

Farmer share of consumer dollar may drop to 37 cents next year

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WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Agriculture Department said today the farmer's share of the consumer's food dollar may drop to 37 cents in 1962. This would be down a penny from the share anticipated for this year.

The department said charges for marketing farm food products probably will average 1 or 2 per cent higher per unit of product in 1962 than in 1961. Little change is expected in prices farmers receive for these products.

Retail price, however, will rise slightly, the department said in its publication, "The Marketing and Transportation Situation."

With retail prices and marketing charges rising, coupled with little change in the prices farm-

ers receive, their farm share has only one way to go—down.

The department said average hourly earnings of employees of marketing firms are likely to continue rising, but improvements in output per man-hour should keep unit labor costs from rising as much as wages and salaries. Any significant rise in transportation costs seems unlikely, the agency said.

But costs of supplies and other goods and services marketing firms buy may average higher than this year. Depreciation charges will be higher, and in most areas, state and local taxes and rents will go up.

The department said total net profits of firms manufacturing food and kindred products were higher in the first half of this year

than in the same period a year ago. But profits of firms manufacturing textile mill products, apparel and other finished textiles were down sharply this year. First-half year profits for 17 leading retail food chains were about the same this year as in 1960, although sales were up slightly.

Farmers are expected to market 2 per cent more products this year than the record volume marketed in 1960.

The department has relaxed provisions of the 1961 feed grain program by lifting the ban against livestock on diverted acreages for the remainder of the year. The agency said the action was part of the general effort to keep provisions of farm programs in line with practical farming operations.

Many farmers normally salvage dropped corn ears and other crop residue by turning livestock on harvested cropland in the late fall. Lifting of the ban will permit farmers to graze their animals without being put to unreasonable work time and expense for protective fences in instances where acres removed from production this year might be in the same fields.

The department will purchase 234,000 pounds of canned beef and 117,000 pounds of canned pork, both with natural juices, for use in an experimental program under the National School Lunch Act. The commodities will be distributed to selected needy schools with minimum food storage and preparation facilities. The experi-

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He was entertained by the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra at the Beverly Hilton Hotel and a one-woman show by Judy Garland.

PURCHASE NORWAY ARMS

BONN, Germany (UPI)—West Germany has purchased about \$50 million worth of weapons from Norway, a West German Defense Ministry spokesman said Monday.

The purchase is part of a mental program provides special commodity assistance for making lunches in areas of poor local economic conditions.

Schools to participate in the program are being selected by state educational agencies.

Sante Fe says it could offer better service

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI)—The Santa Fe railroad told the Interstate Commerce Commission Monday that it could provide better refrigerator car service than Western Pacific presently provides if it controlled the smaller line.

The ICC hearings are being conducted to determine whether Western Pacific should remain independent or be acquired by either Santa Fe or Southern Pacific.

D.A. Baumgartner, Santa Fe superintendent of transportation, took issue with earlier witnesses who testified that Pacific Fruit Express would suffer economical damage if WP began using Santa Fe refrigerator cars.

"I feel there is a good possibility of Santa Fe taking care of

Western Pacific's requirements to the latter's greater advantage than can PFE," he said, pointing out that PFE is controlled by SP and Union Pacific.

If Santa Fe controlled Western Pacific it would "have a free hand in doing whatever it felt necessary for the WP," Baumgartner said.

He said PFE need not suffer from the loss of WP business because it could rent the idled cars to its parent companies, UP and SP, to replace cars these railroads now get from other sources. As for Santa Fe's ability to handle WP's needs for refrigerated cars, Baumgartner said Santa Fe's "ownership of mechanical

refrigerated cars is more adequate than PFE's."

SCHEDULE NEWS CONFAB

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Kennedy will hold his next news conference at 10 a.m. EST Wednesday, Nov. 29, according to the White House. It will not be broadcast or televised live.

JACKIE RETURNS HOME

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy was back in the White House today, none the worse for a fall from her horse.

Presidential press secretary Pierre Salinger said Mrs. Kennedy was "feeling fine." Reports of injuries she supposedly sustained in a spill from her horse while fox hunting last week were grossly exaggerated, Salinger said.

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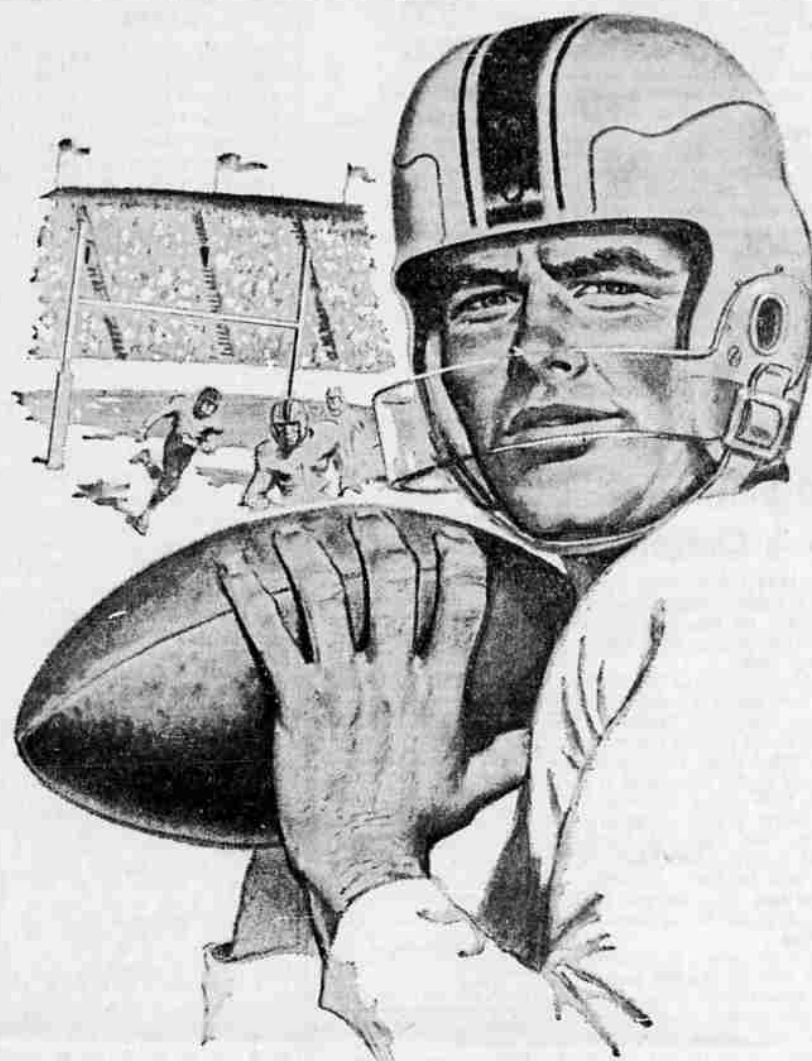
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