

New Holland Horses

New Holland Sales Stables
New Holland, PA

Monday, Oct. 22, 1990

REPORT SUPPLIED BY AUCTION REGISTERED RECEIPTS OF 332 HEAD OF HORSES, MULES AND PONIES. MARKET STEADY.
DRIVING HORSES: 475.00-1200.00.
RIDING: 425.00-770.00.
LIGHTWEIGHT KILLERS: 400.00-475.00.
HEAVYWEIGHT KILLERS: 525.00-650.00.
THIN HORSES: 170.00-360.00.
MARE PONIES: 45.00-200.00.
COLTS: 40.00-90.00.
GELDINGS: 45.00-200.00.
LARGER PONIES: 250.00-325.00.

Buffalo Produce

Mifflinburg R3

Oct. 23 and Oct. 25, 1990

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APPLES: YELLOW DELICIOUS, MACINTOSH 4.00-9.00 BU.
CABBAGE: 2.50-3.50 50 LBS.
CAULIFLOWER: .40-.75.
BROCCOLI: 8.25 (18 COUNT).
GOURDS: 2.00-4.00 1/4 BU.
SQUASH: BUTTERNUT 2.00-5.25 BU.; ACORN 2.00-4.50 BU.
PUMPKINS: FACE .25-1.15 EACH.
PEPPERS: 4.00-9.00 FOR LARGE; 3.00-7.00 FOR MEDIUMS; RED 6.00-9.50 ALL 1 1/9 BU.
TOMATOES 4.00-10.00 25 LB. 1/4 BU.
AUCTION DATES NEXT WEEK ARE TUESDAY AND THURSDAY. WATCH FOR CHRISTMAS TREE AND CRAFT AUCTION TUES. NOV. 20, AND TUES. DEC. 4.

St. Louis Cattle,

Hogs

Oct. 25, 1990

CATTLE AND CALVES: 500 (0 SLTR, 500 FDRS)
SUPPLY CONSISTS OF FEEDER CATTLE AND COWS FOR THE REGULAR THURSDAY AUCTION.
NO TEST ON SLAUGHTER CATTLE. SLAUGHTER CLASSES: NOT TESTED COWS: CUTT, UTIL, COMM BULK SALES HI-DRESS % LO-DRESS % BREAKING 2-4
BONING 1-2
LOW TO AVG. CUTTER
RECEIPTS THIS WEEK 1,200: WEEK AGO 1,400: YEAR AGO 1,700
FOR THE WEEK, SLAUGHTER STEERS STEADY. SLAUGHTER HEIFERS STEADY TO .50 LOWER, EXCEPT MIXED SELECT AND CHOICE WEAK TO 1.00 LOWER. LATE WEEK'S TRADE REFLECTING A LOWER UNDEERTONE. COWS 2.00-3.00 LOWER THAN WEEK'S TERMINAL MARKET CLOSE. BULLS SCARCE. TOO FEW FOR A MARKET TEST. AROUND 10% COWS.

Good's Hay

Leola, Pa.

Wed., Oct. 24, 1990

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72 LOADS.
ALFALFA: 60.00-145.00
MIXED HAY: 71.00-123.00.
TIMOTHY: 80.00-129.00.
CORN: 73.00-96.00; NEW CORN 76.00-79.00.
STRAW: 63.00-111.00.
GRASS: 78.00-83.00.
CLOVER: 41.00.

Fall Harvest Is Here, Bountiful and Available

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EPHRATA (Lancaster Co.) — The past spring and summer has offered a cornucopia of garden produce to Pennsylvania residents and a brisk and healthy business to both roadside markets and sellers at auction houses.

Asparagus, sugar peas, sweet corn, tomatoes and potatoes, lettuce, cabbage, cucumbers, red and

green bell peppers, hot peppers . . . the plethora of locally-raised fresh produce has been flowing in a seemingly endless stream from truck patch to table.

According to Virginia McGowan, roadside market hot line specialist for the state Department of Agriculture (PDA), the supply of state-grown fruits and vegetables has been very good and prices steady. "It was a very good year," she said.

For most of the summer, a continuous report of the condition and price of state-raised fruits and vegetables has been available through the state's roadside market program.

The program is a weekly report available to those with a home computer (through the Penn State University computer service Penn Pages), and it is also available via telephone on a pre-recorded service line, courtesy of the state agriculture department.

For many years, the hotline has continued to be a popular service. McGowan reports that the program is widely used by producers, retailers and consumers throughout the state to gauge current price ranges on Pennsylvania-grown fruits and vegetables.

According to hotline reports, crops have increased in abundance, diversity and availability for some time. Even with the waning growing season, the number of items at roadside stands is great.

"At times the quantities (of items) get low, but I can't imagine anything being absent due to weather or a poor growing season," McGowan said.

The recent Indian summer weather may have contributed to the extended season on some

vegetables.

"The list (reported on the roadside hotline) is still as big as ever. The apples are expanding, other items that have been available still seem to continue. We still have (sweet) corn. You would think that season is over," McGowan said.

However, the availability of the summer crops, such as fresh vine-ripened tomatoes, will not continue for long.

Last Saturday, a heavy frost hit many parts of the state, sending the first killing shock through regions with fields of temperature-sensitive plants.

More frost is expected this weekend.

Some in the fruit and vegetable business, such as Neil Courtney, manager of Buffalo Produce auction in Mifflinburg, say they suspect the last offerings of the summer vegetables are likely to be seen very soon, if not this coming week.

"Saturday morning in Buffalo came the first killing frost," Courtney said. "The tomato crop could be over this weekend because of forecasted frosts."

However, for Buffalo Produce — and the suppliers and buyers who use the facility — the end of the growing season will close a year of good business, according to Courtney.

"Every item of produce this summer was in good supply. Quality varied though due to wet weather conditions," Courtney said.

"In general terms, prices have followed supply," he said.

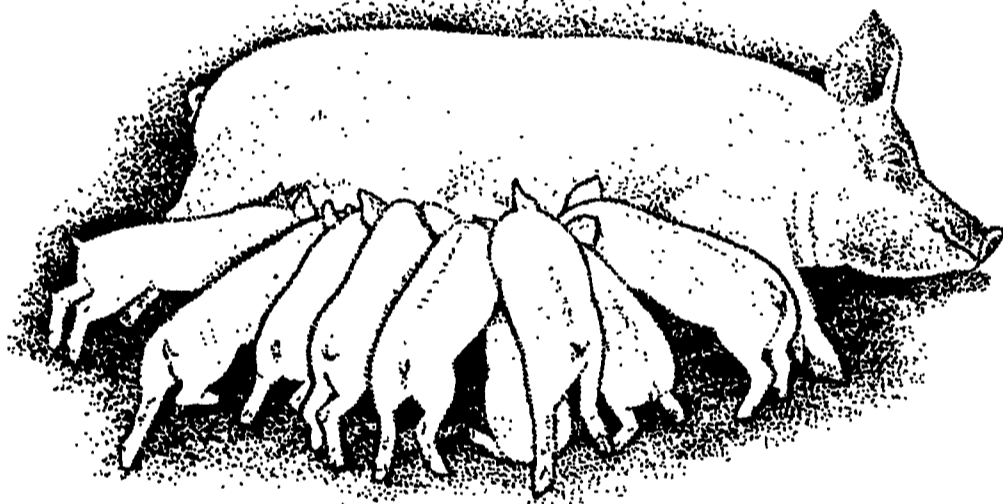
At Buffalo, which has been in operation for the past four years, business has picked up.

"We increased growers by about 140 this year," Courtney said. "I

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