

Southern and E. shore produce chipping into potato price

By JOYCE BUYP
York Co. Reporter
YORK, Pa. - "Our yields
are down; our prices down;

how come the cost of a pound
of potato chips at the
supermarket keeps going up
and up?" questions Vernard

Bacon, Red Lion RD1,
president of the York County
Potato Growers Association.
Growers who raise the raw

materials for the crunchy
chips are unhappy with the
price being paid for the
spuds, which are just now
beginning to come out of the
ground.

York County potatoes are
expected to be of excellent
chipping quality this year,
because of the dry growing
conditions. The dryness
causes a solid, low-moisture
flesh which will yield greater
volumes of chips after the
frying process. One grower
has reported that area
potatoes are producing 25
pounds of finished chips for
each hundred pounds of
potatoes used.

Southern states and
Eastern Shore potatoes,
though, are cutting into the
local markets. And, while
area growers are reporting
record costs of anywhere
from to \$1200 per acre of
delivered potatoes, buyers
are paying only \$3.50 per
hundredweight. That's
already down 50 cents from
last year's early season
price.

"Prices are set by supply
and demand," stated
Francis Shive, potato buyer
for ElGe Potato Chip Co.,
Inc., of York, when
questioned by growers about
price-setting policies.
Before a chip company

will accept a truckload of
potatoes for processing, the
grower must bring a sample
of the crop to be tested for
specific gravity, which in-
dicates potato moisture.
There is no price differential
offered for varying grades of
potato quality.

If potatoes will not "chip,"
the other alternative is to sell
them to a food processing
plant for "french frying."
"And the price you get for
those depends on just how
badly a fellow wants to get
rid of that truckload of
potatoes; they might give
you \$2.00 per hun-
dredweight," wryly con-
cluded Bacon.

