

# September Food Guide

As of mid-August, the supply situation in September is expected to look like this . . .

**Red Meats**

Beef supplies will be moderately above September 1973. But all of the gain will come from grass-fed cattle, which will move to market in larger volume. Supplies of grain-fed beef will approximate the low level of September 1973.

Pork production should exceed year-earlier rates, but run below the 1970-72 average. Hog slaughter rates should be starting their seasonal increase.

**Poultry & Eggs**

Egg output should be slightly below September 1973 and about 4 percent under the 1971-73 average.

Broiler-fryers should be down 2 percent to 4 percent from last September and 4

percent to 6 percent below the 1971-73 average.

Turkey new-crop marketings should be about 2 percent below September 1973 and about 9 percent under the 1971-73 average. Cold storage holdings remain at record levels—one-third more than the most recent 3-year average.

**Milk & Dairy Products**

Fluid milk, butter, cheese, and nonfat dry milk supplies should be adequate. Although milk production continues to decline seasonally, commercial stocks of the three manufactured items remain above levels of a year ago and the 1971-73 average.

**Fruits, Vegetables, & Nuts**

Bartlett pear supplies will be ample, with output from California, Oregon, and Washington nearly equal to the 1971-73 average but 6 percent under 1973.

Prune and plum production in Michigan, Idaho, Washington, and Oregon should be about 10 percent less than last year and 5 percent below the 1971-73 average.

California grape supplies will be ample. Production is slightly less than a year ago, but 17 percent more than the 1971-73 average.

Apples will be ample as the late summer-fall harvest

gets underway. The 1974 crop will be slightly under last year's, but about equal the 1971-73 average.

Canned non-citrus fruits will continue tight, but citrus juices will be plentiful. At the end of July, Florida frozen concentrated orange juice stocks were 20 percent larger than 1973's abundant supply.

Dried prunes remain ample. This year's production is expected to run 24 percent less than last year, but be greater than the latest 3-year average.

Raisin supplies will be moderate, due mainly to 1973-crop inventories. That crop was 32 percent above the 1970-72 average.

Fresh vegetables will be ample and canned vegetables generally adequate. Stocks of most processed tomato products may be heavy.

Frozen vegetables will be in good supply. July 1 stocks were 34 percent above 1973 and 22 percent ahead of the 1971-73 average.

Potato supplies are increasing seasonally. The 1974 summer crop is 11 percent above 1973, and more fall-crop acreage—7 percent over 1973—should boost fall production. July 1 frozen potato stocks were 5 percent above 1973, but 14 percent below the 1971-73 average.

Walnuts will be abundant. Production in 1974 should be about 19 percent less than the large 1973 crop but about equal to the 1971-73 average.

Almond supplies will be more than adequate, since 1974 production is expected to be much larger than both the 1973 and the 1971-73 averages.

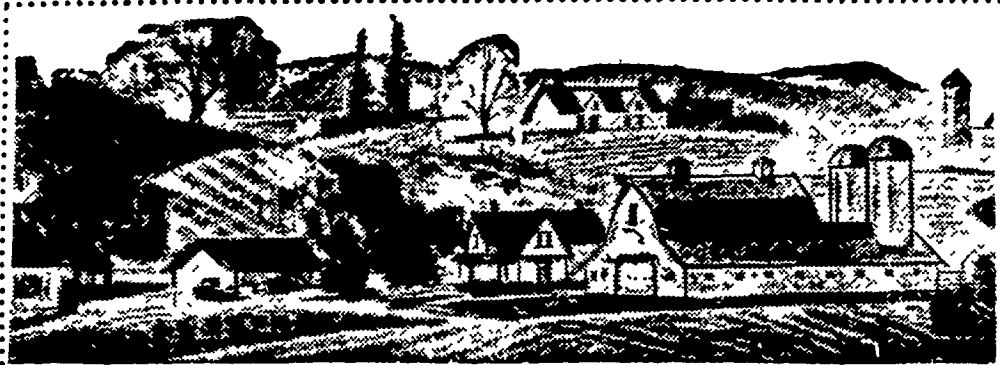
## Pa. Timothy Seed Harvest Rises 17 pct.

Production of timothy seed in Pennsylvania is expected to total 945,000 pounds of clean seed, according to the Crop Reporting Service. This forecast is 17 percent more than last year's production. The increase is because of more acreage harvested—9,000 acres this year, compared with 7,000 last year. Yield per acre harvested is expected to be 105 pounds this year, compared with 115 pounds last year.

Nationally, production of timothy seed in 1974 is forecast at 23.0 million pounds. This is 4 percent less than last year's revised estimate of 23.9 million, but 10 percent more than the 20.9 million pounds produced in 1972. Acreage harvested for seed this year is estimated at 135,700 acres, 12 percent less than last year, but 22 percent above 1972. The national average yield of 169 pounds per acre compared with 156 pounds the previous year and 189 pounds per acre two years ago.

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