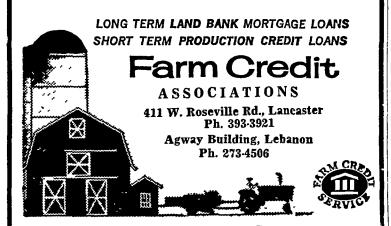
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Potato Stocks 5% Above Year Ago

The 4.800.000 cwt. of potatoes in storage on December 1 was ed of potatoes held for all uses ly all potato areas were below in the hands of Pennsylvania early expectations. growers, local dealers and prowere included in the estimate

Disappearance (sales, home use, shrinkage, etc.) of 1968 potatoes to December 1, was 3,-010,000 cwt Last year disappearance to December 1 was 3,-035,000 cwt and in 1967 was 3,, 720,000 cwt Production in 1969 was 7,810,000 cwt compared to 7,585,000 cwt a year earlier.

Yield of the 1969 crop averaged 220 cwt per acre, 15 cwt more than a year ago and



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second only to the record 1967 yield of 240 cwt. Many of Pennsylvania's potato producers had 5 percent more than an Decem- high yielding and good quality ber 1, 1968 These stocks consist. crops; however, yields in near-

Light plantings for early processors Potatoes held by pro cessing markets began in early cessors in excess of normal sup- April and by mid-May planting plies for current operations of later season varieties wis making rapid progress towards milk production in the United erop looked good in all areas however, numerous fields had earlier mark poor stands due to poor seed and excessive rainfall with some flooding Dry weather prevailed in August but most crops were quaits, enough to supply each they were a year ago since tub er size was generally well de per day for all purposes veloped before the soils became

the south and southeast, some in Nov 1968 producers had difficulties locat ing outlets for their potatoes 23 damaged some acreage Most cents above November 1968. of this acreage was harvested but the extent of the damage will not be known until later in the storage season

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Pennsylvania Milk Production

continued to gain ground in Nov. with a 26 percent increase over the Nov. 1968 total, according to the State Crop Reporting Service It was the fourteenth consecutive month in which milk production topped year earlier

By comparison, November completion During July the States dropped four tenth of one percent (04%) below the year

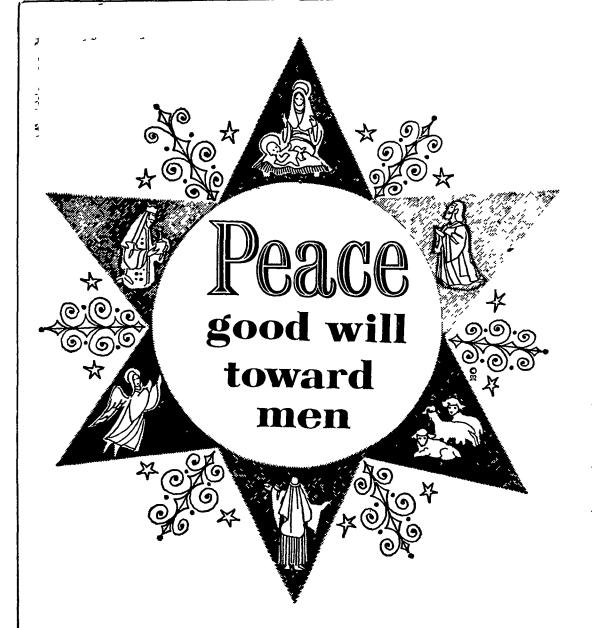
The November production in the state totaled 256 million not hurt by this condition as Pennsylvanian with slightly less than three quarters of a quart

Milk production per cow in the state averaged 760 pounds (ap-Digging for storage began in ploximately 353 quarts) in Nov., mid-September and generally up 20 pounds from Nov 1968. continued under favorable con- The number of daily cows was ditions through completion Be estimated at 725,000, the same as cause of low specific gravity in in October, but 1,000 less than

Concentrates fed per cow av-High yields with grower and eraged 132 pounds, up 2 pounds processor storages full caused from November last year. The many producers to sell directly expected blend price for milk from the feilds As a result of sold in November is estimated at this delay, a freeze on October a seasonal high of \$650 or 10

> Supplies of hay are generally ample but quality varies because some was rain damaged or overripe because weather conditions delayed the harvest. The corn crop was the second largest of necord and yields of other grains were average or above.

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