

Heifer Project ships livestock to Africa

NEWBURGH, N.Y. — Recently, a major shipment of livestock and equipment left Steward Airport here bound for Cameroon, in West Africa. The shipment included 85 head of cattle, 61 goats, 56 sheep, 35 pigs, 51 rabbits and 1,100 day old chicks.

Heifer Project staff in Cameroon, working in conjunction with the Institute of Animal Pastoral Research of the Government of Cameroon, will receive all these animals and care for them through a period of quarantine, after which most will be distributed to needy farmers in the countryside.

The purpose of the project is to provide a system through which small, limited-resource farmers, whose main source of income is derived from farming, can benefit from the development of improved

breeds of livestock and poultry that have adapted to the environment of the country. A secondary objective is to increase the availability of dairy products, eggs and meat at a reasonable cost.

Prior to Heifer Project's involvement in Cameroon, all milk had to be imported, and was too expensive to be available to the average person in Cameroon. Through shipments in 1976 and earlier, a small dairy industry has been started, and many people are able to enjoy the benefits of having fresh, whole milk in their diets. The cattle that just have been sent will help to expand the dairy program and increase milk production. The dairy goats will also contribute to the dairy program, and the pigs, sheep and rabbits will be used as breeding

stock to improve meat production.

An additional 3,300 chicks will be shipped to Cameroon within a short time, and will all be used as parent stock for a hatchery being established. The hatchery will be able to supply local farmers with sex-link chicks that will be more

adapted to that climate.

Of the animals sent, many were from the Mid Atlantic Region. Included were 26 Holstein heifers, 3 Holstein bulls, one Jersey bull, 15 dairy goats, all 35 pigs, and 31 rabbits.

In addition, a good amount of

equipment and supplies were sent, most of which were purchased and prepared for shipment here at the Mid Atlantic Regional office of Heifer Project. For further information, please contact Heifer Project, P. O. Box 188, New Windsor, Md. 21776.

Broiler placements up

HARRISBURG — Placements of broiler chicks in the Commonwealth during the week ending June 20 were 2,313,000, according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service.


The placements were four percent above the corresponding week a year earlier but three percent below the previous week. Average placements during the past nine weeks were two percent above a year ago.

Placements in the 21 key poultry producing states were 84,399,000, one percent below the previous week but three percent above the same week a year earlier. Average placements in the 21 key states during the past nine weeks were four percent above a year ago.

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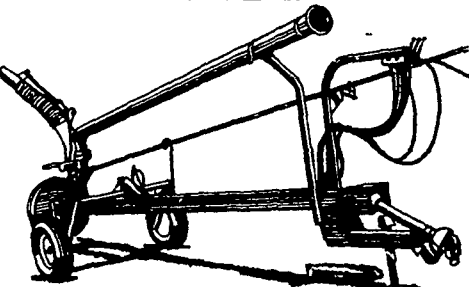
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