

Food Marketing Alert

Red Meats

Beef ... adequate, with production rates averaging 5-7 percent below the record levels of year earlier, but approximating 1972-74 average for the month. Beef produced largely on forages continues to account for a larger share of total production than a year earlier. Pork ... light. Output rates are expected to average 18-20 percent below year earlier, and well below 1972-74 average.

Poultry & Eggs

Broilers - fryers ... adequate. June production expected to be 4 percent below last year and 5 percent less than 1972-74 average for the month.

Turkey ... adequate. New crop marketings expected to be down 20 percent from year earlier and 15 percent from 1972-74 average for June. Cold storage holdings June 1 are expected to be lower than year earlier but above the 1972-74 average.

Eggs ... adequate. June output may be 6 percent below year earlier and 8 percent less than June 1972-74 average.

Milk & Dairy Products

Fluid milk, dairy products ... plentiful, with production levels expected to be

near seasonal peaks. Milk production in April was about same as last year. Cheese production was down, but butter and nonfat dry milk levels were almost 5 percent above their March 1972-74 averages. On Apr. 1, commercial stocks of the 3 products were well above the 1972-74 averages.

Fruits, Vegetables and Nuts

Fresh oranges ... plentiful. Those remaining for harvest May 1 - mostly Valencias - were almost a fourth above the same date last season and 16 percent more than past 3-seasons' average. Grapefruit ... light. May 1 supplies were down a fourth from last season and a fifth below past 3-seasons' average. Lemons ... adequate. May 1 supplies were about the same for both last season and the 3-seasons' average. Citrus juices ... plentiful. End-of-Apr. stocks of Florida frozen concentrated orange juice were down 7 percent from record holdings of year earlier, but 22 percent above most recent 3-seasons' average. End-of-Apr. supplies of Florida frozen grapefruit concentrate were record high, and 3 percent greater than year before. Florida canned single-strength grapefruit juice stocks were 6 percent larger than low level of year earlier.

Wheat ... adequate for food use. Stocks Apr. 1 were 17 percent above year earlier but 29 percent below 1972-74 average for that date. Corn ... adequate for food use. Apr. 1 supplies were down 23 percent from year earlier and 31 percent below 1972-74 average for that date.



Goats are weaned at birth and never allowed to nurse. Here LaVerne shows a lamb bar which is used to feed many kids at once.

Goats Have Become

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simply be rubbed off. Then it should be refrigerated for one to two months. LaVerne says it can be eaten after one month, but actually the cheese will keep indefinitely.

The Mentzers also enjoy goat milk yogurt and ice cream. Because of her attitude about the healthiness of goat milk, it is not surprising to learn that she also uses honey exclusively in her home. The Mentzers have about 23 hives, and LaVerne says she uses honey in everything, including the morning cereal - along with the goat milk. She does not use special recipes, but adapts regular recipes, usually according to the rule of using 1/4 cup less liquid. She even uses honey in her canning.

LaVerne is willing to share her enthusiasm about goats and has agreed to be a 4-H leader for what will be the first 4-H dairy goat club in the county. So far the response to the 4-H club has been small, but hopefully some more goat owners will show an interest.

LaVerne herself was a 4-H member for nine years in northern Lancaster where she was born and raised on a Holstein dairy farm. She is a licensed practical nurse and met her husband on the job. The Mentzers have been married for ten years and have two children, Jon, 7 and Faye, 9.

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Dairy goats are a very big part of LaVerne's daily life - she cares for them, milks them, markets the milk and produces the various goat milk products which her family enjoys. She also understands the industry pretty well, and the future of dairy goats is certainly getting a big boost from her interest and enthusiasm.

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