

Weekly Poultry Report

Eastern Pennsylvania And New Jersey

Prices of light type hens ranged unchanged, however trended lower within the range Offerings adequate to barely adequate for needs as most processing plants expected to be closed balance of week. Heavy hens adequate to short of full call. Sales too few to quote prices Light Type 7-9½ M 8-9c Heavy Type TFEWR

Eastern Shore Exchange

Broiler and fryer live prices averaged 14.94 cents a pound this week. Prices paid ranged from a high of 156 cents a pound on Wednesday to a low of 14.2 cents a pound on Monday. Total sales for the three-day Thanksgiving week were 371,500 head down 125,500 head from last week.

Birthday Issue

With this issue, Lancaster Farming starts its fourteenth year as Lancaster County's Own Farm Weekly. You will not see a great change in this our birthday issue or in subsequent issues as they appear each week through the year. We will still cover all the farm news as it occurs and speak editorially for and to the farmer in whatever way we believe is for his best interest. The only difference you can notice is the Vol. No. has advanced to 14.

Fogelsville

November 25, 1968

(Prices paid dock weights, cents per lb., except where noted)

Light Hens 7½-9½, mostly 7½-8; Heavy Hens 9-17, mostly 10-14; Pullets 18-30, mostly 25-28; Roasters 9-30, mostly 20-28; Capons 22-45; Ducks 20-28; Drakes 25-38, mostly 35-38; Geese 16-32½, mostly 30-32½; Tom Turkeys 13-37, mostly 20-24; Hen Turkeys 19-33, mostly 28-31; Rabbits 25-44, mostly 40-42; Guineas 45-65; Pigeons (per pair) 65-130.

Total coops sold 577.

Due to Thanksgiving Holiday, Auction was held on Monday instead of Tuesday.

Light Cattle Continue to Help Prices

Fed-cattle marketings have been well above a year ago, but prices have been higher, too. Cattle feeders all through the first 9 months of 1968 have done a good job of marketing cattle as they reached weight At seven leading markets, average weight during September was 15 pounds less than a year earlier. This was a substantial price-strengthening factor.

Excessive weights this fall and winter are still a possibility, but less likely now that cattle feeding has become a business of professionals Many of the feeders who used to take pride in "topping" the market can no longer afford this expensive hobby.

• Vintage (Continued from Page 2)

lower, Cull and Utility \$400-600 lower.

VEALERS — Standard to Choice vealers steady to \$100 lower, Cull and Utility \$400-600 lower

VEALERS—Good and Choice 39 50-43 00, Standard 35 00 39 00, Utility 26 00-32 00, Cull 100-120 lbs 23 00-26 00, 85-95 lbs 19 00 23.00, 70-80 lbs 16 00 20 00

HOGS 233 — Barrows and gilts 25-50c higher

BARROWS AND GILTS — US 1-2 190-235 lbs 20 50 21 00 US 2, 190-240 lbs 20 00 20 35 US 2-3 190-240 lbs 19 50-19 85 US 2-3 245-255 lbs 18 50-19 00

SHEEP 70 — Woolled lambs and slaughter ewes mostly steady.

WOOLED LAMBS — Good 60-85 lbs. 25 50-27 50, few Choice 29 50.

SLAUGHTER EWES—Utility and Good 5 00-9 00

• Auction (Continued from Page 2)

Utility and Commercial \$22 50-24 25, few \$24 25-25 25

CALVES 71 — Utility to Choice vealers 1-3 00 higher, cull steady Slaughter calves mostly steady.

VEALERS — Choice \$44 00-45 00; Good \$40 00 44 00; Standard \$35 50-41 00; Utility \$30 00-36 00; Cull 100-120 lb \$20 00-24 00; 85-95 lb \$18 00-20 50, 70-80 lb \$16 00-19 00

SLAUGHTER CALVES — Good 250-380 lb \$24 00-27 00

HOGS 244 — Barrows and gilts steady

BARROWS AND GILTS — US 1-2 195-205 lb \$21 25, US 2 200-230 lb \$20 00-20 50, US 2-3 200-265 lb \$19 60-19 85.

SHEEP 9 — Insufficient volume for a market test

Life is as simple as a popular tune to a pretty girl of twenty

Weekly New York Egg Mkt.

