

Pa. hunters successful in deer-bear season

HUNTERS TOOK 71,966 BUCKS

Pennsylvania's deer hunters recorded their second largest buck harvest in history during the 1975-76 whitetail seasons, according to reports filed with the Game Commission.

Cards mailed in by successful hunters indicate 71,966 antlered deer were taken, while another 66,209 hunters in the state reported tagging antlerless deer. The total reported whitetail harvest was 138,915.

The 1974-75 figures were 70,689 antlered deer and 54,963 antlerless whitetails, for a total harvest of 125,652.

The 1975-76 antlerless harvest was the sixth largest on record, and the total harvest was the fifth highest since record-keeping began in 1915.

The most recent buck harvest was exceeded only in 1967, when the record 78,268 were reported tagged.

Of the thirteen largest buck harvests in the state's history, twelve have occurred in the last twelve years, and of the four antlered deer harvests which have exceeded 70,000, three have been recorded in the last three years.

Prior to the season, the Game Commission said that it hoped that hunters would harvest at least 65,000 bucks and a minimum of another 65,000 antlerless whitetails.

The one-day extension of the antlerless deer season on Saturday, December 20, was completely justified, reports show. Cards returned by successful hunters indicate 14,251 whitetails were taken on that day. Had there been no extension of the season, the antlerless harvest would have been only about 52,000, far short of the desired 65,000 minimum.

Potter County, traditionally one of the best deer hunting areas in the state, led all counties in buck, antlerless and total harvests during the 1975-76 seasons. Hunters reported taking 4,085 antlered deer in Potter and 4,300 antlerless whitetails, for a total of 8,385 deer from "God's Country."

Following Potter in antlered deer harvest were

Tioga, 2,605; Bradford, 2,498; Lycoming, 2,485; and Clearfield, 2,439.

Other leading antlerless harvest counties were Tioga, 2,674; Bradford, 2,632; Huntingdon, 2,365; and McKean, 2,361.

Counties other than Potter leading in total harvest for 1975-76 were Tioga, 5,279; Bradford, 5,130; Lycoming, 4,661; McKean, 4,565; and Huntingdon, 4,564.

The buck total included 52,579 with three or more points and 19,407 spikes, while the antlerless figure included 54,833 females and 11,376 males.

The Game Commission emphasizes that all figures are actual counts of report cards filed by hunters.

388 BLACK BEARS TAKEN BY HUNTERS

Bear hunters harvested 388 bruins during Pennsylvania's one-day season on November 24, according to the Game Commission.

The 1975 harvest was well above the 223 bears taken in the 1974 season. However, much more favorable

weather conditions prevailed during the 1975 season.

During the 1975 season the top bear-producing counties were Pike, 55; Clinton, 40; Lycoming, 34; Monroe, 27; Elk, 25; Centre, 24; Cameron, 22; and Tioga, 21.

Resident hunters took 368 of the bears, while the other twenty were bagged by non-residents. Game protectors reported that 175 of the bruins, or slightly less than one half of the total harvest, were males.

INVITATION TO COUNT DEER HARVEST CARDS

Every year deer harvest figures compiled by the Game Commission are questioned, but so far no one who has looked at the report cards mailed in by hunters has challenged the accuracy of the count.

Again this year, the Game Commission extends an open invitation to any interested individual, group or groups to come to commission headquarters in Harrisburg to examine and-or count the report cards filed by hunters.

Broiler production up 20 pct.

HARRISBURG - Poultry production continues to increase over last year, according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service.

Placements of broiler chicks in the commonwealth for the week ending February 28, were 1,376,000. This represents a six percent increase over the corresponding week a year ago, but a slight dip of five percent from the previous week.

