S.E. Central Pa. consumers pay least in state for food

HARRISBURG - A six-month survey of food basket prices conducted by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture reveals that southeast central consumers have paid the lowest average price for food in the state.

Kent Shelhamer, Pennsylvania secretary of agriculture, said that the survey indicated costs for the average "food basket" in Adams, Berks, Dauphin, Lancaster and Lebanon Counties averaged $10.50 from March to August. During that period, the food basket cost in the region rose from $10.08 in March to $10.83 in July, a 75 cent increase. However, the food basket cost dropped 10 cents in August to a figure of $10.73.

Over the six-month period, the southeast central food basket average rose 65 cents or 6.4 per cent in the region, Shelhamer said.

The survey, conducted by the Department's Bureau of Rural Affairs, compared the prices of 14 sample food basket items in both rural and urban stores from March 1977 to August 1977. Shelhamer said that the survey was intended to provide consumers with retail food price information.

Country fair set for Oct. 8

LAMPETER – A Country fair and Border Collie Sheep Dog exhibition will be held on October 8 at the Lampeter Fairgrounds, here. The fair is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with admission $1 per [illegible]

The fair is sponsored by Preceptor Kappa Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority with the fair proceeds going to the United Cerebral Palsy Chapter of Lancaster

Border Collie exhibitions will be at 10 a.m., 12 p.m., and 4 p.m. Andy Slater and his Scottish Band will perform at 11 a.m. The W S B A Mobile Unit from York will be there from noon till 2 p.m. They will [illegible] broadcasting [illegible] spaces available [illegible] wanted [illegible] any hand made items. One should call Mrs. Charles Rahe at 717-394-9904 if he would like to have a space available.

A clown will be giving out balloons to the children. At 1 p.m. there will be a magic show by Ira Fickes, plus games for all ages, the moon walk, and pony rides.

Preceptor Kappa Chapter will be selling hand made craft items plus chiken corn soup, barbeque, hot dogs, and drinks which will be on sale all day

The United Cerebral Palsey Chapter will have a flea market with all kinds of items for sale and a bake goods table Anyone willing to donate items for the flea market or baked goods should contact Mrs Harry Rodeno 717-394-9363

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