

Pa. Widens Lead As No. 1 Hunting State

Pennsylvania is increasing its lead as the number one hunting state in the country at an amazing rate, according to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

For the 1967-68 fiscal year Pennsylvania led the nation in every category of hunting license sales and rapidly pulled away from all competitors for the number one title.

There were 1,062,121 paid hunting license holders in the Keystone State for the year, an all-time record. It also marked the first time in history that Pennsylvania has hit the one million mark in number of licensed hunters. Michigan was a distant second in the race with 903,545 paid license holders (a paid license holder is one individual regardless of the number of licenses he may purchase).

The number of paid license holders in the commonwealth

represents an increase of 66,931 over the previous year.

When resident hunting licenses, tags, permits and stamps issued by all states were lumped together, Pennsylvania again was well out in front with a total of 1,539,952, ahead of California's figure of 1,459,874.

For the first time in some years Pennsylvania was the undisputed leader in non-resident license sales with 80,481. Colorado was second in non-resident sales with 75,746.

In total license sales, Pennsylvania was way out in front with 1,620,433. California was a distant second with 1,461,836.

The Pennsylvania Game Commission's income from the sale of hunting licenses was \$7,455,375.40, an all-time record and nearly one and one-quarter million dollars more than during the previous year. Michigan plac-

ed second in this category with a figure of \$5,557,463.

Game Commission Executive Director Glenn L. Bowers, in reviewing the federal report, noted that the number of paid hunting license holders in the United States increased by 245,538 last year, so Pennsylvania accounted for more than one-quarter of the national increase.

"I think these figures speak for themselves," Bowers said. It is well known that we offer sportsmen the best diversified hunting recreation in America.

"When one state accounts for over a fourth of the national increase in hunters, the picture as to number one ranking becomes unmistakably clear," he said.

"Especially pleasing to us is the non-resident license sale. For years, we believed we were first, but had no way to prove it, because some states required purchase of separate tags, permits or stamps to hunt different species. When all of these figures were lumped together, totals claimed by other states barely edged our figures," Bowers said.

"Now, there can be no doubt about who leads in sales of non-resident licenses.

"Furthermore, each person who purchases a license in Pennsylvania can hunt any of the many species of game animals and birds we have to offer on that one license; it isn't necessary to have special permits or tags for each species. A Pennsylvania hunting license is a real bargain any way you look at it," Bowers said.

"Hunters agree. They have shown through license purchases where the greatest recreation is to be found," he concluded.

April marked the second consecutive month for record-breaking broiler chick hatch in Pennsylvania. The total of 6,079,000 exceeded the previous all-time record set in March by 5 percent, according to the State Crop Reporting Service.

Egg-type hatch during April totaled 2,889,000, up 12 percent from March.

Broiler hatch for January-April 1969 was 7 percent greater than the same period a year ago, while egg-type increased 5 percent.



LINCOLN

The third meeting of the Lincoln 4-H club was held in the Mt. Ary fire hall at 7:30. Mrs. Fry and Mr. Leininger had a question and answer period.

MARRIMAIDS

The Lampeter-Strasburg Merrimaids 4-H Club met Monday night at the High School. The meeting was called to order by Sharon Hostetter. Mrs. Mary Rosenberg talked and showed slides on "The Bare Facts of Nutrition." After the meeting the

members worked on their projects.

The next meeting will be held June 23 at 12:30 p.m. at the Martin Mylin School.

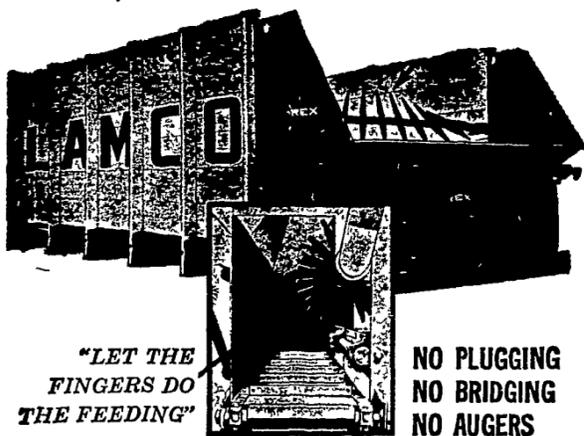
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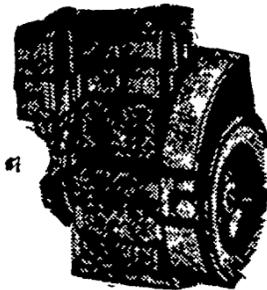
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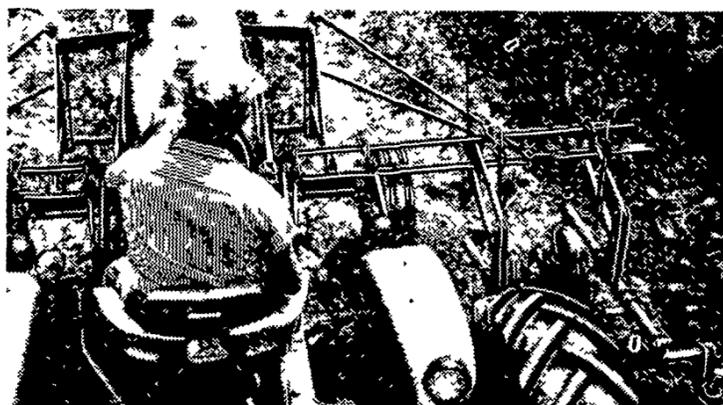
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