

1975 farm exports push U.S. trade to record surplus

Farm exports were mainly responsible for a new record over-all U.S. trade surplus during calendar 1975. It all came about despite a slight dip in farm exports for the year.

Here's how it worked out: Though farm exports dipped from \$22 billion in 1974 to \$21.9 billion in 1975, farm imports dipped even more — from \$10.25 billion in 1974 to \$9.3 billion. This pushed the agricultural trade surplus to a record \$12.6 billion, up from a previous high of \$11.7 billion in 1974.

The agricultural trade surplus more than offset a non-ag trade deficit to give the U.S. a trade surplus of \$10.3 billion for the year, topping a previous high (of \$10.275 billion) set more than 30 years earlier (in 1944).

The slight dip in agricultural exports came

about as the result of lower prices that more than offset higher volumes. Over-all volume was up 7 pct.

As a result, though exports of wheat, at 32.0 million tons, were up 22 pct. from a year earlier, nearly 50 pct. above that of 1972, the value of wheat exports, at \$5.353 billion, was up only 16 pct. from a year earlier. While the volume of soybean exports, at 12.5 million tons, was down 10 pct., the value of soybean exports, at \$2.865 billion, was off 19 pct.

While the volume of rice exports, at 2.1 million tons, was up 24 pct., the value of rice exports, at \$858 million, was up only 1 pct.

One exception to the rule: Feed grain exports, at 40.4 million tons, were up 8 pct., but value of feed grain exports, at \$5.239 billion, was up 13 pct.

NEPPCO plans convention

Three program committees for the Northeastern Poultry Convention will meet in the Springfield, Massachusetts, Marriott Hotel, March 22, to plan the program for the Convention to be held in Springfield's Civic Center, August 24-26.

NEPPCO executive director, Dick Ammon, has announced the opening of the sale of exhibit space for the Northeastern Convention. All applications received by April 1 will be assigned space on that date, Ammon said. After April 1, the remaining unreserved space will be offered on a first-come-first-served basis.

Exhibit brochures have been mailed to a large list of poultry industry firms and

some applications have already been returned, Ammon declared. Anyone interested in exhibiting who has not received a brochure should contact Ammon at 215-547-0190 or write c-o NEPPCO, 322 Oxford Valley Rd., Fairless Hills, Pa. 19030.

Charge It

Credit cards are called charge cards because of the shock you receive along with the monthly bill. Then there's the latest definition of an optimist: the guy who tries to go to the left in a revolving door. Of course you know about the garage sale where no one would buy the shack.

Public Sales Register

WED. MARCH 10 - 11 A.M. Public Sale of 145 Head of Dairy Cattle, 4 John Deere Tractors and Machinery located east of Frederick, Md. on 170 to New Market, Md. 7 miles East of New Market on Route 144; left on Woodville Road to Jacobs Road, east to farm or off Route 27 at Mt. Airy, Md. on Old Annapolis Road to Jacobs Road. Sale by David Wayne Knott; Robert C. Mullendore, Auctioneer.

THURS. MAR. 11 - 11:00 A.M. Machinery Consignment Auction. Located

near Troy, Pa. Rt. 14 40 mi. North of Williamsport, Pa. Tom Young, Auctioneer.

THURS. MARCH 11 - 5:30 P.M. Public Auction at the Hat & Gavel Auction Co. located one mile North of Litz along Rt. 501. Willbur H. Hoasler, Auctioneer.

FRI. MARCH 12 - 6 P.M. Public Sale at the Gap Auction located off Route 41 - Lancaster Ave. opposite Turkey Hill Minit Market, Cross RR Bridge. Antiques Sold at Every Auction. Ira Stoltzfus and Son, Auctioneers.

SAT. MARCH 13 - 1 P.M. Public Auction of Valuable Real Estate, 2.8 acre Farmette with barn and a large house located Rt. 772 just about 1 mile East of Rothsville and about 1 mile West of Brownstown, Pa. Sale by Norman F. and Donna L. Burkholder; Sanford G. Leaman and Donald Groff, Auctioneers.

