

Farm Market Summary

ATLANTA, GA., June 23—The movement of cattle and calves to southern markets showed a slight seasonal increase this week, and there was a general softening in the price structure for about the first time this year, the Production and Marketing Administration reported today. Prices for some classes, however, continued higher.

Combined arrivals of cattle and calves at Montgomery, Nashville, Memphis, and Louisville, and at eight major packing plants in Georgia, Florida, and Alabama, totaled about 20,800 this week, in comparison with 18,100 a week ago, and 16,300 the same week last year.

All cattle in Florida sold at lower prices. Slaughter cattle were off as much as \$2 a hundred lbs., and calves \$2 to \$3. Stocker cattle were off 50 cents to as much as \$1. Prices showed lesser declines in south Georgia and south-east Alabama. In north Georgia, cattle prices advanced 50 cents to \$1, regaining the losses of last week.

A scarcity of good steers and

heifers brought steady price at Nashville, but increased runs of medium and lower grade animals weakened 50 to 75 cents or more. Calves finished steady to weak. At Memphis, cows and bulls showed the greatest weakness, with prices off 50 cents or more, but other cattle classes also were weak in price.

At Louisville, steers and heifers sold about steady, but the closing trade was weak. Other slaughter cattle lost 50 cents, and \$1 in instances.

HOG PRICES ADVANCE

Hog prices were mostly 25 to 50 cents higher than at the close a week ago. Closing prices Friday for the best weights of butchers at leading southern markets were: Georgia-Florida-Alabama peanut-belt plants, \$19 to \$20.25; Montgomery, \$19.50 to \$20; Atlanta, \$20 to \$20.50; Nashville, mostly \$19.50; Memphis, \$19.75 to \$20.35, and Louisville \$20 to \$20.50. At Richmond, the top hog price was \$20, and at Carolina cash hog buying stations from \$19 to \$19.50.

Spring lambs gained 50 cents to \$1 at Nashville. Good and choice grades brought \$28 to \$29 there Friday, and \$27.50 to \$28 at Louisville.

BROILER MARKETS ABOUT STEADY

In the broiler markets, the general tone was about steady for the week, and supplies were generally ample for the good prevailing demand. Prices were unchanged in North Georgia and the Shenandoah Valley, from 1 to 2 cents lower in Central North Carolina, unchanged to 1-2 cent lower in Mississippi, and from 1-2 cent lower to 3-4 cent higher in the Del-Mar-Va area.

Friday's closing prices were: North Georgia, 24 to 26 cents; Central North Carolina, mostly 26 cents; Del-Mar-Va area, 24½ to 27¼ cents, according to weight; Shenandoah Valley, 25 to 26 cents; north Mississippi, 25½ to 26 cents; central Mississippi, 24½ to 26 cents; and south Mississippi, 26 to 28 cent a pound.

FRUITS, VEGETABLES

Florida watermelon shipments continued heavy, and prices in South Georgia were lower at the week's end under increased loadings. On the Atlanta wholesale market Friday, Georgia and Florida Cannonball melons were quoted at 35 to 50 cents each for large sizes. Cantaloupes moved in good volume from all southeastern production points.

The North Carolina potato season is drawing to a close and the Virginia Eastern Shore area is actively harvesting.

Georgia peach loadings have increased, but volume is still light and prices are far above normal. Half bushels of Early Rose and Dixired peaches, 1 3-4 inches and up, were quoted at \$3 on the Atlanta market Friday.

Average prices by grades on southern Maryland tobacco mark-

Imported Rabbits May Have Bubonic Plague

Dr. J. W. R. Norton, N. C. State Health Officer, has warned that rabbits imported to North Carolina may be infected with bubonic plague, according to Clyde P. Patton Executive Director of the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission.

Public health officials in New Mexico have discovered several dead rabbits infested with fleas bearing the bubonic plague organism, and issue a warning to conservation departments and public health departments of other states regarding the importation of New Mexican rabbits.

Elliot S. Barker, New Mexico State Game Warden, reports that his department is powerless under state law to prohibit the export of rabbits from that state, and has issued a warning to wildlife conservation departments of other states to prohibit the importation of rabbits from New Mexico.

"The Wildlife Resources Commission has adopted a regulation requiring that before any game bird or animal is imported into North Carolina for propagation or

stocking purposes, an application shall be made to the Executive Director of the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission for a permit authorizing the importation. The Commission is thus enabled to exercise control over the importation of rabbits and other species where there is evidence that public health might be endangered.

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Cullowhee Home Demonstration Club Meets

The Cullowhee Home Demonstration Club met at the home of Mrs. Ed. Bryson Thursday afternoon.

Miss Mary Johnston, home agent, conducted an interesting discussion on the history of food conservation, comparing old fashioned methods of canning and the latest in packaging and deep-freeze methods. Samples of the newest plastic and waxed-cardboard containers, aluminum foil, plastic and cellophane wrapping were shown.

Mrs. Eugene Bradley fascinated all with a demonstration of basket-making using white oak splints.

Club members voted to attend the copper and aluminum workshop at the American Legion Hall, July 19-20, instead of meeting in a home. Miss Johnston can furnish all those interested in attending the workshop with the list of materials and where to get them. Mrs. H. T. Hunter was acting

According to the U. S. Public Health Service, the following animals have been found infected with plague or plague-bearing fleas: Meadow mice, deer mice, grasshopper mice, harvest mice, wood rats, pack rats, rice rats, cotton rats, ground squirrels, kangaroo rats, pocket gophers, cottontail rabbits, and jack rabbits.

chairman in place of Mrs. G. Eller who was absent. Others present were: Mrs. Tudor, Mrs. Mott Davis, Mrs. G. Ferguson, Mrs. Holden, Mrs. H. Brown, Mrs. Henry, Mrs. R. Bryson, Mrs. J. V. Bryson, Mrs. M. Claxton, Miss Mae Benton, Mrs. T. Hampton, Mrs. M. Johnston and Mrs. E. Bradley.

Mrs. G. Ferguson won the surprise package. The hostess served delicious refreshments to the members and guests present.

The peach crop in the 10 Southern early states is expected to be about half as large as the small 1949 crop. As a result, growers' prices are expected to average above those of last year.

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