

30 YEARS AGO

THIS WEEK

— Prospects of a bumper corn crop — with yields reported up to 150 bushels per acre — are in store for Lancaster County.

During Tuesday's tour of Chester County, one Lancaster County farmer told he had shucked some corn that measured 75-100 bushels per acre. "A lot will run over 100 bushels," County Agent Max M. Smith advised this morning.

— Harrisburg — Cool weather and excessive rainfall this season prevented Pennsylvania honey bees from gathering their usual amount of nectar, and the honey crop is the lowest in 32 years, according to preliminary estimates announced today by the State Department of Agriculture.

— Three hundred and twenty-five Lancaster County farmers Tuesday toured Chester County areas that represented various phases of farming and industry in a 135-mile trip by six buses and 16 private automobiles.

— Harrisburg — About 264,000 game birds were liberated in Pennsylvania by the Game Commission this year or will be stocked in appropriate areas before the end of the 1956 small game season. Following are details of these releases as provided by the agency's Propagation Division.

— Paul Z. Martin, Jr., seven year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Z. Martin, Blue Ball, Saturday afternoon led a field of 28 to place first in the first show and roundup of the Boots and Saddles Blue at the Martin Sales Stables Grounds in Blue Ball.

— Leon B. Risser, Lititz, topped both the bull and female championships in the Pennsylvania State Shorthorn Breeder Association Show and Sale at the Keystone Sales Barn in Mt. Joy Thursday of last week.

— Seventy-five years of dedicated efforts to build a better breed of beef cattle will be marked officially by Hereford breeders from across the nation during American Royal week in Kansas City.

— Final date for farmers to enter into Conservation Reserve contracts under the Soil Bank for this year, 1956, has been extended from Oct. 15 to Nov. 30, 1956, the U.S. Department of Agriculture announced Oct. 9.

Allied Cooperatives Endorse RCMA

The Executive Committee of Allied Federated Cooperatives representing 21 cooperatives marketing a billion pounds of milk annually have endorsed the over-order pricing program of the Regional Cooperative Marketing Agency (RCMA) according to an announcement by Stanley Judd, vice president, of DeRuyter, New York.

The Allied action was announced at a news conference at RCMA's Syracuse headquarters attended by NYS Commissioner of Agriculture and Markets Joseph P. Gerace and NYS Senator Nancy Lorraine Hoffmann, Allied Executive Vice President Merton Evans and General Manager Alfred Lawrence.

The Canton-based Federation will now recommend to each of its member cooperatives, representing a total of 1,400 producers, that they sign RCMA contracts.

In announcing the co-op's endorsement of RCMA, Judd said that his organization had studied the over-order program carefully and were convinced it was in the best interests of all dairymen in the Northeastern region.

"With the recent formation of the Middle Atlantic Cooperative Marketing Agency, covering most of the southeastern part of the 11 Northeastern states, we believe that the coordinated efforts of this new organization with RCMA will have a reasonable chance to be successful," said Judd. "We urge all unaffiliated dairymen who have not yet joined RCMA to do so as promptly as possible."

Senator Hoffmann pointed out

that sign-ups for over order pricing now have reached approximately 85 percent of all producers in the Northeast, when both RCMA and the Middle Atlantic Agency are considered.

"It gives us an excellent chance to make this very much needed pricing program work," said Hoffmann.

RCMA will undertake to move the farm price of milk up when 95 percent of all dairymen in the region have signed its marketing contract. The amount of the increase will depend on many factors, including farmers' costs, market conditions, the consumer price index and the wholesale price.

