

# Pa. food marketplace will be open again at next week's Farm Show

HARRISBURG — Food processors and retailers will again display their wares at next week's Farm Show in the Pennsylvania Food Marketplace, according to State Agriculture Secretary Penrose Hallowell.

Hallowell said, "These firms represent the more than 1,400 food processors and 28,000 retail food outlets in the Commonwealth. Our agriculture-related businesses comprise a \$25 billion a year industry which provides jobs for nearly 900,000 Pennsylvanians."

Sixteen Pennsylvania firms are exhibiting their wares at the Pennsylvania Food Marketplace in the lower level of the Large Arena. Many are providing free samples of their products and several firms have products for sale. Weis Markets is handing out coupons redeemable at any of the firm's stores and the Pennsylvania Wine

Association will display their products and hand out information.

The Agriculture Secretary noted the theme of the 1982 Farm Show, "Pennsylvania Agriculture—We're Growing Better," applies to these food processing, wholesale and retail firms as well. "The 'We're Growing Better' logo campaign has been adopted by 160 Pennsylvania food processors," he said, "while 800 farm markets and 1,000 retail food stores are now using the logo to identify Pennsylvania foods."

Hallowell urged the public to stop at the Pennsylvania Food Marketplace while at the Farm Show. "The Marketplace gives you a chance to 'take a taste' of the many food products from Pennsylvania agriculture," he said.

Firms participating in the Pennsylvania Food Marketplace

are: Pennsylvania Cheesemaker of Winfield, Snyder County; Hatfield Packing Company of Hatfield, Montgomery County; Quality Distinction of Allentown, Lehigh County; Boston Farm Products, Stillwater, Columbia County; Weis Markets of Sunbury, Northumberland County; Pennsylvania Cooperative Potato

Growers of Harrisburg, Dauphin County; Pennsylvania Maple Producers Council of Montrose, Susquehanna County; Kitchen Kettle of Lancaster County; Herr's Potato Chips of Nottingham, Chester County; Alderfer Bologna Company of Harleysville, Montgomery County; Furman Canning Company of Northumberland County;

Cookie Corner of Lebanon, Lebanon County; Spring Glen Farm Kitchens, Ephrata, Lancaster County; Shope's Farm Deli of Bird-in-Hand, Lancaster County; Retail Farm Market Division of Pennsylvania Farmers Association, Middletown, Dauphin County; and the Pennsylvania Wine Association.

## Broiler placements down 2 percent

HARRISBURG — Placements of broiler chicks in the Commonwealth during the week ending December 26, 1981 were 2,245,000, two percent below the previous week but 5 percent above the corresponding week a year earlier. Average placements during the past 9 weeks were one percent above a year ago. Settings for broiler chicks were 3,063,000, six percent above the previous week but three percent below the same period a year earlier. The current 3-week total of eggs set is three

percent below the comparable period a year ago.

Placements in the 19 major states were 74,097,000, six percent below the previous week but two percent above the same week a year earlier. Average placements during the past 9 weeks were 2 percent above a year ago. Settings were 98,151,000, one percent below the previous week but one percent above a year earlier. The current 3-week total of eggs set is 2 percent above the comparable period a year ago.

Expected marketings, based on placements 8-10 weeks earlier less mortality allowance, in Pennsylvania for the week ending February 27, 1982 will be 2,227,000, 3 percent above a year earlier. The 19 major states expected marketings should total 73,511,000, 2 percent above last year.



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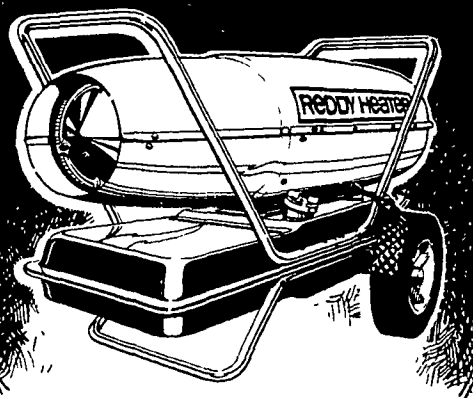
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