(From Monday, November 25th to Friday, November 29th)

	Mon.	Tues	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
WHITE					
Fcy Ex Large	45 46	45 46	45 46		44½-45
Fcy Large	46	46	46		44½-45
Fcy Mediums	42½	42½	42		40½
Fcy Pullets	39	39	39		38½
Fcy Peewees	27	27	27		27
BROWN					
Fcy Large	49	49	49		49½
Fcy Mediums	44	44	43		42
Fcy Pullets	39	39	39		38½
Fcy Peewees	27	27	27		27
Standards	42	42	42		42
Checks	28½	28½	28½		28½

TREND — Market position and outlook irregular with Holiday buying now cautious

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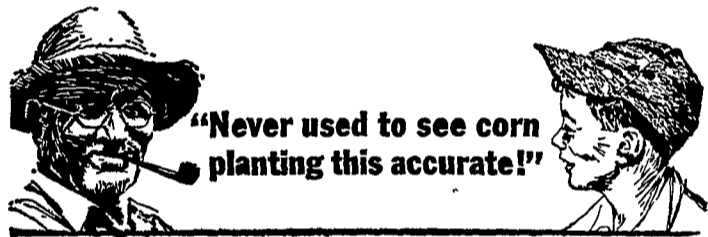
Good and Bad Hog News

The latest pig crop report indicates that hog marketings in the October - December period may be a little smaller than last year. Even though hog prices will decline seasonally from current levels, they will probably remain above 1967 prices. With hog prices favorable and grain at low prices, the hog enterprise will be profitable through the remainder of 1968.

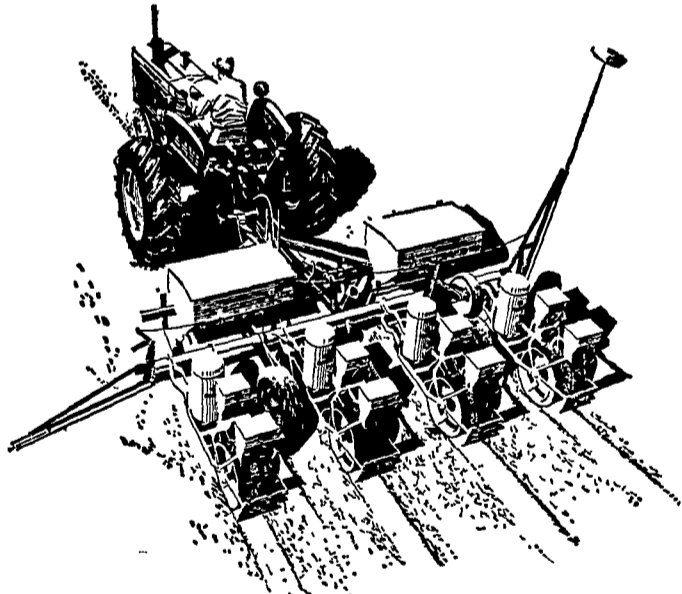
The possible bad news relates to producers' intentions to expand the hog business. During the summer, hog producers expanded farrowings at a more rapid pace than they predicted last June. At that time they indicated they would farrow only 2 percent more pigs (than in 1967) in the June-August period—but they actually produced 5 percent more. They will produce 4 percent more from September-November, compared to their earlier intention of 2 per-

cent. If this crop materializes, hog marketings during the winter and spring will be larger than a year earlier. Prices may not recover from the fall low, and the January-March price could be \$50 to \$100 below the same period this year.

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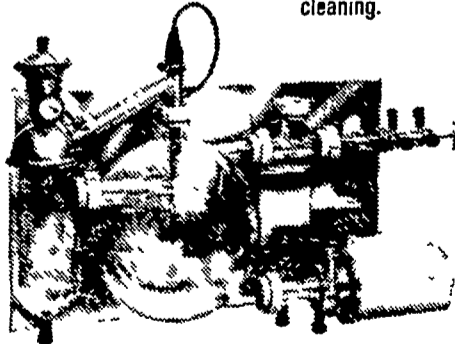
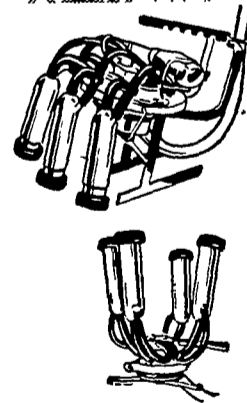
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