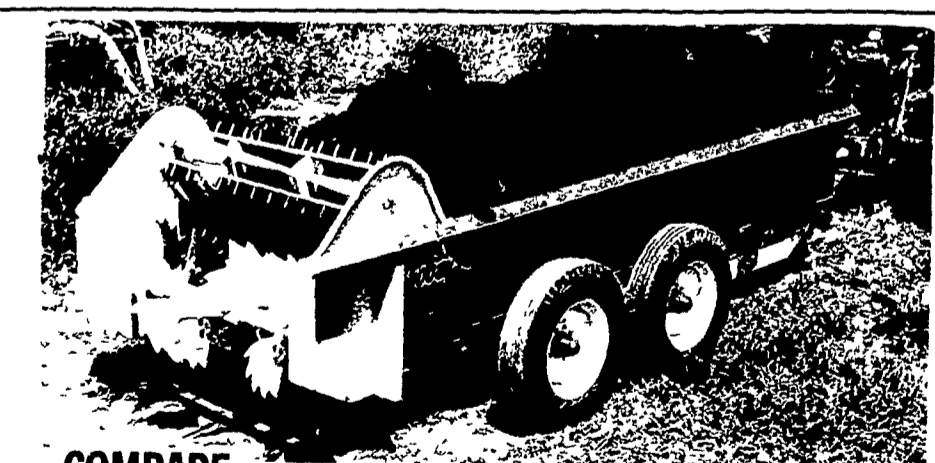
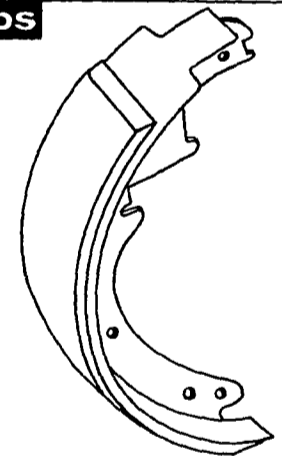
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In the 21 key poultry producing states, placements were 62,792,000. This is four percent above the previous week and nine percent above the same week last year.

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Farmer cooperatives meet

Representatives from local farmer cooperatives attended South Central Regional Meeting in Carlisle on February 20 at the Embers Restaurant. Attending from the local Adams-Franklin-York Council were: Bob Whitman from Agway Feed Mill; Bob Stover Production Credit Association of York; Roy Weaner, Interstate Milk Producers; Jay Waybright of Maryland Milk Producers; John Peters of Knouse Foods; and George Glenn, Leo Weaver, Ruth Ann Orndorff and Dawn Bodenbergh of Adams Electric Cooperative. Gil Evans also of Adams Electric Cooperative served

as Planning Committee Chairman of the meeting. The theme of the meeting was to explore the big issues facing farmer cooperatives and the role of consumers and organized labor in the cooperatives' present and future. Thomas A. Brewer, Penn State University, pointed out issues co-ops face as Public Image, Member Education, Legislation, Growth and Finances. Wayne Bouchard, Technical Sales Representative for Automatic Switch Company,

presented the consumer's interest in cooperatives and cited that rising costs falling upon consumers make the farmer and consumers natural allies in fighting these rising costs and business profits. State Pennsylvania Association of Farmer Cooperative programs were reviewed and upcoming events announced by Hal Doran, Penn State Cooperative Specialist, coordinates the PAFC program throughout Pennsylvania.



You have heard it was said, You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy. But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your father who is in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and the unjust.
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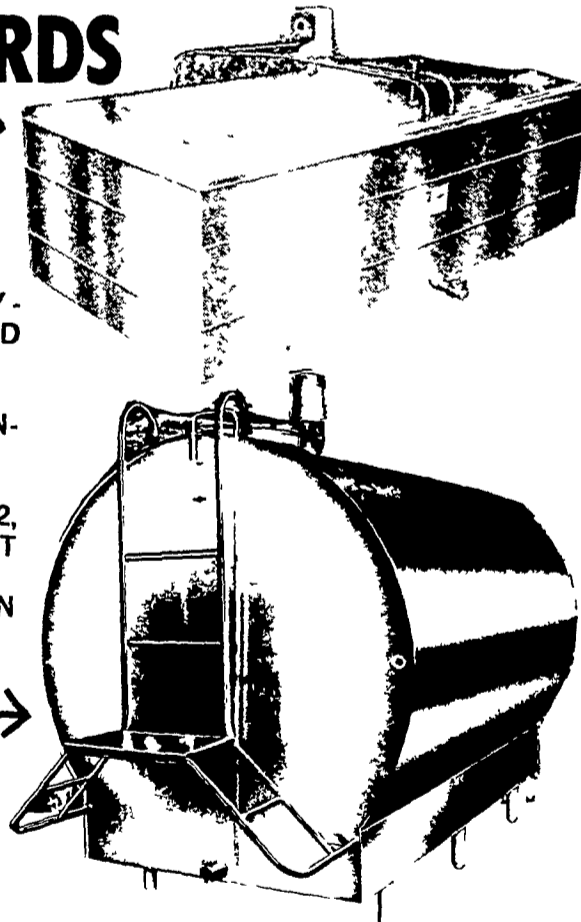
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