

# Maryland produces volume of food

ANNAPOLIS — Maryland farmers, despite a three decade urban population boom in their state which has seen their numbers and their farmlands shrink, still are able to produce 56.5 percent of the basic food needs of the state.

This figure was cited by Agriculture Secretary Young D. Hance in noting that Maryland is observing "Maryland Agriculture Week."

Hance said, "I asked Richard P. Parsons, Director of the Maryland Department of Agriculture's Division of Marketing, to investigate the degree of self-sufficiency potential we have in Maryland in the basic food groups."

"In summary, our dairy industry has the present capacity to supply our needs, our poultry industry can put more than enough chickens on our tables, our vegetable growers could supply about

half our needs, we could make about half our flour but we are rather short when it comes to beef, pork and fruits," Mr. Hance said.

Here are the statistics:

**POULTRY** — Consumption, 170,900,000 pounds, ready to cook chicken; production 531,182,000 pounds — production equals 310.8 percent of need. Turkey consumption 35,300,000 pounds, production 560,000 pounds — production equals 1.6 percent of need. Table eggs — consumption 97,300,000 dozen, production 8,968,000 dozen — production equals 9.2 percent of need.

**DAIRY** — Consumption (fluid milk, cheese, canned milk, ice cream and butter) 1,384,000,000 pounds; production 1,490,000,000 pounds — production equals 107.6 percent of need.

**FRUITS** — Consumption (fresh) 345,200,000 lbs. (processed) 214,200,000;

total consumption 559,400,000 lbs. Production (fresh) 64,720,000 (processed) 43,670,000 lbs.; total production 108,390,000 lbs. — production equals 19.5 percent of need.

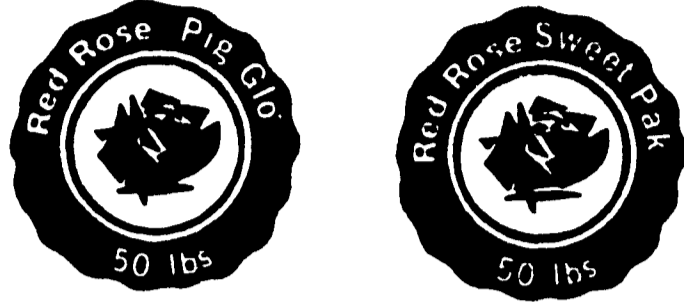
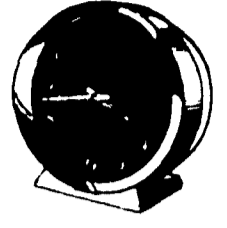
**VEGETABLES** — Consumption (fresh) 420,100,000 lbs., (processed) 275,000,000; total consumption 695,100,000 lbs. Production (fresh) 54,410,000 lbs., (processed) 326,000,000 lbs.; total

production 380,410,000 lbs. — production equals 54.7 percent of need.

**POTATOES** — (White and Sweet) Consumption 514,100,000 lbs.; production 57,400,000 lbs. — production equals 11.2 percent of need.



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