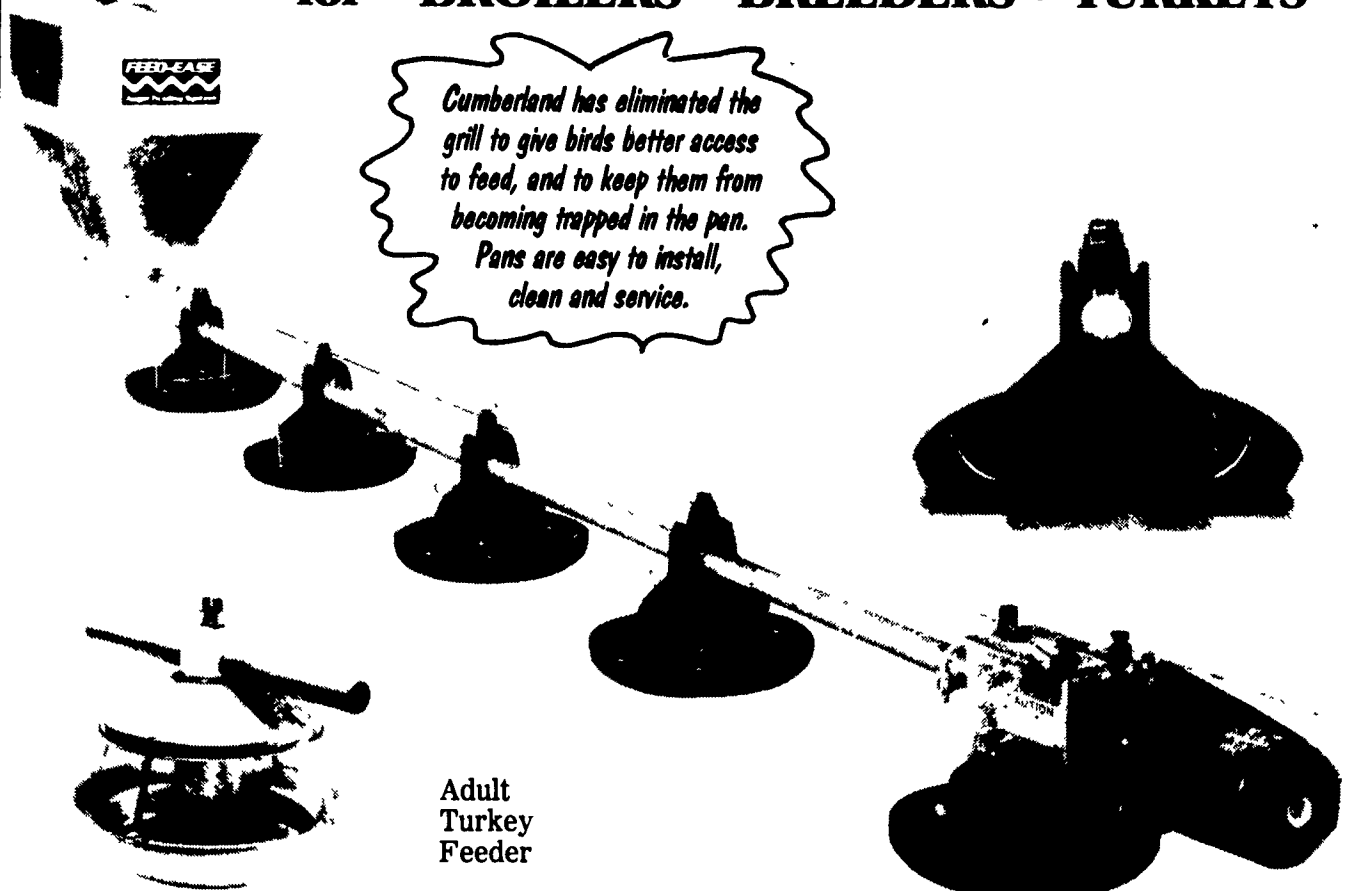


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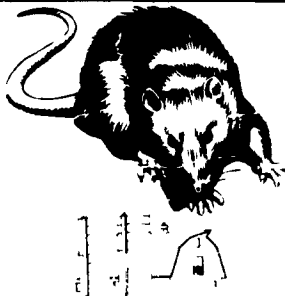


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