

## Egg outlook

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for major improvement in the coming few months but offered a brighter outlook sometime around November.

Bradley said the drop in egg prices was related to the general economic recession and the recession which has been felt for the past several months by all of the food industry.

His projections for Urner-Barry large white prices, monthly average, looked like this:

April, 59 cents; May, 57; June, 59; July, 62; August, 66; September, 69; October 67; November, 72; December, 77; January 1981, 74; February, 71; and March 74 cents.

He said the price projections for the coming quarter should be accurate within a penny. For the July-September period he allowed about two cents leeway, with three cents variation for the last quarters of 1980.

Bradley said the national laying flock numbers were down in March for the first time in three years.

He said there now are one to two percent fewer birds in production but his projections show there will be as many eggs produced because of younger hens and better production rates.

Bradley said the bright side of the picture was the fact 1980 is an election year, and the general feeling the recession will end in the fourth quarter of 1980.

The dark side is that USDA says breeder placements have not eased, that feed costs are going up dramatically, and that a potential short upward spurt in the price of eggs may tempt people to stop selling off birds and force the current price slump into the early part of 1981.

Al Wenger said Southeastern Pennsylvania producers are best located for survival.

He conceded that the inefficient producer and

marketer is on the way out. He said the rest of the egg business will sharpen up its skills. He noted that most eggmen will think twice about future planning and expansion.

Wenger noted that local houses are modern and efficient, and that they are ideally located for the major Northeastern markets.

"We will survive. We will benefit," he predicted.

The conference, moderated by Lancaster

TANEYTOWN, Md. — The Maryland Pork Producers have scheduled a busy day for Saturday, April 26th. They will be holding their

County Poultry Extension Specialist Jay Irwin, was sponsored by the Northeast Egg Marketing Association.

Among other topics discussed were insurance for poultry houses, egg promotion and marketing, and problems with labor relations and wage and hour regulations.

Western Shore Feeder Pig Show and Sale, along with a judging workshop.

Franklin Feeser, chairman of the show and sale, announced there will be quality feeder pigs available at the sale, which will be held at the Carroll County Agricultural Center, Smith Avenue, Westminster. He pointed out there were several county and state fair winners purchased from the sale in the past.

He added there will again be a purebred gilt class. The

judge for the show will be Warren Beeler from the Hampshire Swine Registry.

The days activities will get under way at 9 a.m. with the judging school registration for individuals, teams and adults. The judging contest gets going at 9:30 a.m.

The feeder pig show begins at 1 p.m., with the sale following at 3 p.m.

For more information on entry regulations, contact Franklin Feeser, Box 372, Taneytown, Md. 21787.

### Standing Pilgrims

During their pilgrimage to Mecca, Muslims stand on the Plain of Arafat and pray from noon until sun

down, says National Geographic Pilgrims rest up the day before at a nearby village for this day of "standing" the high point of their ritual

# Maryland Pork Producers to hold sale

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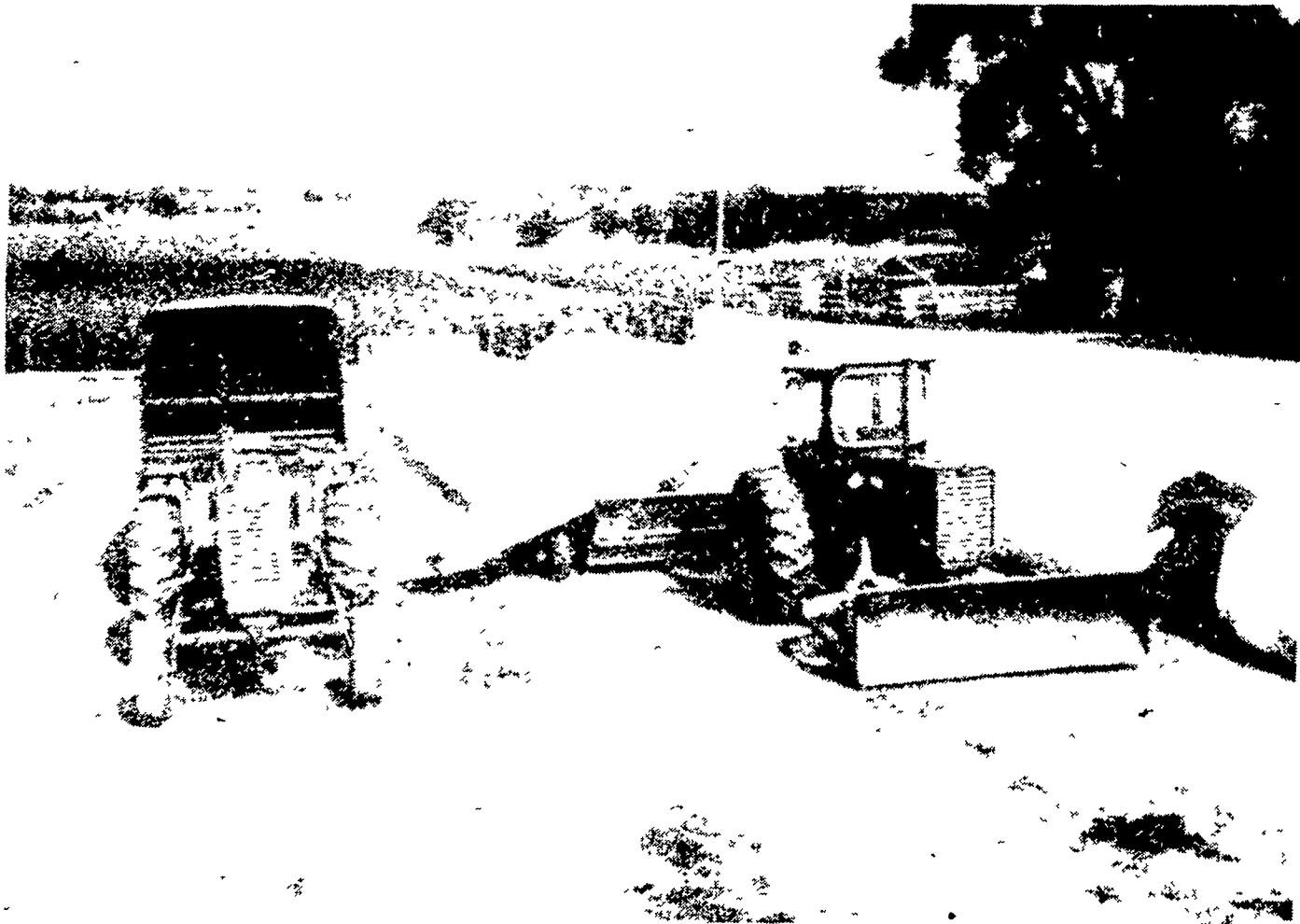
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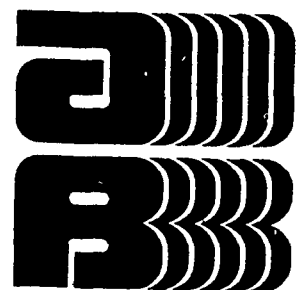


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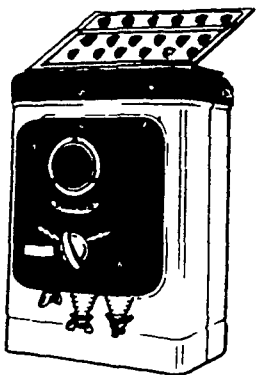
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