

Poultry-Egg Summary

Poultry and egg producers will continue to adjust to strong prices for feed in the first half of 1975. Feed ingredients prices have dropped from last year's peaks but are near year-earlier levels except prices

of wheat and soybeans which are down sharply. Prices of feed will remain strong at least until 1975 crops are harvested.

Broiler and turkey meat will continue to compete with larger beef supplies this

winter and spring. But pork supplies will be down and prices rising. Beef prices probably reached their low for the year in early 1975 and will increase in coming months as supplies of other meats decline.

Broiler and egg output will increase seasonally into spring but will remain well under a year earlier. Turkey output during the seasonally light production months of the first half of 1975 will also be down substantially. Broiler and turkey prices are expected to rise while egg prices likely will decline gain relative to year-earlier levels. However, the extent of this rise will depend on the financial condition of producers and prospects for larger 1975 corn and soybeans crops.

Egg production in 1974 totaled 183 million cases, 1 percent below 1973 and the smallest since 1965. The drop in 1974 totaled 183 million cases, 1 percent below 1973 and the smallest since 1965. The drop in production was due to reduced layer numbers. The laying flock averaged about 2½ percent below 1973 levels and the lowest since 1938. Egg production continues lower in 1975 as layer numbers decline further below year-earlier levels. January's egg output trailed January 1974 by 3 percent as a result of 4 percent fewer layers. However, eggs per layer continued higher. Production will increase seasonally in the spring but likely will average further below 1974 levels. Pullets for flock replacements will fall well below the previous year and the rate of lay likely will ease. Nearly 17 percent fewer egg-type chicks were

hatched during August-January for flock replacements through midyear. In addition, eggs in incubators on February 1 were down 7 percent. This indicates that the laying flock will stay well below year-earlier levels through most of 1975.

Egg prices have dropped more than expected in early 1975. Much of the decline has resulted from sluggish demand for egg products. High prices for sugar and cooking oils have substantially reduced baking which in turn has reduced the demand for eggs. Prices likely will rebound prior to Easter (March 30) but decline seasonally in the spring. However, the spring price decline is not expected to be as large as in 1974.

Broiler meat output fell sharply last fall because of the cutback in broiler chick placements in the summer when production costs for most producers rose above market prices for broilers. Output in federally inspected plants during October-December dropped to 8 percent below the same months of 1973.

Broiler chick placements during November were running 8-13 percent below the previous year. However, as feed prices eased, placements gained in December and January. Thus, marketings during January-March will be down around 8 percent. Output will increase seasonally in the spring but with prices hovering near the breakeven point and the uncertainty about future feed costs, producers are likely to hold production well below 1974 levels. Producers likely will expand output gradually later this year if feed prices stabilize or ease further and favorable prospects for 1975

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crops develop. Output may reach or exceed year-earlier levels in the closing months of 1975.

Broiler prices did not show their usual seasonal decline last fall and have continued relatively strong in early 1975. Broiler prices have been strengthened in recent months by lower production of broilers, turkeys, and pork. But sharply higher beef production and eroding consumer purchasing power have limited price gains. With lower output of meats, other than beef and veal, broiler prices should continue strong with some further rise in the spring and summer. Although beef supplies are expected to continue larger than a year earlier, prices of cattle may strengthen in coming months and average above 1974 levels, adding buoyancy to broiler prices.

Turkey meat production fell sharply in late 1974 after running substantially above year earlier levels through the first 9 months of the year. For all of 1974, turkey meat output in federally inspected plants was nearly 3 percent greater than in 1973. Turkey stocks increased sharply during the first 3 quarters of 1974 and reached record levels on October 1. However, reduced production and strong consumer demand in the last quarter of 1974 reduced year end stocks to slightly below a year earlier.

Turkey production during the seasonally light first half of 1975 will be well below

1974. September-January poultry production, which will provide most of the production during this period, was 15 percent below a year earlier. Second half output will increase seasonally and may match or exceed 1974 levels in the fall. Turkey prices have weakened in early 1975 as consumer demand lags. Turkey prices likely will stabilize near current levels, then strengthen in the spring and summer as supplies of turkey remain below a year ago. Spring and summer turkey prices probably will average well above last year.

York 4-H Hort Club

Members of the 4-H Horticulture Club met recently at the 4-H Center. Officers were elected and David Hart of the Cooperative Extension Service informed members of how to test their soil for pH and check their plots for proper planting time.