Upcoming fairs listed

Aug. 18-20	Bucks	Middletown Grange Fair, Wrightstown
Aug. 21-27	Franklin	Franklin County Fair, Chambersburg
Aug. 21-27	Somerset	Somerset County Fair, Meyersdale
Aug. 21-27	Westmoreland	Westmoreland County Fair, Greensburg
Aug. 22-26	Susquehanna	Harford Fair, Harford
Aug. 22-27	Crawford	Crawford County Fair, Meadville
Aug. 22-27	Fayette	Bullskin Township Fair, Wooddale
Aug. 22-27	Fulton	Fulton County Fair, McConnellsburg
Aug. 23-27	Beaver	Hookstown Fair, Hookstown
Aug. 23-27	Mercer	Transfer Harvest Home Fair, Transfer
Aug. 23-27	Northampton	Blue Valley Farm Show, Bangor
Aug. 23-27	Perry	Perry County Fair, Newport
Aug. 25-27	Allegheny	Mount Nebo Grange Fair, Sewickley
Aug. 26 - Sept. 1	Centre	Centre County Fair, Centre Hall
Aug. 29 - Sept. 3	Erie	Wattsburg Fair, Wattsburg
Aug. 29 - Sept. 3	Monroe	West End Fair, Gilbert
Aug. 30 - Sept. 3	Sullivan	Sullivan County Fair, Forksville
Aug. 30 - Sept. 5	Wayne	Greene-Dreher-Sterling Fair, Newfoundland
Aug. 31 - Sept. 3	Beaver	Big Knob Grange Fair, Rochester
Aug. 31 - Sept. 5	Mercer	Great Stoneboro Fair, Stoneboro
Sept. 1-5	Warren	Bear Lake Community Fair, Bear Lake
Sept. 3-10	Juniata	Juniata County Fair, Port Royal
Sept. 5-10	Adams	South Mountain Fair, Arendtsville
Sept. 5-10	Cambria	Cambria County Fair, Ebensburg
Sept. 5-10	Erie	Waterford Community Fair, Waterford
Sept. 5-10	Indiana	Ox Hill Community Fair, Home
Sept. 6-10	Crawford	Spartansburg Community Fair, Spartansburg
Sept. 6-10	Mercer	Pymatuning Community Fair, Jamestown
Sept. 8-11	Luzerne	Dallas Area Fair, Dallas
Sept. 9-17	York	York Inter-State Fair, York
Sept. 12-15	Blair	Bellwood Antis Farm Show, Bellwood
Sept. 12-17	Indiana	Green Township Community Fair, Commodore
Sept. 13-16	Blair	Greenfield Township Community Fair, Claysburg
Sept. 13-16	Lancaster	Southern Lancaster County Fair, Quarryville
Sept. 13-17	Erie	Albion Area Fair, Albion
Sept. 13-17	Washington	West Alexander Fair, West Alexander
Sept. 14-17	Somerset	Berlin Brothersvalley Fair, Berlin
Sept. 15-17	Berks	Oley Valley Fair, Oley
Sept. 15-17	Erie	North East Community Fair, North East
Sept. 18-22	Snyder	Beaver Community Fair, Beaver Springs
Sept. 19-24	Dauphin	Gratz Fair, Gratz
Sept. 20-24	Lancaster	Ephrata Fair, Ephrata
Sept. 21-24	Blair	Sinking Valley Com. Farm Show, Sinking Valley
Sept. 21-24	Clearfield	Harmoney Grange Fair, Westover
Sept. 26-29	Blair	Williamsburg Community Fair, Williamsburg
Sept. 26 - Oct. 1	Columbia	Bloomsburg Fair, Bloomsburg
Sept. 26 - Oct. 1	Lancaster	Elizabethtown Marketplace Fair, Elizabethtown
Sept. 27-30	Blair	Morrison Cove Community Fair, Martinsburg
Sept. 28-30	Lancaster	West Lampeter Community Fair, Lampeter
Sept. 28-Oct. 1	Lancaster	New Holland Fair, New Holland
Sept. 29 - Oct. 2	Schuylkill	Tri Valley Community Fair, Hegins
Oct. 3-6	Blair	Holidaysburg Community Fair, Holidaysburg
Oct. 4-7	Lancaster	Manheim Community Fair, Manheim
Oct. 5-8	Chester	Unionville Community Fair, Unionville
Oct. 20-22	York	Dillsburg Community Fair, Dillsburg
Nov. 25-27	Fayette	Uniontown Poul. & Farm Prod. Show, Uniontown

Egg report available

PARK RIDGE, Ill. - A
definite interest in U.S. eggs
has been reported by con-
sultants to the American
Egg Board after visiting
Egypt and Teheran, Iran.

The purpose of the trip,
which included exhibiting at
Mideast Trade Fairs, was to
learn and report on export
problems and possibilities
for U.S. eggs and spent fowl.

The main limiting factor in
the exportation of eggs,
according to the report, is
the freight rates. Transit
time was not expected to be a
problem.

The consultants reported
that the market is
predominantly for white
eggs with little interest in
dried egg products or canned
poultry products.

Interested organizations
may receive a copy of the
complete report and be
placed on a mailing list for
export information by
contacting: American Egg
Board, Export Development
Committee, 205 Touhy, Park
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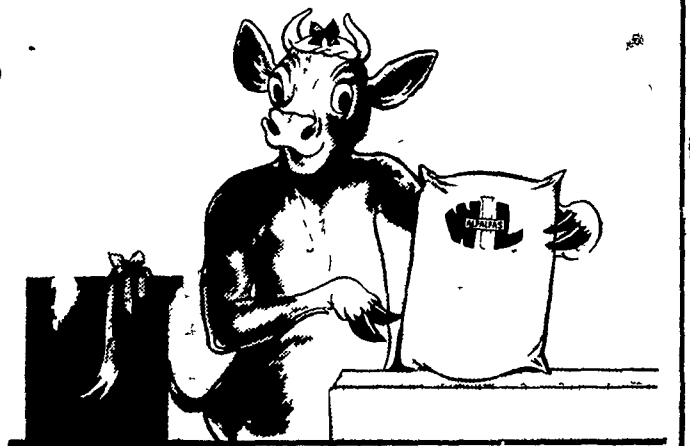
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