

Egg production totaled 254 million in the Commonwealth during February, up 1 percent from the previous year but down 11 percent from January. Rate of lay in February declined by 1 percent from the record high of a year ago. Most of the percentage changes were attributed to the variable number of days in the respective months, according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service.

Flock size decreased slightly from January but was 2 percent larger than a year ago. The average price received for all eggs in February was estimated at 42 cents, 8 cents or 24 percent higher than a year ago, although 5 cents less than the January average.

Farm Women

SOCIETY 6

Society of Farm Women 6 met recently in the social room of the Elizabethtown branch of the Harrisburg National Bank with Mrs. Martha Eshelman presiding. Devotions were in charge of Mrs. Mary Thome.

Mr. and Mrs. John Steelman, Elizabethtown, presented a program in song and talk called, "Springtime in the Hearts."

During the business meeting the society voted a donation to the Heart Fund. Four members volunteered to serve as waitresses at Heart Haven.

Society 6 will be entertained by Society 9 on April 19 in the Lutheran Church at Lincoln.

The next meeting will be held in the Church of the Brethren on May 10 when Society 9 and county officers will be entertained.

Hostesses were Mrs. Eshelman, Mrs. Laura Snyder, Mrs.

Canned Foods Save Time In Meal Preparation

Canned vegetables, meats and soups are convenience foods that save time and labor in preparation, reminds Mrs. Ruth J. Buck, extension foods and nutrition specialist at The Pennsylvania State University.

The elderly homemaker may find a food shelf well-stocked with canned foods especially appealing when it's difficult for

Lester Breeman and Mrs. Paris Good

SOCIETY 10

Society of Farm Women 10 met at the Host Town Motel. Mrs. Raymond Buckwalter and Mrs. Elam Buckwalter were hostesses. Mrs. John Habecker, president, was in charge. Miss Ida Kraker led devotions.

A new member, Mrs. Raymond Dixon, was welcomed. Contributions were voted to the March of Dimes and Heart Haven \$15 each. Mrs. E. Viola Smith was guest cook. The next meeting will be May 3 at the home of Mrs. Mahlon Delp.

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her to go to the store or when she has unexpected company.

When selecting canned vegetables buy the can size that fits your needs, advises Mrs. Buck. Although larger sizes are often more economical, they may be more costly if all the food can't be eaten.

Store cans in a cool, dry place. However, after cans are opened refrigerate right in the can with a tight-fitting cover. When some acid vegetables, such as tomatoes, are opened they may develop an unpleasant but harmless metallic taste from a chemical reaction between the food and lining of the can.

To prepare a canned vegetable, pour off liquid into a saucepan and boil down liquid until about half of it is left. Add vegetable and heat quickly. Save the liquid if you don't serve it with the vegetable. Vegetable liquids are nutritious flavor boosters when added to soups, gravies, or sauces, says Mrs. Buck.

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