

Hunters Fined, Jailed

Open bragging over an extended period in Union and Centre Counties and an intensive investigation by conservation officers from September through January has led to the arrest of eleven central Pennsylvania men for illegal killing, selling and possession of game.

Fines totaling \$5,425 were levied in the case, and several defendants were jailed following failure to pay the penalties.

Members of the group were charged with selling deer, possessing deer out of season, possessing deer unlawfully taken, using an artificial light to take deer at night, using an artificial

Cunnion New Market Head

Donald O. Cunnion, Harleysville, Montgomery County, has been named acting director of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture's Bureau of Markets.

Cunnion has been chief of the Bureau's Division of Market Development for two and one half years, promoting the use of Pennsylvania agricultural products domestically and abroad.

light to take pheasants at night and attempting to take a second deer in season.

Pennsylvania Gaining As Major Dairy State--Bull

The growing importance of Pennsylvania as a major dairy state is clearly evident in records of 1969 milk production throughout the nation, according to Leonard H. Bull, secretary of the Pennsylvania department of agriculture.

Last year's production in the state totaled 328 billion quarts of milk, 83 million more than the amount produced in 1968.

The increase — two per cent — was the only significant gain recorded in any of the six states that provide more than half the nation's total milk supply.

In Wisconsin, the nation's leading dairy state, milk production was down one per cent. In Minnesota it was down 3.3 per cent; in California 0.4 per cent, and in Iowa, 5.6 per cent. New York had a slight increase — six million quarts — with volume up less than one-tenth of one per cent, with Pennsylvania out in front with two per cent gain.

The real strength and stability of Pennsylvania's dairy industry, however, is revealed in production records of the past two decades.

In 1949, nine states had milk production in excess of five billion pounds (23 billion quarts) annually, with Pennsylvania ranking sixth.

In 1969, only five states were in the five billion-pound class and Pennsylvania had moved up from sixth to fifth place. The four leaders in order were Wisconsin, New York, Minnesota and California.

Over that span of 20 years, Pennsylvania's production increased 26 percent, the second largest gain—percentage-wise—scored by any of the major dairy states. Only fourth-ranked California, with a phenomenal increase of 52 percent, had a better record than Pennsylvania.

Wisconsin's production increased 20 percent. New York was up 15 per cent, and Minnesota up 19 per cent.

In the 20 years after 1949, Iowa slipped from fourth to sixth place, with production down 20 per cent; seventh place Michigan was down 13 per cent, and Ohio was down 16 per cent. Illinois, ranked eighth in 1949, lost 43 per cent of its production through the 1950's and 1960's.

The future looks bright for Pennsylvania's dairy industry. In the opinion of some agricultural economists, Pennsylvania and the other four major dairy states will continue to increase their leadership through the

1970's. They also foresee a continued trend toward bigness of dairy farms and increasing production per cow during the present decade.

Meanwhile, marketing trends must be watched for changes in buying habits, Bull cautioned.

In the 20 years since 1949, per capita consumption of milk in the United States declined from 346 quarts to 261 quarts last year. This involves fluid milk and milk used in all forms of dairy products.

The impact of population growth also must be considered in evaluating future prospects. In the two past decades alone, the nation's population has increased by more than 50 million persons, and the next ten years will add many more.

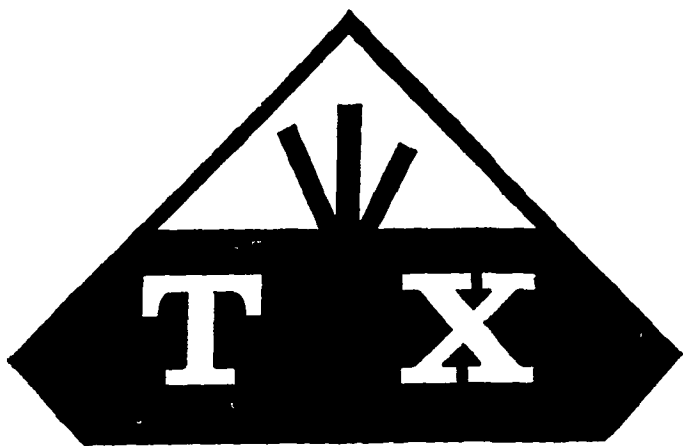
In the years ahead, milk production must be maintained at an adequate level to meet the requirements of the nation's growing population. Pennsylvania's dairy farms must help meet this responsibility, Bull said.

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