



Ralph Brumbly, Nottingham, (right) is congratulated by Omar Beam, Chester County 4-H Swine Leader for being named reserve champion senior showman at the Chester-Delaware Counties 4-H Pig Show held recently at Vintage Sales Stables.



Shown with the grand champion pig at the 1972 Chester-Delaware Counties 4-H Hog Show are, left to right: judge for the show, Donald Fowler, associate Nor-

thampton County Agent; Janet Peter-sheim, Elverson, owner of the grand champion, and Charlene Beam, owner of the reserve grand champion of the show.

Broiler Placements In State Continue Downward Trend

The placement of broiler chicks returned to the downside as 150,000 fewer were started on feed, a drop of 12 percent and 22 percent less than the same week a year ago, according to a report last week from the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service.

The current 10-week average is now trailing last year by nine percent while U.S. totals continue to show a slight but steady growth. In recent years Pennsylvania has ranked 12th in broiler production but appears to be headed for a drop of one or two places this year.

The setting of eggs for broiler-type hatch is also off on the averages. This decline is being compounded by the large number of day-old chicks that are shipped out-of-state for feeding. The 10-week average of outshipments is 260,000.

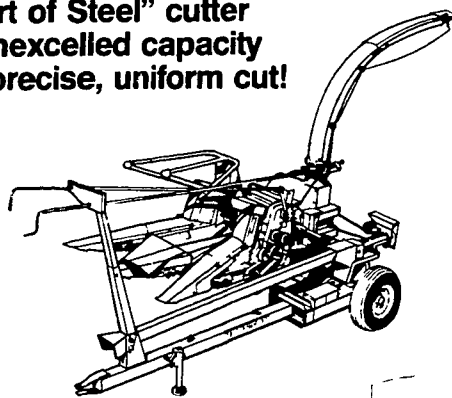
Pennsylvania slaughters many broiler and fryers than they produce. The most recent weekly total was 1,445,000 with an average weight of 4.03 pounds.

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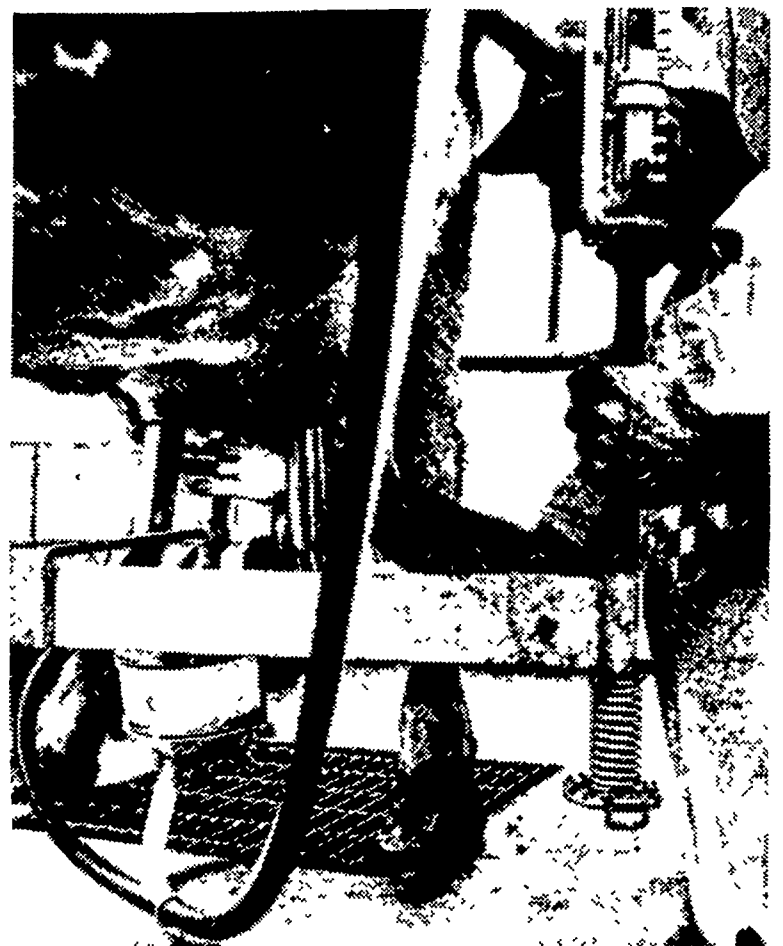
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