirrels; there has not been a significant decrease in rabbit harvests as some might be led to believe; and there is statistical evidence of no change in the harvests of grouse, turkeys, quail and woodcock, Roberts says.

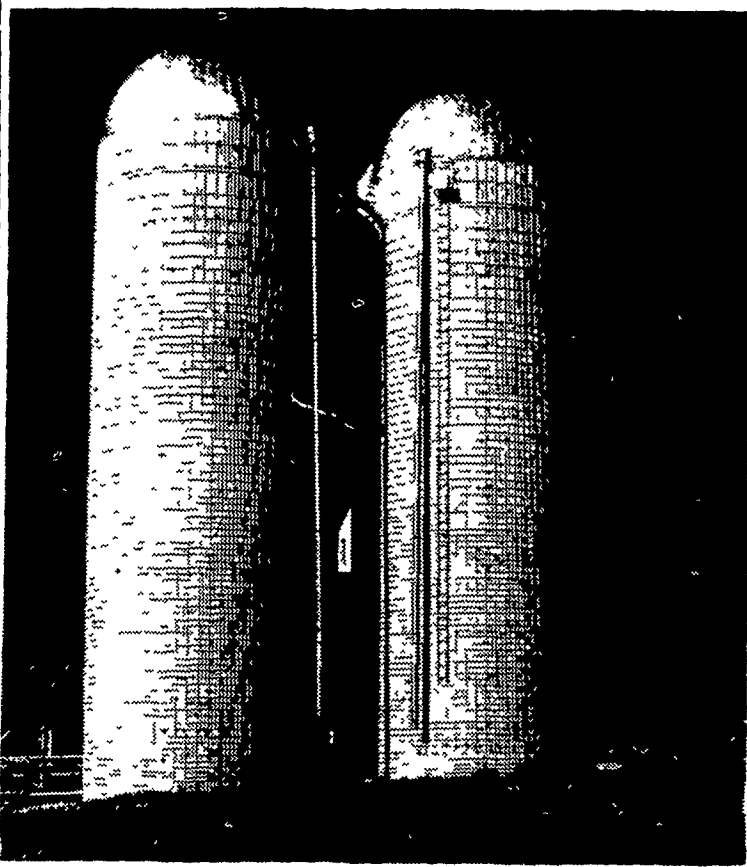
Here are official 1967 game harvests: deer, 144,415; bears, 568; rabbits, 2,870,000; snowshoe rabbits, 6,000; squirrels, 2,680,000; raccoons, 137,000; wild turkeys, 23,000; ruffed grouse, 470,000; ringneck pheasants, 1,015,000; quail, 23,000; woodcock, 75,000; rails, gallinules and coots, 12,000; wild waterfowl, 81,500; woodchucks, 345,000; doves, 259,000.

The big game figures are based on individual reports filed by hunters; the figures on raccoons, rails, gallinules, coots, waterfowl, woodchucks and doves are based on estimates by field officers of the Game Commission; and the figures on rabbits, squirrels, turkeys, grouse, pheasants, woodcock, quail and snowshoe rabbits are calculated minimum harvests.

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