

Happy Holiday

Since Christmas is a time for friends to remember each other, we'd like to wish our customers a very happy holiday season.

Wenger Impl. Co.
The Buck



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pected to be around 325 million pounds. Although approximately 23 million pounds are destined to fill USDA contracts for the needy persons feeding program, the 300 million remaining represent a heavy carry-over.

U S farm turkey prices during the first half of 1969 are expected to be 1 to 15 cents above the low prices of the same period of 1968. Slaughter during this period may be off 10%, but farm prices will be held down to about 20 5 cents, as storage stocks are reduced.

The 1969 turkey crop is expected to be around 5% larger than in 1968. However, a great deal of uncertainty exists concerning grower plans because movement into consumption during the major marketing season of 1968 has been slower and at a lower price than expected.

U S farm turkey prices during the 1969 main marketing season, August-November, will likely be the same or slightly lower than the 20 8 cent average of the same period of 1968.

Strength of demand will be about the same. Consumer purchasing power will be stronger but will be offset by expected heavier supplies of broilers and red meat.

Feed costs during the main feeding period will be slightly higher than during the same period of 1968.

EGGS

U.S. farm egg prices in 1969 are expected to average about the same as during the preceding calendar year, but with a sharply different price pattern. In 1969 egg prices will be declining while in 1968 they were rising.

Feed prices for 1969 will average slightly higher than in 1968. Net incomes of egg producers in 1969 are expected to be the same to slightly lower than a year earlier.

Egg prices in the first quarter of 1969 are expected to average 36 cents a dozen, about 5 cents more than the first quarter of 1968. In the second quarter, these prices will likely average 32-33 cents, about 4 cents above the same quarter of 1968.

In the third quarter prices are expected to average 33 cents, 3 to 4 cents a dozen under a year earlier. In the last quarter of 1969 these prices will likely be 33 cents, 5 to 6 cents a dozen under the same months of the previous year. The highest egg prices of 1969 are expected in January and the lowest in December.

The U.S. laying flock will probably start 1969 about 10 million birds below a year earlier, but will go ahead of 1968 levels during the third quarter. The January-June 1969 rate of lay may average slightly below the first half of 1968. In the last half of 1969, the rate of lay will be above year earlier levels.

The egg-type chick hatch in the first half of 1969 is expected to be about 15% above the same period of the preceding year. The hatch in the last half will likely be little changed from the same months in 1968. A 1969 hatch of the expected magnitude will result in drastically lower egg prices by 1970.

Individual producers may receive prices lower than the U S average farm price upon which this report is based. The U S price includes prices received by producers who sell to hatcheries and those who market direct to consumers or to retail stores.

BROILERS

First half 1969 nine-city average broiler prices are expected to average 26-26 5 cents—about one cent below year earlier. Third quarter prices will likely average 25.5-26 cents — about three cents under year earlier. Fourth quarter prices may average 23 5-24 5 cents — about two cents below 1968.

Sale Register

SAT. JAN. 4 — 1:30 p m Feeder Pig Sale located 2 1/2 miles south of Bethel from U S. 22 and 6 miles N of Myerstown, Pa. along U S 501. Sale by Norman M. Martin.

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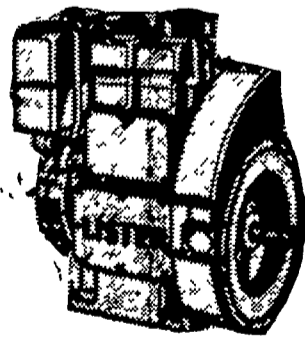
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