

Report Shows Hog Numbers Down

Hogs and pigs on farms September 1, 1971 in the 10 Corn Belt States are estimated at 46.9 million head, eight per cent below a year earlier, according to the USDA Crop Reporting Board. Breeding hogs totaled 6.3 million head, 12 per cent less than a year earlier, while market hogs at 40.5 million head were down seven per cent.

The 10 states included in this report are Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, South Dakota, Nebraska, and Kansas.

Hog producers in the 10 states intend to farrow 11 per cent fewer sows during both the September-November 1971 and December 1971-February 1972 quarters than in the same periods a year earlier.

The inventory estimate of all hogs and pigs at 46,869,000 head was eight per cent below a year ago, but five per cent above the September 1, 1969 total.

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PFA Wives to Be Active

Lt. Governor Ernest P. Kline will be one of the featured speakers at the 21st annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Farmers' Association (PFA) scheduled for Sunday, November 7, to Wednesday, November 10, at the Penn Harris Motor Inn, Camp Hill.

Purpose of the convention is election of officers and adoption of policies for 1972.

The Pennsylvania Farmers' Association is a general farm organization with more than 14,000 family members and 47 county units. It is also affiliated with the American Farm Bureau Federation.

ventories than a year earlier with declines ranging from a 15 per cent drop in Wisconsin to a three per cent decline in Indiana, Minnesota, and Kansas. Iowa hog producers had nine per cent fewer hogs on hand than a year earlier.

Both breeding and market hogs were lower than the previous year in each of the 10 states.

Sunday, November 7, the Rev. Peter H. Kuebler, associate pastor, Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Camp Hill, will deliver a sermon at the traditional vespers service, sponsored by the PFA women's committee.

Lt. Governor Kline will address the official voting delegate body and the other persons attending its annual business meeting at 2:30 p.m. Monday, and later at a 6 p.m. dinner, a talent contest will be held to climax PFA's state contest. The five contestants who will be competing are: Donald Reinecker, Adams County; Miss Kathy King, Bedford County; The Milkmaid Trio, Lancaster County; Miss Becky Wiggins, Indiana County, and Miss Windy Green, Bradford County.

U.S. Representative Gus Yatron, (Pa.-D), will speak at a 6:15 p.m. Tuesday awards banquet which will be the scene for the distribution of more than 50 program awards to county units. Also, the organization will

present its distinguished service award to a person for outstanding service to agriculture. The Harrisburg Postal Chorus will perform at the opening luncheon at 12 noon Monday, November 8. Following this session, the 125-member voting delegate body will commence its first hearing and presentation of policy suggestions.

The voting delegates will be working Monday and Tuesday whipping the policy into final shape with adoption taking place Wednesday, November 10, at the organization's annual business meeting. Policy suggestions dealing with local dairy problems to international trade agreements will confront the voting delegates, who represent the local 47 units.

John R. Pitzer of Aspers and PFA president, will make his annual report to the delegates at a 4:30 p.m. session Monday, November 8, while Morris Allton, vice president, public affairs, Ohio Farm Bureau Federation,

will address a conference on advisory councils at 2 p.m.

The PFA Supply Company, a PFA business affiliate, will hold provide entertainment for the group.

Earlier Tuesday, Arthur West, president of the New Jersey Farm Bureau Federation and a member of the American Farm Bureau Board of Directors, will speak to the voting delegates at a breakfast session. District caucuses will be held for the purpose of nominating nine PFA board members and nine members of the PFA women's committee.

Other highlights for Tuesday include an annual report by Charles R. Ord, PFA administrative secretary, an organization conference, a Farm Management and Business Analysis Service and insurance conference, and the annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Association (PACMA), a PFA marketing affiliate. Al Keating, manager, Livestock Division, American Agricultural Marketing Association, will speak at the PACMA annual meeting.

The election of officers and adoption of 1972 policies on Wednesday, November 10, will bring the convention to a close. Two officers, the first and second vice presidents, will be elected by the voting delegates. Warren Lamm, Sinking Springs, and Eugene Thompson, Marion Center, will be seeking re-election as first and second vice presidents.

Other board members seeking re-election are: Everett Green, Warren Center; William Moore, Myerstown, Harold Welliver, Bloomsburg, Ed Kosa, Ulysses; L. C. Wambaugh, Delta; Wilfred Brumbaugh, Martinsburg, Donald Unangst, Greenville; and Leslie Dodd, Corry. Also, nine women will be nominated and appointed to the PFA Women's Committee.

Final adoption of PFA policies will conclude the business session and the convention.

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