

GET 'EM WHOLESALE

The guest watched with amusement as the young son of the house amused himself by driving nails into the furniture. Recovering a bit from the shock, he turned to his host and asked "Joe, isn't that an expensive pastime your son has? How can you afford it?"

"Oh, it's not bad," answered the father. "We get the nails wholesale."

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The 1956 International Grand Champion Aberdeen-Angus bull is Dor-Mac's Bardoliermere 10th, shown by Heckmere's Highlands, Valencia, Pa. At halter is Don Schmidt, cattle manager, and to his right is his wife. Others, from left to right, are Herman Purdy of Pennsylvania State University who judged the Angus breed show

at the International Livestock Exposition, Chicago, on Nov. 26 and 27; Woodroe Adams, herdsman of the farm; Earl Dugger, Tulsa, Oklahoma, associate judge of the show; and Mrs. E. H. Heckett, owner of Heckmere's Highlands. (Photo by American Angus Association).

THE HARD WAY

LUCERNE VALLEY, Cal. — Charifayne Stott was recently graduated from Victor Valley High School with a perfect four-year attendance mark in spite of the fact that she had to travel 57,000 miles to school during that period. The round trip from her home to school, 70 miles per day on the bus, added up to 14,250 miles a year, or 57,000 miles for the four years.

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SCRANTON, Pa. — A 20-foot high pile of embers at a dumping ground collapsed on two 7-year-old boys burying one of them and killing one. The second boy dug his way free.

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Curtains on Infrared Lamp Chick Brooders Cut Operator Cost by Half

WASHINGTON — (USDA) — Cost of brooding chicks in infrared-lamp brooders can be cut in half if the brooders are fitted with side curtains, the U. S. Department of Agriculture reports. Cooperative research by the Department's Agricultural Research Service and the Purdue University Agricultural Experiment Station shows a saving of about two cents a chick, according to USDA engineers John G. Taylor and Ernest A. Johnson, who conducted the experiments at Lafayette, Ind.

Testing during the normal 11-week brooding period showed no significant difference in gains and feed-efficiencies between chicks reared in brooders with and without curtains. But brooders without side curtains required almost 93 per cent more electrical energy than those fitted with curtains.

The materials used for these energy-saving curtains — white vinyl plastic, clear vinyl plastic, and 32-gauge aluminum sheeting — all proved about equally effective in reducing production costs. Clear plastic curtains have the added advantage of visibility.

Use of curtains on chick brooders is not new. In the past, however, it has been customary to use makeshift materials, many of which created fire hazards. The materials often used, such as burlap sacking or discarded fabrics, did not reduce brooder operating costs significantly.

The lamp-controller systems used in the experiments were a proportional-time modulator, a commercial brooder "wafer" type, and a commercial high-sensitivity thermostat. The proportional-time modulator type gave a slightly greater cost advantage — amounting to 0.2 cents per chick — than the commercial high-sensitivity regulator, and it was 0.9 cents per chick better than the wafer-type thermostat.

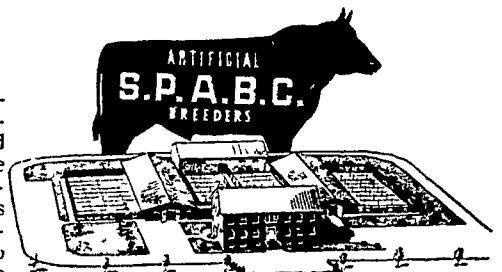
The brooders used in the experiment were of home-made plywood construction, fitted with four 250-watt lamps mounted under a 4 x 4-foot plywood top. Thermostats controlling the lamps were set to maintain the same air temperatures under all brooders in the tests.

The tests were conducted in four 10' x 12' insulated colony houses — two having fixed, in-

ulated sashes and the others 6-pane movable sash windows — and in one 26' x 132' house with seven 12' x 26' pens separated by wire partitions.

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