

# Penn State Economist Reviews

(Continued from Page 17) recently have been only about 10 per cent of the total compared to eight per cent a year ago. While the 10 per cent represents improvement, it is not large enough to indicate major improvement in the pork industry in the future, according to Moore.

Moore did find it encouraging that the swine market did not go lower than it did in the face of the recent over supply. "If we had had a 20 per cent increase in production 10 years ago we'd have 11 cent instead of 19 cent hogs," he said.

### Some Trends

With continued increases in pork quality, Moore projected that pork consumption in the U S could go from the present 65 to about 90 pounds per person by 1980. Meanwhile, beef consumption could go from the present 114 pounds to 150 pounds by 1980.

This reflects a major trend of Americans toward much greater consumption of protein foods and less starchy foods.

Partially offsetting the trends toward greater pork and beef consumption will be continued declines in veal and mutton consumption. Dairy cattle also account for a continually smaller share of the market. In 1945 dairy animals made up 45 per cent and beef 55 per cent of cattle while in 1970 dairy had dropped to 19 and beef had risen to 81 per cent.

At the same time there has been a major trend toward feed lot production. Some 70 per cent of all beef cattle now are coming from feed lots, compared to only 33 per cent in 1947. The remainder comes from pasture or dairy animals.

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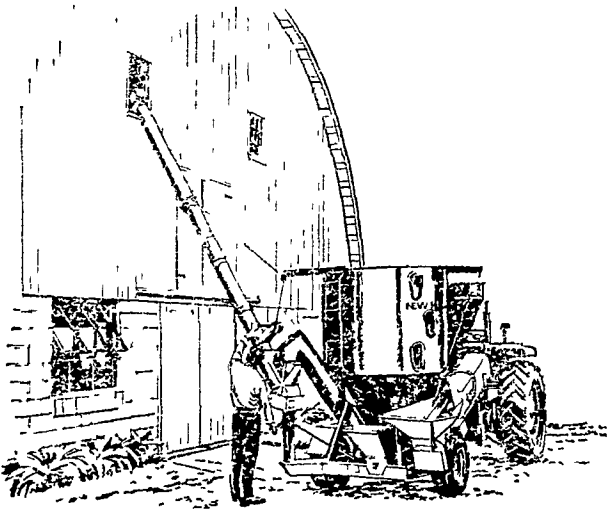
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