

Penna. Egg Production Up 1%

The Commonwealth's laying flock produced 254 million eggs in February, up 1 percent from a year ago, and down 11 percent from January. Rate of lay, however, is down 1 percent from a year ago record high. Most of the percentage changes in monthly production reflects the variable number of days in the respective months.

Our flock size decreased only slightly from January, but is 2 percent larger than a year ago.

The average price received by farmers for all eggs in February is estimated at 42 cents, 8 cents or 24 percent higher than a year ago, although down 5 cents from the January average.

Egg production revisions for 1968 show the Commonwealth lowered egg production about one-half of one percent from 1967: from 3,165 billion in 1967 to 3,149 million in 1968.

The January, 1969 egg-type hatch at 1,718,000, was up 26 percent from January, 1968, and up 2 percent from the previous month.

Stocks of all eggs in cold storage January 31, 1969, were 1,587,000 cases, down 29 percent from a year earlier.



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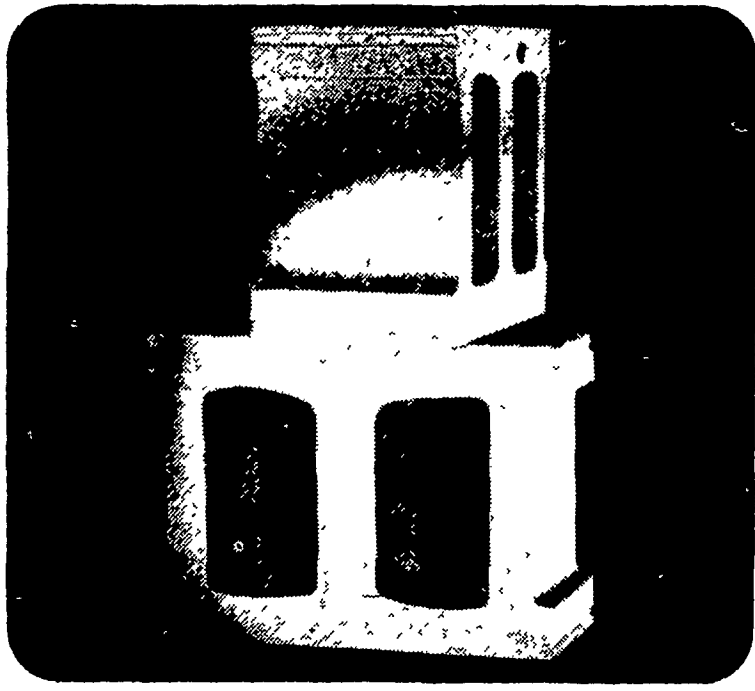
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Ground Beef or Chuck? Penn State extension consumer economics specialist. However, ground chuck must be fresh ground beef and up to 30 percent fat, according to Pennsylvania law says Harold Neigh.

the meat from which it was prepared. Most ground beef is from trimmings plus frozen boneless beef that may be domestic cow beef or imported beef. Most consumers could not afford ground beef if it had to be entirely from steer beef.

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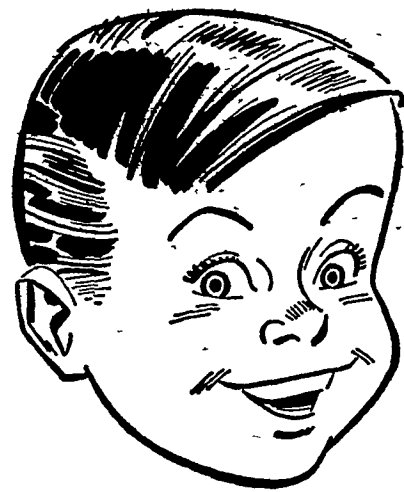
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