TUES. MARCH 16 - 11:30 A.M. Public Sale of Farm Equipment, Truck, Sleigh, and Camper located along Rt. 512, between Bath and Moorestown, Northampton Co., Pa. Sale by Lloyd Oll; Ralph W. Zettlemoyer Auction Co., Sale conductor and Auctioneer.

TUES. MARCH 16 - 6 P.M. Public Auction of Furniture, Glassware, Appliances, etc. at the Farmersville Auction located at Farmersville, 3 miles East of Brownstown, Lancaster Co. Sale by John J. Rutt; Richard Murray, Auctioneer.

WED. MARCH 17 - 12:00 Noon Draft Horse and Mule Sale at Sales Stables along Route 340, 2 miles East of Intercourse, 4 miles South of New Holland, Lancaster County, Pa. Sale by Paul Z. Martin, Blue Ball, Penna.; Martin Auctioneers.

THURS. MARCH 18 - 12 Noon Special Spring Cow Sale by Melvin Kolb, at his Maryland Farm Sale Barn, located 1/2 mile Northwest of Woodsboro, on Route 550, Frederick County. James G. Trout and Robert Mullendore, Auctioneers. Sale by Mel Kolb, Sale Manager.

THURS. MARCH 18 - 10:30 A.M. Large Public Sale of Potato and Tomato Harvesting Equipment, Tractors, Farm Machinery, etc. Tools located approx. 6 miles South of Red Lion off Rt. 74 along the road from Brogue to Lucky. Watch for signs. Sale by Mr. & Mrs. Glenn

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champion hog showmen, with the trophy presented by Bomgardner's Hampshires.

The champion hog fitter was Bonnie Arnold, receiving a trophy from Lil' Dutch Acres. She was also recognized for her Farm Show placings, for which Florin Feeds provided an appropriate award. Other Farm Show participants who were recognized and their respective award donors were: Jeff Heisey, Burkholder's Meat Market; Todd Brajkovich, Harper's Valley Landrace; Michael Brajkovich, Midway Mills; Gase Mase, Mark Hershey Feeds; and Janice Seaman, receiving his award from Harry Bachman.

In lamb competition at the Farm Show, Nicole Emrich, Amy Jo Brandt and Irene Brown were cited for their showings. Miss Emrich had the champion pen of lambs for the County and received a plaque from I.M. Long Insurance. Miss Brandt had the reserve champion entry and was given an award from Wieland's Flowers and Plant Shop. John H. Boger and Son, Inc. presented Miss Brown with her award.

The 4-H club members annually vote for a club leader whom they feel has served them most meritoriously and that recognition this year went to Mrs. Christian Seaman, who has been a club leader for six years.

PUBLIC SALE OF FARM MACHINERY

Along Bell Road, 4 miles south of Nine Points, 6 miles north of Oxford and 4 miles East of Kirkwood.

SATURDAY, MARCH 27, 1976

At 11:30

I.H.C. 574 Diesel utility w-weights and cylinder (275 hrs.), John Deere 60 w-good rubber & cylinder (good), Oliver 550 tractor w-59A Oliver loader & hyd. fork, Allis Chalmers - B w-cultivators, Sears garden tractor w-disc & cultivators, Stallion twin 7 hp. lawn mower, I.H.C. 440 - 16 in. 3 bottom trip plow, John Deere KBA disc, J.D. 9 ft. harrow, land roller, New Holland 67 hayliner w-thrasher, J.D. No. 5 mower 7 ft., 2 hay rack wagons 1 new on 1065 J.D. gear, J.D. No. 300 elevator 30 ft. w-motor, J.D. No. 1 crimper, 2 flat bed wagons, J.D. No. 18 - 1 row cornpicker, 2 Dunham grain bins 1 on wagon, J.D. 2 row No. 290 cornplanter w-fert.

