

Pa. '74 Farm Exports Total \$103.7 Million

In 1974, Pennsylvania farmers sent \$103.7 million worth of farm products to foreign markets, according to figures just released by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The biggest item in the Keystone's shipments overseas was \$40.9 million in feed grains. Wheat and flour accounted for another \$20.6 million.

With \$2.5 million in dairy product exports, Pennsylvania ranked sixth in the nation in that category. In poultry exports, the state ranked ninth in the nation with \$4.6 million.

Ten States accounted for three-fifths of total farm export sales in fiscal year 1974. Illinois remained the largest supplier with \$1,939 million in exports. The other leading States and their export sales were: Iowa, \$1,774 million; Texas, \$1,666 million; Kansas, \$1,569 million; California, \$1,240 million; Minnesota, \$1,162 million; Nebraska, \$1,031 million; Indiana, \$967 million; North Dakota, \$842

million; and North Carolina, \$772 million.

Wheat was the leading commodity exported in 1974; the \$4.7 billion in exports was twice the 1973 value. Kansas provided over one-fifth of the wheat exported; North Dakota and Oklahoma together provided another fifth. Montana, Nebraska, and Texas each supplied 6 percent of the wheat for export. The value of Texas' wheat sales more than quadrupled between 1973 and 1974; Oklahoma's sales more than tripled.

Feed grain exports totaled \$4.65 billion in fiscal 1974, double the 1973 level. Sales by Minnesota and Texas increased the most, about 140 percent; and sales by Iowa, Nebraska, and South Dakota more than doubled. Illinois, Iowa, and Nebraska together provided 44 percent of feed grains for export; Indiana, Texas, and Minnesota each provided 8 percent.

In 1974, soybean exports totaled \$3.27 billion, up \$1

billion from the prior year. Protein meal exports rose by one-half to \$1.1 billion, and soybean oil exports were valued at \$295 million, more than double the 1973 level. Thirty-six percent of the 1974 exports came from Illinois and Iowa. Other major suppliers were Indiana, Minnesota, Missouri, and Arkansas. Arkansas' sales of soybean increased more than those of any other state - 68 percent.

U.S. cotton exports reached \$1.3 billion in 1974, up from \$755 million in 1973. Over two-fifths of this increase is attributable to the doubling of export sales by Texas. Increased sales by Mississippi and California accounted for one-fourth of the rise. Texas was the source of 36 percent of cotton for export; Mississippi and California each provided 14 percent. Cottonseed oil exports, for which these three States are the principal suppliers, increased by 71 percent to \$133 million in 1974.

Red-White Cattle Headquarters Moves To Pennsylvania

The office of the Red & White Dairy Cattle Association has been moved from Elgin, Illinois 60120 to Crystal Spring, Pa. 15536. All future correspondence should be sent to this new address.

The R&WDCA is a relatively new breed

organization, begun in 1963 to develop a competitive breed of Red & White Dairy Cattle. An "open" herdbook is maintained, accepting grade Holstein-Friesian cattle as well as dairy cattle of other breeds or mixed bloodlines. Present rules require two crosses for grade Holstein-Friesians or three crosses for other dairy cattle, using a purebred Red & White or red factor bull, to

attain purebred status. The Purebred Section is also limited to Red & White animals. Black & White animals are in the Provisional Section and all others not meeting Purebred requirements are in the Intermediate Section.

The R&WDCA has experienced rapid progress recently, including USDA recognition and an official classification program.

U.S. tobacco exports totaled \$814 million in 1974, compared with \$640 million in 1973. Almost three-fifths of the tobacco exports originated in North Carolina. Kentucky, South Carolina, and Virginia provided an additional 28 percent.

Four States produced 97 percent of the rice exported in fiscal 1974: Arkansas, California, Louisiana, and Texas. Rice exports totaled \$752 million, \$317 million above the 1973 level.

Exports of fruits and preparations totaled \$589 million in fiscal 1974. Over one-half of the fruit exported came from California; one-fifth came from Florida.

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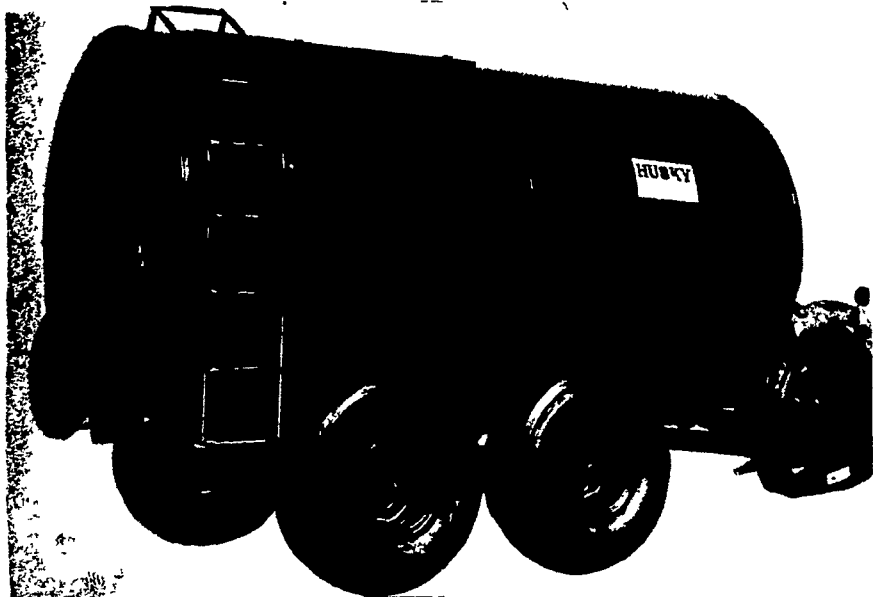
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