

30 YEARS AGO

THIS WEEK

-Miss Mary Jane Hill, Lititz RD2, Penna. Peach Dessert Queen, this week sliced and served Governor David L. Lawrence a piece of peach pie which won her the state title last August.

Mary Jane, 17, is a senior at Warwick High School, and her parents operate a 12-acre fruit and vegetable farm in Brickerville.

The presentation began a personal appearance tour which will last through August 31. However Mary Jane will lose her title

August 29 when a new peach dessert will be selected at state finals in York. Most of the appearances will be during Pennsylvania Peach Time August 13 through 31. The peach pie she baked Governor Lawrence was made from early Lancaster County peaches.

-Discouraged after three consecutive years of a depressing potato cost-price squeeze situation, members of the Pennsylvania Cooperative Growers Association are in the process of working out their own

salvation.

Mixing serious business with a bit of holiday fun, members of the co-op, their families and employees will gather for the first annual 'Potato Day at Potato City' near Coudersport in Potter County on Thursday Aug. 13.

-U.S. farmers realized net income in the first half of 1959 was at an average annual rate of approximately \$12 billion according to a recent USDA report.

This is one billion dollars, or eight per cent lower than the first half of 1958, but more than a billion dollars above 1957.

Cash receipts from farm marketing were only slightly smaller than early '58, as lower farm product prices were in part offset by increased volume.

-Milk production in Pennsylvania during June has been estimated

at 623 million lbs., down eight per cent from May, but two per cent above June, 1958. This is a record for June and the fourth consecutive record month for 1959.

Production for the first six months of 1959 totals 3,521 million lbs. or about one per cent above the 1959 yield.

-"Anna," registered Holstein cow owner by John Stoltzfus, Elverson RD2, topped the Red Rose DHIA June records with a 305 day lactation completion record of 16,819 lbs. of milk, with 680 lbs. of butterfat from a 4.0% test.

-Penna. egg production dropped off nine per cent from May and two per cent below June, 1958. Total output of the state's laying hens for

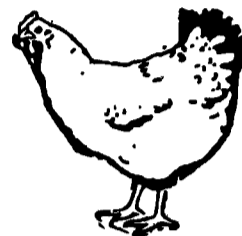
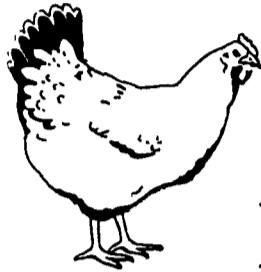
the month was 288 million eggs.

-Led by a 19 per cent decline in expected corn production, most of Pennsylvania's important field crops will show a decrease from last year, the State Department of Agriculture predicts.

-Carlisle Fair Grounds will be the site of the 27th annual purebred ewe and ram sale at 1 p.m. Aug. 1, sponsored by the Cumberland Co-op Wool Growers, Roy P. Miller, co-op sec.-treas. announced today.

-Cattle on feed in Penna. on July 1 totaled 50,000 head, a decrease of 28 per cent from the April 1 total of 69,000 according to the State Crop Reporting Service which compiled its first July survey in this category.

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