

## Smaller acreage, freeze mean higher veg prices

LITITZ — Smaller acreages of the major fresh vegetables, plus a damaging January freeze in Florida, will mean sharply higher prices this winter.

The index of prices received by farmers for fresh market vegetables stood at 250 (1967=100) in December 1980, compared with 195 a year earlier. The index is expected to increase further this winter, and prices may average 15 to 20 percent above a year ago.

Smaller supplies of canned and frozen vegetables, plus increased marketing costs, will keep prices for processed vegetable products also substantially above a year ago.

The January 1, 1981, planted acreage of vegetables for fresh market was down four percent from a year ago. Assuming average yields, output would have been six percent smaller than last year's bountiful harvests but still slightly above 1978 and 1979.

Smaller production was expected for broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, celery, sweet corn, escarole-endeive, lettuce, spinach, and tomatoes. But, prior to the freeze, larger production was expected for carrots, snap beans, eggplant, and green peppers.

On the nights of January 12 and 13, Florida temperatures dipped below freezing and remained there several hours. Further damage occurred January 19.

Generally, the damage to vegetables was greatest on the southwest coast and less severe south and east of Lake Okeechobee. Considerable acreage of tomatoes, green peppers, cucumbers, and squash was lost.

Total supplies of fresh vegetables from Florida during February and March could show a drop two or three times the six percent decline expected earlier.

Packs of canned vegetables in 1980 were substantially smaller than in 1979. Most notable were smaller packs of peas and tomatoes, following the burdensome packs of a year earlier.

The frozen vegetable industry also reported smaller packs, and January 1 stocks, at 1.7 billion pounds, were 12 percent smaller than a year ago.

Thus, the total supply of processed vegetables for the 1980-81 marketing year is below a year earlier, and some items are in tight supply.

The ESS index of wholesale prices for canned vegetables in January averaged 219.3 (1967=100), 14 percent higher than a year ago. Prices are expected to

remain substantially higher until the new pack gets under way next summer.

Fall potato production declined to 265 million cwt. in 1980, down 11 percent from 1979 and the smallest crop since 1973. Potato production was down 14 percent in the Eastern States, 12 percent in the Midwest, and 10 percent in the nine Western States.

On January 1, 1981, 144 million cwt of potatoes remained to be sold, 18 percent less than a year ago and 26 percent less than in January 1979. Grower prices this season are the highest in several years.

In December, the U.S. average price was \$6.06 per cwt, compared with \$3.52 a year ago.

With production the

smallest on record, grower prices for sweet potatoes during fall 1980 were also the highest in recent years. High raw product prices and a large carryover of canned sweet potatoes from the 1979 crop sharply reduced the pack in 1980, but total supplies will be sufficient for usual needs.

In 1980, the mushroom industry's steady growth was interrupted by large imports of canned mushrooms.

The U.S. International Trade Commission found that the imports were damaging the domestic industry, and the President imposed a schedule of tariffs, effective November 1, 1980, for the following three years. It is too early to assess the tariffs' effects on the

imports.

U.S. production of dry edible beans rose in 1980 to a record 26.1 million cwt.—up 27 percent from 1979 and 38 percent from 1978. Nevertheless,

prices for the 1980 crop have been higher, primarily because of large shipments to Mexico and a generally strong export market.

### PA LANDRACE ASSN. SPRING STATE SHOW & SALE SATURDAY, MARCH 14

Show 9:00 A.M.  
Sale 1:00 P.M.

Held at the Lebanon County Fairgrounds, intersection of Cornwall and Evergreen Roads.



Approximately 60 head of animals  
**BRED GILTS-OPEN GILTS-BOARS**  
Lunch Available by Lebanon Co 4-H  
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**Larry G. Baum**  
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### PUBLIC SALE

**OF FARM MACHINERY  
& USED LUMBER  
SAT., FEB. 28, 1981**

LOCATED: East of Ephrata, Pa., off Rt. 272 at Rocky Ridge Auto Parts, turn North on Schoenick Rd. Go 1 mile (or through 2 crossroads) to 1st farm on right. "Watch for signs".  
10:00 A.M.

