

## Farmers' Income Reaches New High

Farmers' realized net income will reach a new high of \$18 billion or more in 1972, up about \$2 billion over last year, the United States Department of Agriculture announced in its July Farm Income Situation.

"We are pleased that farmers are showing this progress. It will help bring the average disposable income of farm people up to 80 percent of the average of non-farm people. This, too, will be a new record, and compares with 73 percent 5 years ago and 62

percent 10 years ago. Obviously, we still have a way to go to close the gap so that earnings of farm people are fully on par with that of non-farm people," said Secretary of Agriculture Earl L. Butz.

Farm income is getting a boost from record shipments overseas, particularly of soybeans and feed grain, Butz commented.

"The strengthened economy at home, and the surge in consumer buying power, are also providing a record demand for farm products. Farmers are responding to this with record output of beef, chicken, soybeans, and turkeys, and near-record production of many other farm commodities," Butz said.

"Farmers' net income will be aided further by a slowing down of the rise in farm costs as a result of Government efforts to cool off inflation," Butz added.

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Cathy Ann Combs, 19, Mosheim, Tenn., was crowned 1972-73 American Dairy Princess in Chicago, July 11. She succeeds Gayle Krogstad of ADA, Minnesota as the first lady of dairyland. The talented Miss Combs, a brown-eyed brunette, is employed as a bank teller during the week and "stars" on her own radio show every Saturday afternoon. Her hobbies include singing and playing the guitar.

## Inter-State Coop Breaks Ground for New Headquarters

Inter-State Milk Producers' Cooperative, Philadelphia, Pa., broke ground in Buck's County recently for a new home office building to be owned by the membership.

Participating in the ground breaking ceremonies were members of the Building Committee, Lester C. Jones, Medford, NJ, president; Daniel L. Martin, Manheim, Pa., vice president; Willis L. Greaser, Williamsburg, Pa., District 20 director; Rev. Emory H. Herr, Ronks, Pa., a member of Inter-State; and Wilbur Seipt, Lansdale, Pa., past president of Inter-State.

Also occupying the new building will be the Philadelphia Dairy Council, which will occupy most of the first floor facilities.



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## E'town Jaycees Slate Festival

The Elizabethtown Jaycees have announced the following dates for their annual Community Festival, Friday and Saturday, August 25 and 26 with Sunday, August 27 as rain date for either night.

The entertainment for Friday night features Andy Reynolds and the 101 Ranch Boys. Plans call for the concession stands, game and food stands to open at 6 p.m. The Jaycees also plan to have bingo in the midway.

The food stand will be operated by the Elizabethtown Jayettes and will feature hamburg barbecue, hot dogs, pizza, french fries, cold drinks, ice cream and chicken corn soup. The soup will be available for carry-outs, but persons are requested to bring their own containers.

Saturday's plans call for the concessions to begin at 2 p.m. with free children's drinks and pony rides for kids 12 and under between 2 and 3 p.m.

Late Saturday afternoon, Sky Divers will perform in the ball park. The entertainment for Saturday evening will be the folk recording artists "The Summit Singers."

A fireworks display will conclude the evening's festivities at 10 p.m. The concessions will re-open for awhile after the fireworks.

## New Cooperators

The Lancaster County Soil and Water Conservation District announce the following new cooperators:

Pennsylvania Power and Light Company, Manheim Township, 95 acres; Kenneth J. Granbois, East Drumore Township, 112 acres; Richard Del Piano, Clay and West Cocalico Townships, 18 acres; J. W. Liddell, Conestoga Townships, 118 acres; Stewart B. Kean, Brecknock Township, 28 acres; Harvey N. Newswanger, Caernarvon Township, 88 acres; F. A. Seward, Mount Joy Township, 117 acres, and Melvin Earl Weaver, East Earl Township, 65 acres.

What a way to diet! Jackie Onassis, six pounds overweight at last count, has included fat-free cream cheese in her diet. The cheese is made to order in a country farm house in France, then delivered to her yacht-step via Aristotle's private plane.

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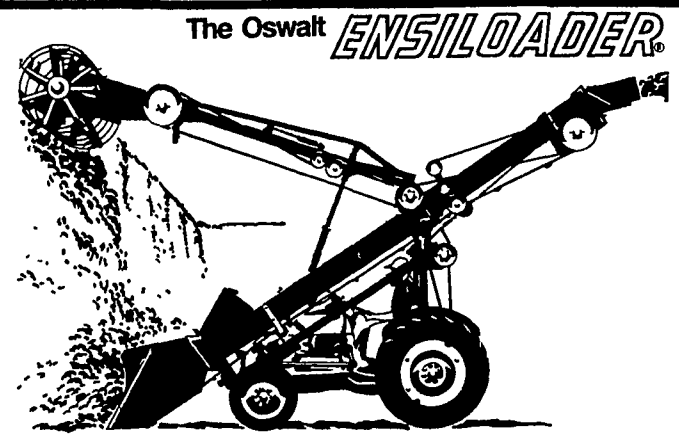
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