

# U.S. food production gains

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food consumption during the latter half of the year will also depend on weather conditions and the size of 1976 crop harvests.

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) for all foods at retail in 1975 averaged 8½ percent above 1974. This compares with annual increases of 14½ percent the previous two years. The 1975 rise reflected an increase of more than eight percent for food-at-home prices, with food-away-from-home prices rising more than nine percent over a year earlier. A widening

of marketing spreads accounted for about three-fourths of the rise in retail food prices in 1975.

The Wholesale Price Index (WPI) for all foods averaged 6½ percent above 1974, reflecting prices that were sharply above year-earlier levels at the beginning of the year. However, by December 1975 food prices at wholesale averaged about two percent below a year earlier. Prices for beverages and red meats, especially pork and poultry, registered large increases, but prices for fish, dairy products, and processed fruits and vegetables were also higher. Fresh and dried fruits and vegetables, eggs, vegetable oils, and sugar prices were lower.

Meat and poultry consumption rebounded during the fourth quarter from low spring and summer levels, reducing the overall decline in food consumption last year. However, the index of per capita food consumption fell about one percent in 1975 from a year earlier to its lowest level since 1968.

Per capita consumption of crop-related foods in 1975 remained essentially unchanged from 1974 and about two percent below the record high of 1973. Substantial increases for fresh and processed fruits and fresh potatoes — and lesser gains for processed vegetables and cereal products — just about offset a sharp drop in sugar consumption and smaller declines for vegetable oils, fresh vegetables, and coffee.

Consumption of animal-related foods fell about two percent last year but remained slightly above the low 1973 level. Unfavorable returns to livestock producers in 1974 and 1975 led to sharp cutbacks in the output of pork, grain-fed beef,

and poultry products through much of 1975. However, a big gain in slaughter of cattle and calves with little or no grain feeding prevented an even larger decline in red meat consumption.

For all of 1975, expenditures for food averaged nearly 11 percent higher than in 1974, with most of the increase in the first half. Expenditures for food at home were up 10 percent for 1975, while expenditures for restaurant meals and snacks increased nearly 14 percent. Food expenditures increased at a slower rate in 1975 than during the preceding two years because of more moderate price increases.

During 1975 the total value of food stamps issued rose to \$8.3 billion, for an increase of more than 40 percent over 1974. Bonus stamps (stamps received free) rose 45 percent to \$5 billion. Food stamp purchases accounted for nearly six percent of personal consumption expenditures on food for use at home. In 1975, for the first time in the program's history, households not on public assistance rolls accounted for over half of food stamp recipients.

Net production of U.S. farm food commodities totaled almost 12 percent above 1974, reflecting a 16-percent gain in output of food crops as well as the small feed use of crops. However, the large crop and perhaps some holdback in marketings resulted in a big buildup in inventories of food crops. Total domestic use, excluding feed and seed, declined slightly from 1974 to 1975. Most of this decrease occurred in food use, the major utilization component of farm food commodities. However, the volume of exports, the second significant utilization component, grew by more than nine percent. Larger exports more than offset the decline in domestic consumption, so that total disappearance in 1975 was up slightly from 1974.

## PUBLIC AUCTION

TRUCK TOOLS, FARM EQUIPMENT  
& HOUSEHOLD GOODS

SATURDAY MARCH 6, 1976

10:00 A.M.

Located on Kayo Ave. at 3242 Marietta Ave.,  
West of Lancaster, Near Oyster Point.

### FARM EQUIPMENT

Farmall BN; Allis Chalmers WD; Allis Chalmers B; Balers; Hay Rake; Chopper; 1 row Corn Picker; plows; 3-Pt. and Trailer; Manure Loader; Grain Drill; Post Hole Digger; Many Pieces of Farm Equipment; Lots of Harnesses; Collars; Hames; Breaking Cart; Ruggy Seat; 2 Sleights; 2 Flatwagons; Manure Spreader.

### TOOLS

Roughneck I Welder with Gas Engine Power; Linconwelder; Drills & Drill Stand; Anvil; Acetylene Torch Set; Hand Tools; 2 Wagon Loads of small items; Power Washer.

### HOUSEHOLD GOODS & ANTIQUES

Kitchen Cabinet; Metal Beds; Small Chest; Dresser; Jars; Metal Office Desk; Small Chest; Shaw Upright Piano; Victor Autoharp; Old Trumpet; Records; Milk Cans; Woodbox; Jugs; Hot Point Dish Washer; Bikes; Sleds; Scales; Many, Many Other Items.

Sale will begin with small farm & tool items. Household at 1:00 P.M. followed by remaining tool & farm equipment.