#### 13-TRACTORS

Deutz 9006; 2 - Massey Ferguson 65 Diesels, Case 300 w/Power Steering & 3 pt.; Farmall C Tractor; Allis Chalmers D17 w/wide front; D15; WD45; B; C; WC, D10; J.D. 2 & 4 cylinder Power Units; Farmall H for parts.

#### HAY BALERS & HAYBINES

3 - Massey Ferguson Balers Models 3 - 10 - 12; Allis Chalmers 303; Long w/Motor; Int 420 - P.T.O.; 2 - A.C. 9 ft. Cut

Allis Chalmers trailer mower, New Idea trailer mower, New Idea 3 pt. mower, 4 New Idea Hay Conditioners, 36' Little Giant elevator, 32' Zimmermann elevator, Allis Chalmers 780 & 720 Harvesters w/2 row cornheads, Gehl & Case w/row head, Dion self unloading wagon, New Idea, New Holland & Stauffer PTO Spreader, Sauder loader w/cylinders on bucket, Allis Chalmers loader for D17, Model D Sauder loader, Allis Chalmers 4 & 5 bottom Semi Mtd. — Snap coupler 2 & 3 bottoms, Oliver 3 Bottom trailer, Allis Chalmers B or C Plow 2 way, A.C. Sub soilers, Case Sub Soiler, 1 Bottom John Deere Trailer Plow, 1 Bottom Oliver Plow Trailer Plow, tires & rims - 24-26-28- & 30 various sizes, 1 Row Int. Potato digger, mower for Allis Chalmers B or C, Easy Flow Fertilizer drills 12 ft., Field Sprayers, (Trailer & Mtd.), Owatonna Grinder Mixer, Bear Cat Grinder Mixer, Gran Trailer, several farm trailers, Allis Chalmers 4 row Model 500 Planter, Hershey 2 row Tobacco Planter, P.T.O. Tobacco dryer, Oliver & A.C. Grain drills, 3 pt. row marker, A.C. 1 row picker w/engine Mtd, 12 ft. Cultmulcher, 12 ft. Cultipacker, 10 ft. double Packer, Badger 30 ft Silage elevator, 2 aluminum Portable elevators, David Bradley Portable Hammer Mill, 2 row A.C. Planter, 10X30 Snavely Steel Silo, Cattle loading chute, cattle catcher, 3000 gal. tank, chain hoist, steam cleaner, anvil, Portable heater, 3 section Spike Harrow, 3 section rotary hoe, J.D. A.W. 12 ft. Disk w/36 blades, 3pt Disk, Sauder Blade, 3 wagons w/parts & farm related items, A.M.F. Snowmobile.

1000 Bales of 2 & 3 cutting alfalfa. Large amount of used lumber, firewood lumber, Cedar & Locust post, Tobacco rails, 30 barn doors of various sizes - 2 Brooder houses, some household items.

TERMS: CASH OR GOOD CHECK

#### REUBEN WEAVER

Ephrata, Pa. R.D.#1  
Ph 717-733-8708

**AUCTIONEERS:**  
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764-6412  
Paul Horst

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### PUBLIC SALE

**Horse Drawn Farm Machinery  
Livestock - Milking Equipment  
Holstein Dairy Herd  
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27**

9:30 A.M.

Located in Lancaster County, PA — 4 miles East of Quarryville — 2 miles Southwest of Green Tree at junction of Rts. 896 & 372 — Go West on 372 to first road South (Lamparter Rd.) 1 mile to sale on right.

#### 63 Head

Herd consists of 43 milking cows, 20 heifers, Hi-Grades. 11 cows fresh and springing, 10 bred for July & August, balance in all stages of lactation. Individual cows have milked over 100 lbs. per day.

— Young well bred herd with size and production —

6 heifers bred for summer freshening, 8 open yearlings, 6 small heifers. Vaccinated, 30 day charts, pregnancy checked.

Pair of black mules; pair of sorrel mules; 9-10 year olds; odd work horse, all well broke, ready to go to work.

6 set Heavy Harness; Bridles; Collars; Lanes.

#### MILKING EQUIPMENT

3 DeLaval milker units, 50 lb. pails; extra 50 lb. pail; Sterling alternating pulsation; 2 stainless steel carrying pails; 2 stainless steel strainers; Surge No. 60 Alamo vacuum pump, electric clutch, oil reclaimer; Bender unit washer.