These members were elected to offices: President - Bonnie Wire, Vice President - Megan Shaub, Secretary-Treasurer - Brooke Palmer, Asst. Secretary Treasurer - Paul Myers III, News Reporter - Jonathan Myers, Ass't News Reporter - Steve Trostle.

The Club discussed a trip to be taken later this summer to Hershey. The next meeting will be held Apr. 5 and the grounds of the 4-H Center will be cleaned up.

CONSIGNMENT SALE SATURDAY, MARCH 22, 1975

9:00 A.M.

LOCATED ON THE SALEM CHURCH ROAD SOUTH OF RT. 45, 5 MILES SOUTHWEST OF LEWISBURG.

Farm Equipment
To Sell At 12:30 Sharp!

Tractors: J.D. 70 diesel; I.H. 300 and 350 utilities; Super C w-fast hitch; Farmall M; M.H. 30 w-3 pt.; M.H. 33; Oliver 88 diesel; Ford 3,000 diesel, overhauled; 8N and Jubilee Fords; V8 Ford power unit, flat head; 14" and 16" 2- and 3-bot. trailer plows; 14" and 16" 2- and 3-bot. fast hitch plows; 5x16 A.C., 6x16 J.D. and 4x16 Ford semi-mtd. plows; M.F. 165.

Cornplanters: Ford 309; M.H. 39; J.D. 1250 w-liq. fert., herb. and pest. applicators; J.D. 494A dry fertilizer w-herb. and pest.; I.H. 4-row planter; I.H. 35 spreader.

Combines: M.H. Super 26; M.F. 82 w-10' head; I.H. 76; N.H. 30' elevators; 3 grain drills; new 12' EZ-Flo lime drill; I.H. fast hitch mower; trailer mowers; N.H. 460 haybine; I.H. 12' harrow; J.D. 11' and 12' transport disc; 8' Dunham mulcher; M.C. flail chopper; N.H. 33 flail chopper; 1- and 2-row corn binders; silo fillers and forage harvesters; new wagon w-gravity box; Sears 8' table saw w-¾ h.p. motor.

Lawn Equipment
Will Be Sold At 11:30 A.M.

1974 M.F. 14 h.p. w-mower and tiller, like new; 1971 Hahn Eclipse 12 h.p. mower and blower; 1972 Ford 8 h.p. auto. mower and blower.

Plus many other articles too numerous to mention.

Sales Mgr.:

Glenn Erdley

Auctioneers: Neil S. Moyer
Junior A.C. Moyer

PUBLIC SALE

FARM EQUIP., MILKING EQUIP.,
PICKUP TRUCK

THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 1975

AT 10 A.M.

2 miles East of Bernville, along the Bernville Garfield Road in Penn Twp., Berks Co., PA.

2 Ford 5000 diesel tractors, less than 2000 hrs. each, in good shape; Ford 860 diesel tractor; Ford 860 gas tractor; M.F. 85 gas tractor, tricycle, 2 row mtd. Ford corn husker w-brackets to fit same; 2 J.D. 3 btm. 3 pt. high clearance 16" trip plows; Ford 3 btm. 3 pt. trip plow; Ford 3 sec. 3 pt. harrow; J.D. 12' cultmulcher; J.D. 10' transport disc; J.D. 17 disc grain drill w-grass seed attach.; Ford 4 row corn planter w-liquid fert. attach, used 2 seasons; Yellow Devil 200 gal. trailer type sprayer; Ford 3 pt. 7' pitmanless mower; Ford parallel rake; N.I. 7' cutditcher; Ford 532 pto baler w-ptw thrower, used 2 seasons; N.H. 30' bale elev.; 24' mow type bale elev.; N.H. drag elev.; Grove forage wagon w-front & rear unload; N.I. forage wagon w-front unload; (2) 4 whl dump trailers 16' long w-grain sides; 4 J.D. bale wagons w-8' sides; MC 127-10' self propelled combine w-variable speed drive; Ford pto forage harvester w-1 row corn & windrow pickup heads; Gehl pto hopper type blower w-50' pipe; N.I. pto single beater manure spreader; J.D. 1 tooth 3 pt. subsoiler; N.I. 3 pt. hopper type fert. & grass seeder w-2 fans; (2) 2 row 3 pt. cult.; Sauder front end loader w-ground & snow buckets; Sauder front end swivel type snow blade; Badger silo unloader for 20' silo w-5h motor & 24" fan, in good cond.; Badger 40' auto feeding conveyor w-driving unit, complete; Badger 40' single chain elev.