Sale By

**SUZANNE HINERDEER**

Sale Conducted By:  
J. Omar Landis Auction Service  
(717) 733-7917

Food By: Silver Spring Fire Co. Aux.

## PUBLIC AUCTION

FARM EQUIPMENT, HOUSEHOLD & HOGS

SATURDAY, MARCH 13, 1976

11:00 A.M.

Location - 1 mile North of Elstonville on Rt. 72  
to Cider Press Road. Travel 2 miles west on  
Cider Press Road, next to Dunkard Brethren  
Home.

J.D. 630 tractor in excellent cond.; Oliver 88 Gas, No. 825 J.D. 3 bottom rollover cushion trip plow; 224T J.D. baler with thrower, No. 4 J.D. trailer mower, J.D. PTO N manure spreader, J.D. wagon, 1150 Int. Grinder Mixer, Oliver 24 disk, 300 gal. water tank on running gear, 3 pt. barrel sprayer with boom and Myers piston pump, Black Hawk 2 row corn planter, 9' cultipacker, Iron Age two row potato planter, potato cutter, 2-22' double tobacco ladders, 2 single ladders on wooden wheels, 12 hole hog feeders, hog troughs, Buchs 2 hole corn sheller, Brower stationary mixer, 3 pt. cultivator, 7000 tobacco lath, elec. lath puller, 500 lb. scale, 2 Minnich tobacco presses, 2 Homelite chain saws, drop handle milk cans, iron posts, locust posts, Garber PTO 3 bu. seeder like new, 275 gal. fuel tank, Estate wood and coal stove, chain binders, ½ H.P. motors, walking plow, misc. lumber, wedges, large hinges, ½ ton chain hoist.

Approx. 10 ton wheat straw.  
3 Bred Hampshire Gilts, 2 Broodsows with pigs.  
2 Duroc Sows

Household — G.E. No Frost Refrigerator Freezer, Kelvinator auto. washer, G.E. upright freezer, 9 pc. Duncan Phyfe dining room suite, Secretary desk, French piano, 3 pc. maple bedroom suite, wardrobes, chest of drawers, Magnavox TV, table model Hi Fi stereo, metal cabinets, elec. appliances, treadle sewing machine, Caloric Gas Stove, Pineapple bed, chest, oil heatrola, 9'x12' rugs, and misc. items.

Order of Sale — Small items on wagon, household and farm equipment.

Sale by

**WAYNE HESS**

Wilbur H. Hosler, Auctioneer  
717-626-5943  
Galebach, Hosler - Clerks

Food stand by  
Mastersonville Fire Co. Auxiliary

## KREISLE AND LEHMAN'S

# DAIRY AND MACHINERY SALE

Location: Smoketown Quality Dairy Cattle  
Sales Stable. 5 miles east of Lancaster along  
Route 340.

THURS., MARCH 11, 1976

11 A.M.

60 Head of Reg. & Grade Holstein Dairy Cattle.

45 Registered, 15 Grade, 31 cows and  
30 heifers in all stages.

Alice gr. 5 records avg. 14744M. 594F dau. of Arlinda  
49er Star. Fresh Jan. 76 lb. Feb. 75 lb.

Champ gr. 3 records avg. 17900M. 675F dau. of Lytle AI  
Champ Don Auger.

Diamond 3 records avg. 15551M. 618F dau. of Diamond  
S. Mr. Copia Var D.

Rocket reg. 3-7 14976M 572F, 4-8 15249M. 601F due Mar.  
23 to Bootmaker son, dau. of Arlinda Chief.

Echo reg. 2-2 11738M 413F, 3-2 14883M 552F dau. of  
Beauchamp Tanya Triumph.

Boots reg. 3 yr. 11758M 453F dau. of Bootmaker, she is  
from a 100,000 dam.

Astronaut 2-2 13363M 558F 360 da. Astronaut dau.

Other sires represented: Champ, Capsule, Golden  
Topper, and others.

Calving schedule, 5 fresh Jan., 11 in. Feb. & March.  
Balance due late summer.

T.B. & Bangs certified. Calfhood vacc. Milk cows  
have had Nasamune 1P. Cows in herd have milked to 90  
lb. daily. Selling all daughters from the 31 cows. Nearly  
all home raised.

### FARM MACHINERY

John Deere 730 diesel, J.D. 345 - 5 bottom hyd. reset  
16 in. plow (new bottoms), J.D. 494 cornplanter with  
dry fert., J.D. 18 disc drill w-markers no fert., J.D. 125  
forage wagon w- high sides and 3 beaters, Stauffer  
forage wagon hyd. drive w-flotation tires, 1 bin wagon,  
J.D. 16A flail chopper, J.D. 44 manure spreader, J.D.  
No. 10 side mounted mower, New Idea 10 ft. fert.  
spreader w-small seed box, 10 ft. Brillion cultipacker,  
New Holland 56 5 bar rake (like new), 2 John Deere  
spring harrows 8 & 9 ft.

