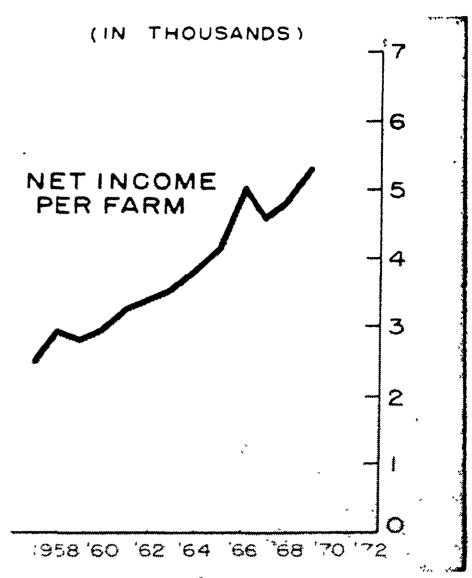


The nation's farmers enjoyed a relatively prosperous year in 1969. Despite sagging exports, the overall demand for agricultural products was strong, while output increased only slightly. As a result, farm prices soared to the highest point since 1952, outpacing the rise in costs and widening farmers' margins.

Net farm income showed a marked improvement to \$16 billion, a



peak exceeded only once since 1947. Livestock producers enjoyed most of the gain.

Continuing a long-established trend, the number of farms declined again last year, so net income per farm rose to a record high, reports the Northern Trust Company, Chicago, Ill.

its spring meeting beginning ly from the previous year. at 6 30 pm Friday, May 15, at The wholesale value of potted

Ag Engineers to Meet State Mums Sales Up

The Pennsylvania Section of Wholesale value of cut flowers the American Society of Agri- in Pennsylvania was estimated cultural Engineers will hold at \$13,324,000 for 1969, up slight-

The Timbers near Mt Gretna mums at \$992,000 was up 27 per niculture in general, pollution cent from a year earlier, for a and the preservation of farm grand total of \$14,316,000 for the flowers surveyed

Leland H Bull, state agricul- In addition, foliage plants net ture secretary, will speak on sales totaled \$899,000 down 12



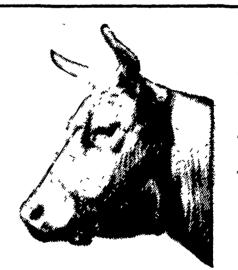
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