Gleaner C2 combine diesel 14 ft. head motor overhauled last year; 1969 Ford 600 w-16 ft. new bed and sides. 46,000 miles (good rubber).

Bearcat grinder mixer, J.D. Van Brunt 15 disc drill, Walch 3 pt. sprayer fiberglass tank, J.D. 10 ft. limespreader, Ford 3 pt. cultivator, 2 row transplanter on steel, Iron age transplanter w-fert. attached, single tobacco ladders on wheels, single collapsible tobacco ladders, double tobacco ladders, tobacco lath & press, I.H.C. forage harvester w-1 row head,

J.D. No. 33 spreader, 3 pt. blade, I.H.C. 1 row potato digger ground driven, walking plow, saw buck, bag wagon scales, wench, heat houser fits J.D. 2010, corn sheller, cement mixer, 60 ft. belt, silage cart, 40 ft. aluminum ex. ladder.

16 x 60 Fickes silo filled 3 times, Badger 16 ft. silo unloader emptied silo 3 times, app. 15 ton corn, forks, chains, shovels, ox yoke, copper kettle, grain cradle and other articles not mentioned.

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PUBLIC AUCTION

OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

SATURDAY, MARCH 13, 1976

AT 1:00 P.M.

2.8 ACRE FARMETTE WITH BARN AND A LARGE HOUSE

This is a real fine piece of real estate. Approx. 1,300 feet of road frontage. The house has 12 rooms, large living room, large family sized modern eat-in kitchen. There is one bath, a lovely sun porch (enclosed) and several storage rooms. This property is in an excellent location close to everything. The barn is set up for cows, horses, steers, pigs, chickens, etc. There is also a garage for cars or buggies. A good location to raise produce and sell it along the road in the food stand. Lots of potential!!!!

DIRECTIONS: Rt. 772 just about 1 mile East of Rothsville and about 1 mile West of Brownstown, PA.

Terms: 10 percent Down Day of Sale.
Settlement: On or before April 15, 1976.
INSPECTION: March 6, 1976 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

Sale by:

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AUCTIONEERS:
Sanford G. Leaman & Donald Groff
ATTORNEY: Alspach & Ryder

PUBLIC SALE

FARM EQUIP., TRUCK, SLEIGH, CAMPER

TUES., MARCH 16, 1976

At 11:30 A.M.

Located along Rt. 512 between Bath & Moorestown, Northampton Co., PA.

J.D. No. 60 tractor, live pto, 3 pt., rollomatic; J.D. No. 45 front end loader w-snow bucket for same; M.H. No. 81 Jr. tractor w-cult.; J.D. 24T pto baler; J.D. No. 27 2 row mtd. corn husker; N.I. No. 7 single row corn husker; J.D. 4 row mtd. cult.; Ontario 14 x 8 single disc grain drill on steel; J.D. 14 single disc grain drill on rubber; J.D. 7' mower; J.D. 3 pt., 3 btm. 14" trip plow; Brillion 9' double roll cultipacker; J.D. 8' disc; J.D. 12' tractor harrow; J.D. 10' lime spreader; Bradley 4 bar side rake; Oliver 4 row corn planter; Little Giant gravity flow wagon; (2) 4 whl. trailer w-grain sides; 24' bale elev.; 16' grain elev.; 4" x 20' auger; J.D. 2 way hyd. cyl.; J.D. combine engine; 12" hammermill; wdn. wheel barrow; 1 horse sleigh, swan front, good cond.; 1 strap sleigh bells; double ox yoke; feed chests; hog troughs; 10 hole hog self feeder; iron water trough; (2) cast iron butcher stoves w-50 gal. kettles; horse drawn grass mower; 42" lawn sweeper; 1948 Chev. 5 ton dump truck, working order.

CAMPER: Phoenix 8 1/2 pickup camper in excellent condition; plus many items too numerous to mention.

Refreshments Served.

Terms - Cash or Check, day of sale.

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