

Growing Meat Shortage May Bring Rationing By Winter

EXPECT PINCH WILL CONTINUE DURING 1947

Average American to Get 15 to 20 Pounds Less This Year.

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WASHINGTON, June 1.—A possibility that meat may be rationed again appeared likely today following an agriculture department warning that meat supplies may become increasingly scarce.

Well informed department spokesmen pointed out, however, that

CHICAGO, June 1 (U. P.)—Swift & Co. reported today that its beef business has dropped to the lowest level in the company's 61-year history, and charged that the OPA has failed to halt a "raging black market."

Even if meat rationing does come it probably will not be before next December or early in 1947. They said the real meat pinch will not come before that time.

The department said meat production this year would be about 2,000,000,000 pounds less than the record output of 24,700,000,000 pounds in 1944. It said pork would be somewhat more plentiful and beef, veal and lamb more scarce.

Next year, it added, smaller production and a continued downward trend in beef and lamb production may result in a total output at least 1,000,000,000 pounds less than this year.

145 Pounds Per Capita

The result will be that the average American will eat about 145 to 150 pounds of meat this year, or from 15 to 20 pounds less than he would like.

Economic Stabilizer Chester Bowles already has said he is ready to recommend rationing if the food situation does not improve within the next few months.

Chester Davis, head of President Truman's famine emergency committee, while not ready to recommend rationing believes that the meat situation should be watched. Mr. Truman himself consistently has said that rationing will be ordered if it is necessary.

Most food experts agreed that possible meat rationing hinges on the amount of livestock feed that is available. The government's present policy is to discourage live-stock feeding so farmers will sell their grain for food.

Feed Plantings Heavy

According to industry reports, however, many farmers, alarmed at the prospect of feed shortages again next year, have planted record oats and corn crops. There are some reports that the corn crop will top even the government's 3,000,000,000-bushel goal.

In that case, there may be enough grain both for livestock and tables. That would rule out the possibility of an acute meat shortage that would make rationing necessary.

The agriculture department said hog producers already had indicated a tendency to market their pigs. It said about 10 per cent more hogs would be marketed this year but they would weigh less because farmers are not feeding them to heavier weights.

There is no such trend in cattle slaughtering yet because pasture generally has been good. If there should be a drought or if feed remains scarce this fall, growers probably will begin marketing their cattle.

MAGENHEIMER IS SELECTED SHERIFF

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commissioners last night on today's decision. But this morning, he said the meeting was not "cut and dried." Last night, the following persons in addition to Capt. Magenheimer and Mr. Russell were discussed as possible interim appointees: Jesse Hutsell; Clifford Becker, former city police chief; George Heine, secretary of the Republican county committee; City Councilman R. C. Dause and Mrs. Petit.

Before running for sheriff this year, Capt. Magenheimer was safety director of the Indianapolis police department for 15 years and a member of the force for 19 years. He attended Indiana university and is a graduate of the Northwestern university safety school. He is married and the father of Robert Magenheimer, who recently returned from army duty in Japan.

County Attorney Victor Jose cleared a legal path for Mr. Magenheimer by ruling he could accept a "fill-in" appointment and still succeed himself in 1949, if elected to the regular term as sheriff next fall.

CHINESE JUDGES STRIKE

NANKING, June 1 (U. P.)—Judges of the Chinese supreme court went on strike today, demanding a 1,000-fold increase in base pay for civil servants. They also want a monthly living allowance of 100,000 Chinese dollars—about \$50 American.

DEATHS OF CRASH INJURIES

MARION, June 1 (U. P.)—Mrs. Ward Harrel, 56, Marion, died in Marion hospital last night of injuries received in an auto-truck crash May 17. Her husband, who was driving the car, recently was discharged from the hospital. The accident occurred at the junction of State Roads 15 and 27 north of here.

Posvar No. 1 Cadet at West Point



SAYS OPA MEAT CONTROL FAILING

Institute Reports Prices Are 30 Pct. Over Ceiling.

CHICAGO, June 1 (U. P.)—Most housewives are paying about 30 per cent more than OPA ceiling prices for round steaks, rib roasts and chuck roasts, the American Meat Institute asserted today.

The institute said it based this figure upon shopping surveys made in 11 cities by two independent research agencies.

This is evidence, the institute said, of the complete failure of the OPA's slaughter control program, which was presented as a cure for the black market.

A table said to show "fictional prices and factual prices" of beef was released by the institute. It includes peak prices for beef reached during the inflationary period after world war I. The table:

Cuts	OPA "Ceiling" Prices Per Lb.	Actual Prices Per Lb.	Peak Prices Per Lb.
Round Steaks	40.8c	52.5c	41.6c
Rib Roasts	40.8c	52.5c	42.4c
Chuck Roasts	30.1c	39.1c	29.1c

Report Low Purchases

The meat institute also stated that in the week ending May 25 10 legitimate meat packing companies were able to purchase only one-third of the cattle they were permitted to buy under the government's control program.

This indicates, the institute said, "that the mere establishment of a quota does not necessarily permit a company to obtain this quota and stay within OPA compliance."

Meantime, Swift & Co., also charging that the OPA has failed to halt a "raging black market," reported today that its beef business has dropped to the lowest level in the company's 61-year history.

The 14 pioneers were presented with the Charles Clifton automotive award—in honor of the late president and board chairman of Pierce-Arrow Motor Co.—by Lt. Gen. William S. Knudson, general jubilee chairman and former chief of the war production board.

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