2 Hay Rack Wagons, pig troughs, water bowls, gates,  
good used litter carrier with 300 ft. of track and swit-  
ches, parts of hay racks, 8,000 tobacco lath.

APP. 250 TON OF CORN SILAGE  
BY THE FT., 80 TON EAR CORN

25 KW Fidelity Generator on cart PTO, Kesten 5  
bottom plow rake, weeder, 3 - 1 horse sleights, 2 LPS  
feeders, 8 ind. calf pens plywood metal grates on back.  
Conducted by Smoketown Dairy Cattle Sales.

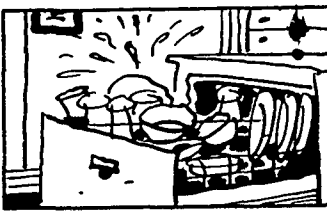
Terms by

**JOHN AND ELIZABETH LEHMAN**

717-786-2371

J. Everett Kreider  
Carl Diller, Auctioneer & pedigree

Dairymen you will like these selected sired cattle  
with good production.  
Machinery sale 11 A.M.



You can save energy if you  
unplug your electric dish-  
washer between washing and  
drying. Let dishes drip dry  
in the machine.

## PUBLIC SALE

REAL ESTATE - MACHINERY -  
YOUNG CATTLE - BUTCHERING TOOLS

SAT., MARCH 6, 1976

AT 10:30 A.M.

Located in Mifflin Co., turn South off Route 22,  
5 miles West of McVeytown, Pa., at Atkinsons  
Mills, travel 2 miles to farm.

### 15 HEAD HOLSTEINS

2 registered service age stock bulls, 1 Angus heifer,  
12 Holstein heifers (5 registered), 4 bred to freshen  
thru out the summer, balance yearlings down to 3 mos.  
old. These cattle are out of good producing cows and  
are all home bred and raised.

300 BALES ALFALFA AND MIXED HAY -  
10 FT. CORN SILAGE

### DAIRY EQUIPMENT AND BUTCHERING TOOLS

DeLaval no. 52 milker pump, 2 Surge milker units,  
S.S. strainer and pails, milk scales, good feed cart, etc.  
Steiner 1½ H.P. meat grinder, Toledo electric meat  
 slicer, sausage stuffer, iron kettle and 3 foot, etc., some  
chairs and misc. household items.

### FARM MACHINERY

1974 Dodge 300 truck 22,000 miles w-12 ft. all purpose  
grain and cattle rack, Leyland 253 dsl. tractor less than  
1600 hrs., Oliver 1450 dsl. tractor run 1600 hrs. good  
rubber in A-1 cond., Oliver 1410 loader w-hyd. bucket,  
J.D. 3-14 in. trip back mounted plow, I.H. no. 62 combi-  
ne PTO w-bin, J.D. no. 34 harvester w-corn head,  
A.C. table blower, N.I. 16 ft. self unloading wagon w-  
heavy duty chassis used 2 yrs., N.H. 68 hayliner baler  
w-thrower, N.H. no. 477 haybine cut 50 acres, Cobey  
and Grove wagons w-bale racks, 2 wagon chassis,  
I.H. 4 bar rake on rubber, Smoker 24 ft. aluminum  
elevator, Allied 16 ft. skeleton elevator, N.I. 3 pt. PTO  
hopper seeder-fertilizer, I.H. no. 30 manure spreader,  
Case 8 ft. transport disk, Pittsburg 12 ft. harrow used 1  
yr., I.H. 10 ft. tractor harrow, A.C. single row corn  
snapper, 2 wheel trailer, I.H. 4 knife silo filler, post  
hole digger w-12 in. auger like new, 3 pt. blade, Agway  
8 hole hog feeder, some Locust posts, wheelbarrow, set  
of tractor chains, pair of good used 13 x 28 tractor tires,  
pony and horse saddles, log chains and misc. farm  
items.

### REAL ESTATE AT 12 NOON

A 67 acre farm (55 A. tillable) will be offered if not  
sold prior to sale. Included is a 7 room and bath  
aluminum sided house, a barn w-29 tie stalls, milk  
house, 12 x 40 cement silo and other improvements. For  
more information, contact owners.

Terms - CASH Lunch at Sale  
Real Estate 10 percent down.

**JOHN AND SARA SAUSMAN**

R.D.1, McVeytown, Pa.

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