

Of Interest to Farmers

FARM PRODUCTS PRICES ARE NEAR THE BOTTOM

Yet This Year May Show Some Things That Are Turning Upward

While the bottom seems to have been reached in the price of agricultural products, the department of farm management at the state college of agriculture points out that this does not mean that prices of all farm products are turning upward.

The price paid to farmers for 31 farm products, weighted by the approximate amounts of each of these products that are sold by farmers rose with the general price level until the fall of 1919. At that time, the general price level began a secondary and violent rise which farm products did not share.

5-Year Averages Compared When the five-year average price of farm products before the war is considered as 100, the highest price attained by farm products was 246 in June 1920. Since then, the drop in prices has been very much more rapid than the drop in general prices.

The number of points of drop for each month has been as follows: July 4, August 17, September 18, October 16, November 23, December 25, January 10, February 5, March 5, April 9, May 6, June 1, July gain 1.

The weighted average price for the 31 products is now 7 percent above the five-year pre-war average. Since the general price level is 51 percent above the five-year average, farm products are abnormally low. They now have a purchasing power of 71.

This means, if a given quantity of farm produce of many kinds is sold today and the money exchanged for general commodities at wholesale, only 71 percent of the normal amount could be purchased.

Bulletin 999 of the United States Department of Agriculture, gives a candid discussion of farm prices.

BIDDY IS ON TRIAL FLOCK OR POT PIE?

Only Those Which Pay Their Keep By Laying Eggs Left After Culling Has Been Done.

The culling season for hens has been good this year, if one may judge by the number of culling demonstrations all over New York State. At most every county has had its gatherings of farm fairs, including "divers" and nearly a little knot of farm folks in somebody's yard listening eagerly to a man in a long linen duster who holds a hen under his arm, pointing out the various reasons for keeping her in the flock or putting her in the pot for Sunday's dinner.

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Good Looking Not Layers

The good-looking, glossy birds with deep yellow legs and thick, blunt pelvic arches are the ones which stopped laying long ago and are taking a rest. They should be gotten rid of as soon as possible, say the experts. Laying hens are full, bright, waxy combs, soft pliable abdomens, and usually the ragged ones which have just started to molt, should be saved for egg production during the coming months.

Early molters on the other hand, will likely produce early molting chicks which work short hours and eat just the same.

The lesson experts teach is to dispose of the boarders, but keep the industrious ones who don't stop to change their clothes until late in the season after they have put in a good full summer of work.

"Fair Melrose."

Melrose abbey by moonlight is a sight that is difficult to forget, and from there a short ride takes the traveler to Abbotford, the home of Sir Walter Scott, where the study in which the great Scottish poet wrote "The Lady of the Lake," "Marmion," and others of his well-known poems and novels, is practically in the same state as when he died. His velvet coat and cap with a small eagle's feather at the side, the inkstand on the table, with the quill pens beside it, and his letters, with the small stives casket from which Sir Walter sprinkled sand on the paper to dry the ink, are all there to interest the traveler.

VEGETABLE SOUP MAY BE CANNED AT HOME

Almost Anything May Go Into It, To Come Out Steaming Appetizing Dish Next Winter

Why send out to the corner grocery next winter for a can of soup when an emergency meal must be prepared? It won't be necessary, say the home economics workers at the State College at Ithaca, if the left-overs of the garden are marshalled together and canned into vegetable soup. All kinds of vegetables may be utilized such as carrots, corn, celery, beans, peas, onions and turnips, and in any proportion or combination preferred.

The vegetables are prepared as for canning by a cold pack method and cooked for the length of time required for the vegetables needing the longest period of cooking. This, in general, is 50 minutes under ten pounds of steam pressure or if one teaspoon of dilute vinegar is added to each pint jar, the mixture may be cooked in a water or steam bath for 1 1/2 hours.

Puree Also Purees, particularly of tomatoes, are useful to have on the cellar shelf. Not only are they ready for soup but are equally desirable in seasoning sauces, gravies or scallops. A recipe for a tomato puree vouches for by the college workers is given below:

Tomato puree—1 gallon tomatoes, 1 small onion, sliced, 1 stalk celery or celery leaves, 1 bay leaf, 2 teaspoons salt, 1/4 teaspoon paprika. Cook the mixture until the tomatoes are tender and put it thru a strainer. Boil the pulp until it is reduced to one-half the original volume. Seal it in hot, clean jars.

Agrigraphs

Uncle Ab says: The hammer that hits the nail on the head makes less noise than the one that misses it.

They have been showing "the most expensive bull in the world" at county fairs in southern Ohio. It is a scrub.

Speaking of public servants, how about the rural mail carrier? He's done a lot to make country life more attractive.

James Whitcomb Riley wrote about the frost being on the pumpkin, which is good for poetry but not good for the pumpkin.

If your community isn't to have some extension meetings this winter, ask your county agricultural agent the simple question: Why?

A lot of dairy improvement work is summed up in the sentence from the St. Lawrence County agent who says, "One cow was sold to the drovers."

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Why do they call it a tea wagon when the biggest contribution it can make to saving work is carting the used dishes from dining room to kitchen?

Aunt Ada's Axioms: Somebody has said that a farm is a business with a home attached; but the best farms are homes with a business attached.

Speaking of furnace guarantees, why not have the contractor make it for two winters instead of one? The first winter might be mild and the heater adequate, while the next winter—well, that might be a different story.

Fish Choked Water Main. James Mitchell of Dover, N. H., blamed the decreased pressure in the water main to the drought, but discovered the real reason when the hose with which he was watering his house was choked with fish heads. The water main was choked with the same fish heads. The water main was choked with the same fish heads.

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