MILKING EQUIP.: Unico 630 gal. milk tank w-5hp compressor, like new; 80 gal. quick recovery hw heater; Sta-Rite auto pipeline milker comp. w-260' of 1½" glass line, 4 milker units, auto washer for line or tank.

TRUCK: 1969 Ford 250 w-4 whl dr, 31,000 miles.
HOUSEHOLD GOODS: Cedar wardrobe; metal wardrobe; crib; oak dressers; old kitchen cupboard; other items.

AUCT. NOTE: Most of above equip. is in nice condition.

Sale order - Wagon stuff first, then household goods & milking equip., farm equip. anytime after 12 noon.

Terms - Cash

Sale Ordered by:

LEON & MARY KIRKHOFF

Sale Conducted by
Ralph W. Zettlemoyer Auction Co.

BENEFIT AUCTION

8th ANNUAL SALE

Sponsored by
Church of Brethren Youth Fellowship
Atlantic North East District

SATURDAY MARCH 29, 1975

11:00 A.M.

AT ROOT'S COUNTRY MARKET AND AUCTION

Located 2 miles South of Manheim, Pa. — Off Route #72.

Here's your chance to help with a worthwhile project. You may donate items or sell on commission.

Donations include: 3 drawer maple desk; State flower Quilt; movie camera; 15" wheel & tire set; child's rollaway desk; clothing; card tables; rugs; black & white TVs; 1951 Dodge Station Wagon in running condition; dining room table; Radio; electric appliances; canned food; flour; Black & Decker drill; car wax; glassware; furniture of all kinds; paintings; books; tools; games, and many other items too numerous to mention.

Plenty of homemade food, soups, baked goods.

If you have something to donate or sell on commission, please call:

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Receiving hours at Root's Auction:

Thursday, March 27, 12:00-8:00

Friday, March 28, 10:00-8:00

Jay M. Witman 717-665-5735
Auctioneer and others

"Auctioneers, if you have this Saturday free, come and help by donating your services."

PUBLIC AUCTION

FARM MACHINERY

TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 1975

AT 11:30 A.M.

Location: 1½ miles North of Route #1 Bypass [Toughkenamon Exit]; ¼ mile South of Route #926 on Newark Road, London Grove, Chester Co., PA.

SIX (6) TRACTORS

John Deere '4320' dsl. tractor w-1035 hrs., wide front, cab, 18 - 4 x 38 tires; J.D. '3020' dsl. row crop tractor; J.D. '2030' dsl. tractor w-hyd. loader model 4, 2 att.; Oliver '1650' gas, 2250 hrs., w-wide front and over-under direct shift; Int. 'B275' dsl. tractor; Int. 'M' tractor; Int. '205' self-propelled combine w-227 2-row corn head & 10' grain header; Int. '1050' mixer-grinder; Int. '710' 5-b. 16" semi-mtd. plow; Int. belt-driven 7' mower; New Holland '276' baler w-thrasher; N.H. '451' 3-point hook-up mower; N.H. '258' rotobar rake w-dollie; N.H. '469' haybine; N.H. '770' harvester w-2-row corn head & pickup; 2 Dion forage wagons w-10 ton gears; Gehl hopper blower, PTO; Little Giant 36' elevator w-2 h.p. motor & corn drag; Oliver 16" cushion-trip 4-b. semi-mtd. plow; McKissic grain cart w-12' discharge auger, PTO; 2 Lilliston 3 point hook-up rotary mowers, 5' and 7'6"; John Deere '100' 3-point hook-up 10' chisel plow; J.D. 'BWA' 14' transport disc harrow; J.D. 'FB-B' 15-disc grain drill; J.D. '494A' 4-row corn planter; J.D. '54' 200 bus. manure spreader, PTO; J.D. 4-row 3-point hook-up cultivators; J.D. 14' single cultipacker; J.D. 200 gal. fiber glass tank, trailer type sprayer w-36' boom; J.D. 3-point hook-up 3-b. 16" plow; J.D. wagon w-grain body; J.D. 8-ton wagon w-flotation tires & 14' Grove dump; Ford, 1967, '800' 16' stake dump truck, less than 2,000 miles on new industrial motor; Massey-Ferguson 7 h.p. riding tractor w-36" mower; 2 sets of tractor chains; cow clippers; electric fogger and numerous articles not listed.

Auctioneer's Note: All machinery in excellent condition, mostly purchased in the last three years and has been kept under cover and in top maintenance!
Lunch

Terms by:

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