

## Pa. Broiler Placements Rise 9 pct.

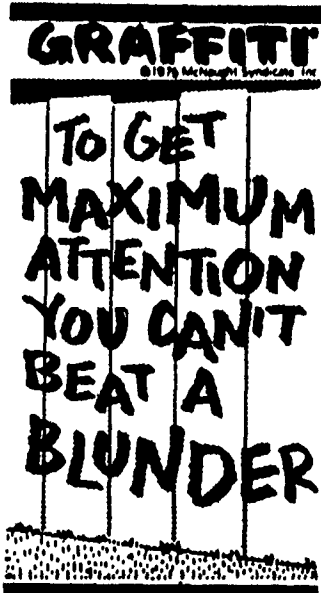
Placements of broiler chicks in the Commonwealth during the week ending April 23, 1975 were 1,546,000. The placements were 9 percent above the corresponding week a year earlier, and 32 percent above the previous week. Average placements during the past 10 weeks were 3 percent above a year earlier.

Settings for broiler chicks were 2,142,000 - 16 percent above the previous week and approximately the same as

the comparable period a year earlier. The current 3-week total of eggs set is 1 percent above the same period a year ago.

Inshipments of broiler-type chicks during the past 10 weeks averaged zero compared with 3,000 a year ago. Outshipments averaged 254,000 during the past 10 weeks, 15 percent above a year earlier.

Placements in the 21 States were 60,783,000 - 2 percent above the previous week and 4 percent below the same week a year earlier. Average placements during the past 10 weeks were 6 percent below a year ago. Settings were 71,398,000 - 2 percent below the previous



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SRS stated the change is being made to provide agricultural data users with acreage information sooner than in the past to aid them with marketing, policy, program, and other decisions associated with the current marketing season.

The planted acreage and acres for harvest estimates to be released at 3.00 p.m., EDT, June 30, will be based

on surveys of growers conducted about June 1. The new June Acreage Report will provide State and national estimates of acreages planted and for harvest. The report will include acreages of feed grains, food grains, oilseeds, hay, and other crops which in previous years were included in the July Crop Production Report.

The The July Crop Production Report to be issued July 10, 1975 will cover only those crops for which July 1 production forecasts are made, including corn, wheat, barley, oats, rye, summer potatoes, flue-cured tobacco and selected fruits and nuts. A July 1 corn production forecast is being issued for the first time since 1970.

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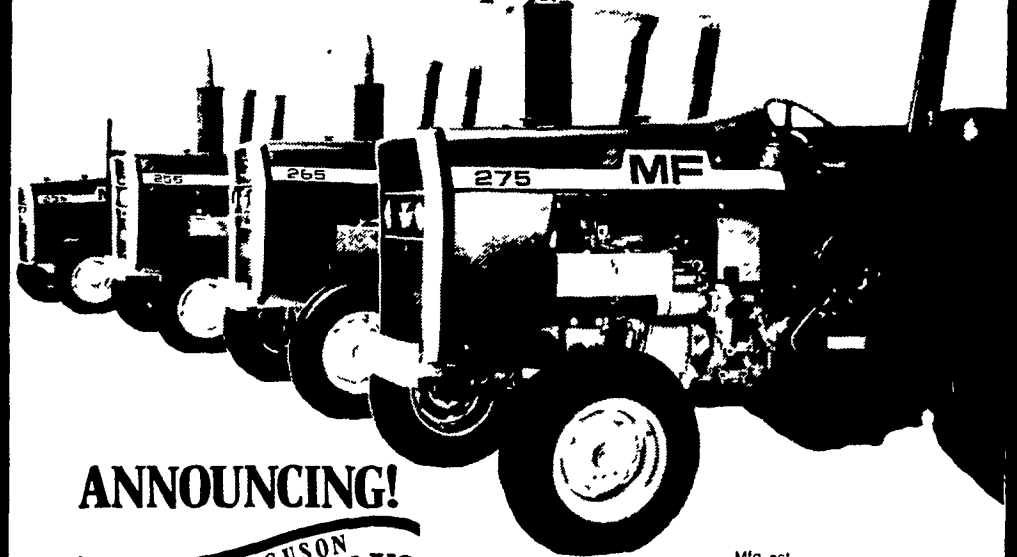
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