

Pennsylvania Cattle On Feed Up 3 Per Cent

Pennsylvania cattle feeders had 81,000 cattle and calves on grain feed for slaughter market on April 1, up three per cent or 2,000 head from the number on feed April 1 last year.

Marketings of fed cattle during the January - March quarter of 30,000 were three per cent or 1,000 head less than marketings during

the same period a year earlier.

Placements during the quarter were 20,000 — up 11 per cent or 2,000 head from a year ago. Expected total marketings of fed cattle during the April-June quarter at 41,000, if realized, would be eight per cent of 3,000 greater than marketings during the same period in 1971.

U.S. cattle and calves on feed April 1 for slaughter market totaled 12,792,000 head in the 23 major feeding States, up nine per cent from a year earlier.

Rainy Weather

Remains Problem

The weather was beginning to look favorable, fields were drying rapidly - then the rains came. This pattern of frequent heavy rains has been repeated many times this spring and caused considerable delay in spring field work. Lower, poorer drained soils never had a chance to dry out. However, farmers were able to make some additional progress early in the week. Farmers have done remarkably well in many regions despite the adverse conditions.

Top soil moisture supplies jumped back on the wet side again, with three-fourths of the reporters indicating surplus moisture supplies with the remainder adequate.

Main farm activities involved trying to squeeze in spring plowing, seedbed preparation and planting when conditions permitted. However, many farmers were again limited to barn work as fields were still too set to support machinery.

Rabies Reports Increase

Residents of Greene County were cautioned that a dramatic upsurge of rabies cases has been verified in the past two months.

During March and April a total of seven animals reportedly contracted the disease - two skunks, two dogs, one cow, one calf and one fox.

Dr. E.V. Jeszenka, director of the Bureau of Animal Industry, urged that extreme care be exercised in approaching wild and stray animals. Attacks by any animals, he said, should be reported promptly to a physician.

He also urged all citizens to have their pets vaccinated against rabies and to keep these vaccinations up to date.

Parents are asked to discourage their children from playing with stray dogs and other potential carriers of rabies.

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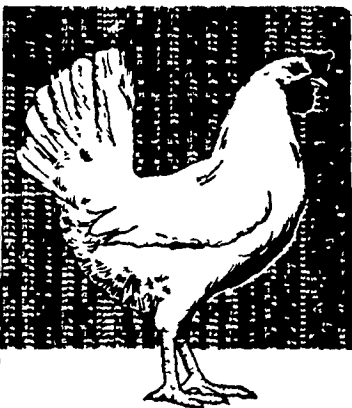
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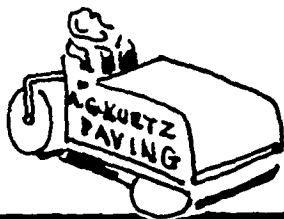
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