#### FARM MACHINERY

Oliver I steel bottom trailer plow; John Deere disc harrow, nice condition; 3 section spring tooth harrow; Buchs single cultipacker; John Deere No. 9 grass mower, 7 ft bar; Cunningham crimper w/4 cycle Wisconsin engine, clutch; New Holland 56 rake; 1 row transplanter; John Deere 4 row corn planter; New Idea 206 manure spreader, used 2 years, A-1; flatbed wagon; 2 fore carts; 2-3-4 horse trees; 5-6 horse hitch; 6500 tobacco lath; 2 tobacco presses, 2 air supply tanks; fencers, 5 hog feeders, Pride A Farm, Agstas; 4 horse cooler compressor w/large ice box, Quincy air compressor, Model 216, platform and milk scales; approx 3 cord fire wood, 275 gal fuel tank; old tobacco sizing box, 1 ton Fertrell fertilizer; gas space heater; 72 slot metal bolt bin with new bolts; McCormick Deering 2 horse cultivator, wagon load of small items sold first, then farm machinery DAIRY HERD AT 12 30 P.M.

Dairymen, if you need replacements or just starting — make arrangements to see these well uttered animals sell!!!

TERMS BY:

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### Habecker & Carper PUBLIC AUCTION

**Absolute, Complete Liquidation of  
Full Outstanding Line of Farm Machinery,  
Grain Drying Equipment, Vehicles**  
Between 7,000-10,000 Bushels of Shelled Corn  
**FRIDAY, MARCH 20**

9:30 A.M.

Along Spring Valley Road, Rohrerstown, PA

Take Route 30 West of Lancaster, PA, get off at Rohrerstown Exit, "Watch For Auction Arrows". Farm located along Spring Valley Road, 2nd farm on right.

Between 7,000 To 10,000

Bushels of Shelled Corn

Approximately 15 Ton Ear Corn

Approximately 800 Bales Mixed Hay

Approximately 30 Ton Straw

TERMS: Cash, Certified Check, Bank Letter of Credit. Auction firm will only accept Personal Checks if Buyer is known by firm or if advanced approval is given to Buyer.

FOOD BY: Home Builders Sunday School Class of the Hempfield Church of the Brethren.

Sale By:

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2401 Spring Valley Road

Lancaster, Pa. 17601

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Ephrata, PA 17522

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### PUBLIC TOOL AUCTION

NAME BRANDS

Location: GORDONVILLE FIRE CO.,  
Off Route 30, Turn North on Old Leacock  
Road, Gordonville, PA.

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19**

6:30 P.M.

Sponsored By Gordonville Fire Co.

#### AIR COMPRESSORS - DRILL PRESS - ROLL AROUND TOOL BOXES

Air impact wrenches 3/8-1/2-3/4-1"; Circle Hand power saws; Saber Saws; Orbital Sanders; Disk Grinders And Buffers; Electric drills (all sizes); Air power chisel, drills & sanders; Bench vises (large & small); Hydraulic jacks; Bench Grinders; Hand tools (hammer, pliers); Open and boxed end wrenches; Large Assortment of socket sets; Carpenters tools; Metric socket sets; Metric Wrenches; Framing Squares; Drop cords; Cable power pulls; Measurement tapes; Hemp rope; Universal socket sets; Battery chargers; Adjustable wrench; Channellock tools; Jumper cables; Paint Brushes, Impact sockets, 3/8; Torque wrenches; Pipe wrenches; Fire Extinguishers; Allen wrenches; Camping items; Trouble lights; Yard lights; Extension Cords; Plumbing tools; Tap & Die sets; Drill bit sets; Tool boxes (all sizes), Electrical tape; Truck tarps; Work Gloves; Wall clocks; Car Cleaning Kits; Sandpaper; Air Hoses; Torch hoses; Screwdriver sets; Electric impact wrenches.

Sale items can be inspected one hour before sale time.

**CASH-OR APPROVED CHECK WITH PROPER I.D.**

Merchandise Guaranteed By Factory Warranty.

Not Responsible for changes Due to Strikes and Shipping Schedules. If Tax Exempt, must show Exemption Number.

**AUCTIONEERS:**

Ron Funk, 717/442-4279

and Jeff Knosp, 717/687-6539

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