

New York Dressed Meats

Thursday, July 13
Compared with Wednesday, prices 50c lower for steer and heifer beef. Cow beef, calf and veal steady. Spring lamb \$1 higher. Pork loins \$1 higher. Other cuts steady.
Trading slow for bulk steer and heifer beef and supplies all cuts definitely ample. Trading active

for lamb Demand only moderate for calf and veal, pork trade slow Price advance on loins mainly the result of higher cost for replacements.

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Choice 500-700 pounds 62 00-62 75.

Calf (Skin Off)
Choice 150-350 pounds 79 50-83 50; Good 150-350 78 50-82 50, Standard 150-350 69 50-73 50

Veal (Skin Off)
Choice 90-150 93.00-101.00; Good 60-90 85 00-90 00, Standard 60-120 73 00-76.00.

Lamb
Choice Spring 30-65 pounds 74.00-77 00.

Choice Beef Cuts
Hinds (Steer) 145-190 pounds 73.00-76.50, Arm Chucks 90-105 56 00-58.00, Ribs (7-rib) 34-40 74 00-78.00, Loins (Trmd) 50-70 101 00-103.00, Rounds (Steer) 70-95 64.50-66 00, Full Plates 33 00-33 50; Hinds (Heifer) 120 pounds 70.50-72.50.

Fresh Pork Cuts
Loins (regular) 8-14 pounds 72.00-75.00; 14-17 69.00-71.00; 17-20 61.00-62.00; Picnics (regular) 4-8 42.00-45.00; Boston Butts 4-8 56 00-59.00; Spareribs 3 pounds down 53.00-56.00; Hams (skinned) 14 pounds down 53 00-56.00; 14-17 52.00-54.00; 17-20 52.00-54.00.

Kosher Steer Beef
Prices 50c lower Wednesday.
Prime Fores 54.00-56 50; Choice 53 50-56.50

Kosher Lamb
Prices steady.
Choice and Prime Spring Foresaddles 76.00-80.00.

Wrests Meat from Pa.

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will not arbitrarily close any plants without glaring deficiencies

The 200 or so Pennsylvania state meat inspectors are still on the state payroll, although it appears that they are now out of jobs McNay said that his department would be working with these people in an effort to hire as many of them as possible

In Lancaster County, there are 38 slaughter and processing operations Reaction to the federal takeover here was definitely not favorable

Chris Kunzler, president of Kunzler & Co, said the action wouldn't hurt him as much as it would some of his customers His company sells prepared meats, sausages, etc., to some local butcher shops.

Commenting on the takeover, Kunzler said, "Lots of smaller guys might be forced out, because they just can't afford the equipment to operate the way big packing houses do It would also mean some of the smaller operations aren't going to be at the auctions anymore, and they were the ones who helped keep prices to the farmer up Without their bidding, farmers here might get less money for their livestock"

Vernon Ranck, operator of a small meat market in Lititz, said he's not worried about staying in business, but he doesn't like the federal move.

"The federal people reviewed me some time ago, and they said I didn't have anything to worry about But I know that some of the differences between state and federal regulations might hurt me.

"For example, my refrigerator door is made of wood, and the state inspectors tell me it's in perfect shape But the federal people review us once a year, and they always take points off for our wooden door Whether or not they'd let me keep my door, I don't know I don't know what other changes I might have to make, either

"I think the whole thing boils down to politics" Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture Jim McHale is quite convinced the takeover is political, and stated his feelings in a news release dated July 12.

"It's Republican politics," McHale said, "in which Secretary Butz has allowed personal

disagreement with me philosophically to enter into an issue affecting the good of all Pennsylvanians Butz knows all about taking care of big business, which a federal takeover would do beautifully He's on the board of Ralston Purina, Stokely Van Camp, and was a speech maker for General Motors before Nixon tapped him for his present position

"This is the same Butz who under Ezra Taft Benson told the small farmer to get big or get out Now he's putting that threat into action in Pennsylvania"

McHale cited the fact that not one of Pennsylvania's 258 legislators on both sides of the aisle has come out in favor of a federal takeover

"You won't find that kind of agreement often," he said, "and there's a reason When the Feds take over, half the meat plants in any given state go under and they're all small ones Then the big boys, the Swifts, the Armours, move in to take control of markets—to quote Butz, 'If you think meat prices are high now, just wait a while'

"Ironically," said McHale, "the Feds can't inspect as well as we do They don't have the manpower or the regional knowledge or the feeling for individuals to do half the job our local people can What they can do is bureaucratize the meat inspection program to the point where only giant packers can survive"

Calendar

Monday, July 17

PVATA Convention, Penn State University, July 17-19

Wednesday, July 19

Women's Committee of Lancaster County Farmers Association, Regional Day Out, Reading

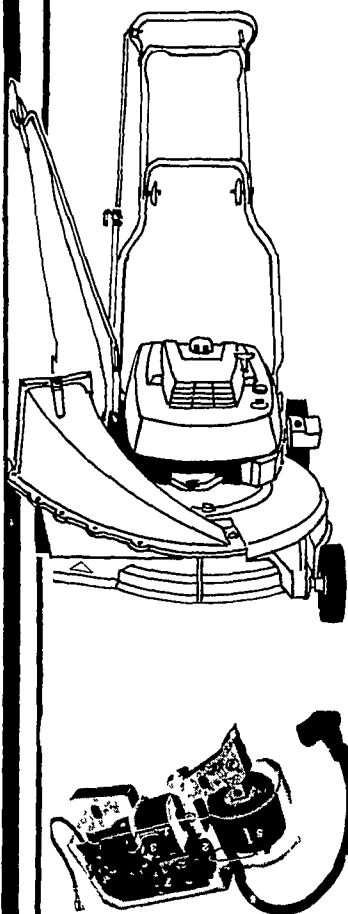
Thursday, July 20

10 30 a m — Holstein Field Day, Donald Hershey farm, Manheim RD2

Friday, July 21

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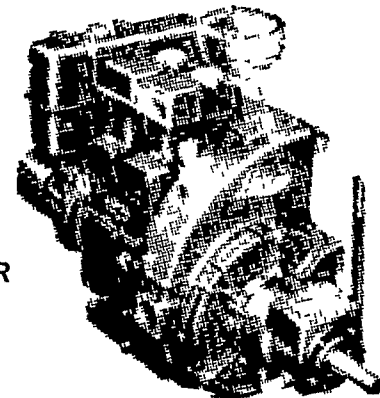
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