

# Pork future remains clouded

**UNIVERSITY PARK** — The long term decline in percent of disposable consumer income spent for meat is continuing according to Penn State economist H. Louis Moore. In 1980, consumers spent 2.3 percent of their income for beef compared to 2.7 percent 20 years earlier.

During the same 20 year period the proportion of consumer income spent for pork dropped from 1.7 percent to 1.2 percent. While this trend probably reflects growing affluence of U.S. consumers rather than a turn away from meat it has continued into 1981. Consumers have been expressing only a weak desire to buy meat this year, Moore contends.

Like the beef industry, the hog industry has operated at a loss in 1981. This happened because price gains were offset by high feed prices in the first half. Price improvement resulted from a cut-back in production. Pork production dropped one percent in the first quarter in 1981, 10 percent in the second quarter and is expected to be down seven percent during the current quarter.

But there is still a large supply of meat on the market as beef production rose a surprising four percent in the second quarter. Broiler production was up six percent during the April-June quarter.

Even smaller supplies of pork seem to be on the horizon. The June 1 Crop Report indicated the

total inventory was down eight percent. The breeding inventory is down 12 percent from a year earlier. There should be a tightening of pork supplies as the year progresses. Pennsylvania producers cut back even more than the national average during the March-May period.

The number of sows farrowing in Pennsylvania dropped 16 percent during the period compared to a national drop of 10 percent. The breeding herd reduction was greater in all states outside the Corn-Belt. This can probably be traced to higher feed costs and therefore higher losses in the states outside the Corn-Belt. It corn costs average 44 cents per bushel higher outside the Corn-Belt, this would add about \$2.80 per cwt. to production costs in a farrow to finish operation.

Hog prices at Pennsylvania markets are expected to stay above \$50 per cwt. for the rest of the year. How much higher will depend on the state of the economy for the rest of the year. If the tax cut aids in improving the economy, hog prices could improve beyond current levels.

In any event, 1982 should bring further cuts in hog production particularly since there have been no profits in the business to date in 1981. If the corn crop continues to improve there may not be as much upward pressure on feed prices as a year ago. Soft red winter wheat will probably be substituted for

corn in some hog rations.

The future is still clouded by a number of uncertainties but each passing month seems to bring improvement for hog producers, Moore concludes.

## PUBLIC SALE

### COMPLETE DISPERSAL OF 90 HEAD OF REGISTER AND GRADE HOLSTEIN DAIRY COWS

The undersigned, discontinuing the dairy business, will sell the following on their farm located on Grier Nursery Road, Forest Hill, Md. From I-83, take exit 36 east to Shawsville. Proceed on Md. Rt. 23 south to Forest Hill using Rock Spring Rd. go north 1 mi. to Grier Nursery Rd. east 2 mi. to farm. From U.S. Rt. 1, at Int'l Harvester dealer, Bel Air, Md., take old Jarrettsville Rd. west to Forest Hill; north on Rock Spring Rd. to Grier Nursery Rd. east 2 mi. to farm.

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 12

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This herd consists of 90 head of producing Holstein cows. Mr. Harkins has been on D.H.I.A. testing for 20 years and has used top Sire Power bulls for 15 years. This herd has been among the top 10 on test in Hartford Co. for 12 years and 1 year was the #1 herd. Good management, excellent breeding program, and close culling has made this possible. There are 23 close springers, 24 head fresh in the last 60 days, balance in full flow of milk and re-bred. Producing cows are averaging 53 lbs. per day. Approx. 75% of herd are 1st, 2nd, or 3rd calf cows with the kind of udders you look for. Proper dry treatment has always been used. The herd is TB accredited; certified bangs free, and tested within 30 days for shipment anywhere. Listed below is the rolling herd average for the past 12 months.

8/80	14,561 milk	600 fat
9/80	16,579 milk	603 fat
10/80	16,906 milk	623 fat
11/80	17,063 milk	625 fat
12/80	17,066 milk	639 fat
1/81	17,130 milk	641 fat
2/81	17,059 milk	639 fat
3/81	16,974 milk	638 fat
4/81	16,956 milk	636 fat
5/81	17,016 milk	639 fat
6/81	16,903 milk	638 fat
7/81	16,854 milk	639 fat

#### SAMPLE OF COWS SELLING:

Number	DAYS IN MILK	LBS. MILK	FAT
82	305	21,330	686
40	305	24,190	874
1	305	21,640	866
158	305	20,880	847
167	305	19,820	792
771	305	21,410	784
8	305	21,400	774
32	305	19,170	765
75	305	22,590	764
9	305	22,410	751
302	305	22,430	758
26	305	17,110	751
50	305	20,600	729
47	305	19,840	718
117	305	18,100	689
205	305	20,860	678
9007	305	20,080	642
16	305	19,320	627

**MANAGER'S NOTE:** This is one of the finest herds to be dispersed in Harford County, ever. You have a rare opportunity to purchase cows by great sires; cows with outstanding records; young cows with beautiful udders and a herd handled by one of the best dairymen in this state. This is a special opportunity to purchase foundation cows. Plan to be with us on MONDAY, OCTOBER the 12th.

#### TERMS: CASH.

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## Drivers watch for deer

**HARRISBURG** — Pennsylvania motorists are reminded by the Game Commission that more deer are killed on the state's highways during the hunting seasons than at any other time of the year.

During the fall, whitetails are particularly active. Hunters' movements during small and big game seasons disturb naturally-spooky whitetails, leading deer to head for other hiding places, often crossing highways to reach their destination.

Deer may suddenly bound onto the road in front of vehicles, and drivers should be constantly alert. The danger can be as great in the daytime as it is at night.

While the problem is generally more prevalent in "deer country," motorists should know that vehicles kill deer in every county, including Philadelphia.

Deer, like most wildlife species, are creatures of habit. They often follow the same trails and cross highways at the same locations. PennDOT has placed thousands of warning signs along roads where whitetails frequently cross. If heeded, these signs can prevent many unfortunate accidents.

However, whitetails

can be expected to cross highways at any location. Reduced speed lessens the danger.

Motorists should also be alert for that second

or third deer. Often, a driver misses a whitetail or two, then relaxes, only to hit another deer a few yards down the road.

## PUBLIC SALE

From Interstate 81 south of Martinsburg, W. Va., Take Exit #5 (Inwood W. Va.) Route 51 East approximately 3 1/2 miles to Country Store (formerly Haines') Turn right - .2 of a mile to sale — or — From Charles Town, W. Va. take Route 51 West - Go approximately 8 miles to the Country store - Turn left - .2 of a mile to sale.

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1981

At 10:00 A.M.

APPROXIMATELY 20 - 25 TRACTORS — Including Cubs, Fords, John Deere, Internationals, Fergusons, and many other makes. ALSO: We will be offering a good selection of plows, cultivators, wagons, new and used rotary cutters. 6 and 7 ft. blades, post hole digger, discs, wood saw, rakes, baler, grain elevator, corn pickers and many other farm related articles.

We will also be offering a good selection of New and Used Tools. Including carpenter tools, hand and electric tools, socket sets of various sizes, plumbers tools, welding cable, welding rods, garden tractors, guns, stereos, some household articles and some antiques.

TERMS: CASH. Nothing to be removed until settled for.

Edgar A. Bohrer, Sale Mgr.  
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