

## Pa. Farm Prices Up Slightly

The June Index of Prices Received by Pennsylvania Farmers was up 1 percent from May. Prices for hogs and steers and heifers were higher for the seventh consecutive month. Milk prices were seasonally lower. Egg prices declined one cent and for the first time this year were lower than year earlier levels. The June Index was 6 percent above June 1968.

### Price Changes of Selected Commodities

	June 15 Av Price	From Month Earlier	From year Earlier
Milk, per cwt.	\$5.70	\$-.05	\$-.14
Eggs, per doz.	31	-.01	-.02
Broilers, per lb	17	-.01	.00
Steers, heifers, per cwt	31.00	-2.00	-5.90
Hogs, per cwt.	24.40	-2.40	-4.20
Corn, per bu.	1.40	-.04	-.21
Wheat, per bu.	1.28	-.02	-.06
Oats, per bu.	77	00	-.06

### U.S. Prices Received Index Up 2 Points

The Index of Prices Received by Farmers advanced 2 points (2 1/4 percent) during the month ended in mid-June to 284 percent of its 1910-14 average. Contributing most to the increase were higher cattle and hog prices. The most important price declines were for commercial vegetables, especially tomatoes and lettuce. The index was 24 points (9 percent) above June 1968.

The Index of Prices Paid by Farmers for Commodities and Services, Including Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates advanced 1 point (3/4 percent) to 375. This was the sixth consecutive new high. The index was 20 points (6 percent) above a year earlier.

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"And that should have taken of the problem. Unofficially we shouldn't have any scabies but we haven't received official notice that we are taken off quarantine."

Dr. Stauffer couldn't say when the County may regain its scabies-free status. "It may come through in short order or we might have to make a round of flock study again which would be a huge task at this time of year. Knowing the history and conditions under which the local sheep were found may make officials take a lighter view of our situation," he said.

The doctor said many farmers are careless when they buy sheep from unknown sources. "They should dip them," he said, "but most of them don't."

Sheep scabies is a serious disease that causes severe itching and loss of wool, condition, and weight. Sheep may eventually die of the disease if it is left untreated. Program officials point out, however, that scabies can be eradicated rather easily if all the cases can be found and treated.

## Space Technology To Aid Agriculture

By the early 1970's, with data-collecting satellites flying over all areas of the world, space technology will exert a strong influence upon research in agricultural and natural resources. It was predicted recently during a College of Agriculture symposium at The Pennsylvania State University.

Armed with devices such as infrared photographic film and high speed electronic and camera-type sensors, the satellites will collect data for earth resource studies in Pennsylvania and elsewhere, announced Dr. William A. Fischer and Dr. Charles J. Robinove, nationally known leaders in remote sensing techniques as used in geology and hydrology. Remote sensing was defined broadly as collecting information about an object without direct contact.

Known as EROS (Earth Resources Observational Satellite), the program will aim to get research results into practical use as rapidly as possible. Dr. Fischer and Dr. Robinove are research coordinator and associate coordinator for the EROS flights set to begin in two years.

Used for non-defense research for only a few years, such remote sensing provides "spectral signatures"—recognized symbols in shapes, sizes, colors, and patterns—that identify objects. Analysis by scientists is necessary to define these "spectral signatures" of crops, soils, and land use.

Dr. Fischer said the cost per unit of information by satellite data collection, while high, is less than by an airplane if the same area is to be surveyed several times. The EROS program can survey economically the same area many times under different conditions. The satellite essentially produces maps directly, since the field of scan is vertical. With airplane reconnaissance, most of the field of view is angular and requires costly hand corrections before maps can be made.

The various speakers showed examples of remote sensing to determine crop acreage and land use, to locate and measure crop disease and insect infestations, to map crop and soil moisture conditions, and to study ground water discharge. With the use of infrared film, plant disease symptoms often are perceived by remote sensing before they are apparent from the ground.

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ing the same hunting license year. It was the first award of its kind in the nation.

Actually, Pennsylvania is one of the few states where it is possible to harvest all three species.

This is the third year for the award. Altogether, 216 Triple Trophy Awards have been presented.

Of the 39 winners during the past year, nine completed the requirements for all three species the spring gobbler season. The low number of black bears taken in the state last fall, 218, undoubtedly had a bearing on the reduced number of award winners.


Trexler said that two hunters who won Triple Trophies during the first two years of the program qualified for their second such awards during the past year. They were Richard D. Nelson of Coudersport, R. D. 2, and Thomas E. Scherich of Prosperity, R. D. 1. Only two other hunters have won the award twice.

The past year also saw the first woman win the award. She was Mrs. Marilyn J. Corbett of Carlisle, R. D. 1.

All of the 1968-69 winners were Pennsylvania residents. Previously, two non-residents had qualified for the award.

A shoulder patch and a certificate signed by the executive director of the Pennsylvania Game Commission are presented to each Triple Trophy Award winner.

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