

Bill Introduced Into House Allowing Farmers to Feed Home Raised Wheat

PALMYRA, Pa. — Pennsylvania poultry farmers may be able to feed home-grown wheat to their chicks without running afoul of the government's wheat allotment program.

The turning point in this long-standing battle between poultry interests and the federal program rests in the legislation tossed into the House of Representatives' hopper by Kenneth B. Keating (R., N. Y.), it was revealed here this week by Larry Kegerreis, Northeastern Poultry Producers Council official.

"I believe it's fundamentally wrong and contrary to the American system of free enterprise to prevent poultry farmers, through federal regulation, from free utilization of land for the production of grain for feeding their own flocks," Kegerreis declared.

The proposed bill, H.R. 271 would amend the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 to exempt poultry and livestock raisers from wheat allotment penalties where the grain is fed to stock on their own farms.

So far the government has won a hands-down victory in test cases in New York, Pennsylvania and other states involving violations of wheat allotment agreements

where the grain was fed to livestock on the farm where it was raised.

Current regulations forbid, under penalty, the raising of any wheat in excess of acreage allotments — even though the grain is fed right on the farm and does not reach market channels.

"It's high time that this type of autocratic legislation be wiped from the record books," said the Council official. "It clearly abrogates a fundamental right of American farmers — that of freedom of choice."

"The Council has vigorously campaigned to ease these harsh regulations, and has defended earlier test cases," he continued. "It will continue to do so until the job is accomplished."

NEPPCO has been a leader in a nationwide drive by farm organizations to amend the original legislation. Although previous efforts have been unsuccessful, Council leaders are pinning their hopes on a renewed non-election year campaign.

Members of the group in the 14-state area ranging from Maine to Virginia and west to Ohio are being urged to seek favorable consideration from their representatives in both houses of Congress.

Grange Backs School Bus Legislation

S. Ralph Wanner Master of Lancaster Co. Pomona Grange No. 71 announced today that the Grange is actively supporting House Bills No. 204 and 205, now under consideration by the Legislature in Harrisburg, which would permit School Districts to use the same school buses that haul the children to and from school for transporting these children in extra curricular activities such as basketball games, field trips by students of vocational agriculture and similar other programs planned and supervised by school authorities.

Wanner stated, "These bills will correct an inequity imposed upon school districts by legislation enacted at the last session forbidding the use of school buses for such extra curricular activities, and districts, therefore, were forced to hire common carrier buses licensed by the Public Utilities Commission, when transportation was needed. This created additional expense and inconvenience which was unwarranted. In these days of high taxes every effort must be made to hold costs at a minimum, and these bills are a step in that direction."

New Farm Bureau Feed Mill Includes Novel Modern Equipment

Open house at the new Farm Bureau mill in New Holland will be held from 7 a. m. to 6 p. m. April 3 at the new building.

On display will be a line-up of modern milling and feed processing equipment, installed in a new modern building.

The new building has been built to replace one lost by fire last year.

The new facility is designed with sufficient storage bins for handling bulk grains as well as receiving the major feed ingredients in bulk. Also facilities to blend, store and deliver bulk feeds with the new air lift bulk delivery truck are included.

Grains received by rail will go over two air super cleaner before going into storage bins. Another feed cleaner installed is a gyro whip feed dresser which automatically remove foreign matter and hardware which might get into feed during processing.

An unusual time and labor saver to be used is the weigh buggy. The exact amount of grain and other ingredients for each feed formula can be drawn into the buggy and then mixed.

This eliminates the tedious business of bagging ingredients before mixing.

Bagged ingredients will be conveyed from the warehouse to the mixers by a belt conveyer. A port-

able-automatic scale can be placed under numerous over-head bins for filling the 100-pound bags with grains.

Provision is also made for the future installation of a conveyer-blending system which would take part of the load off the two mixers.

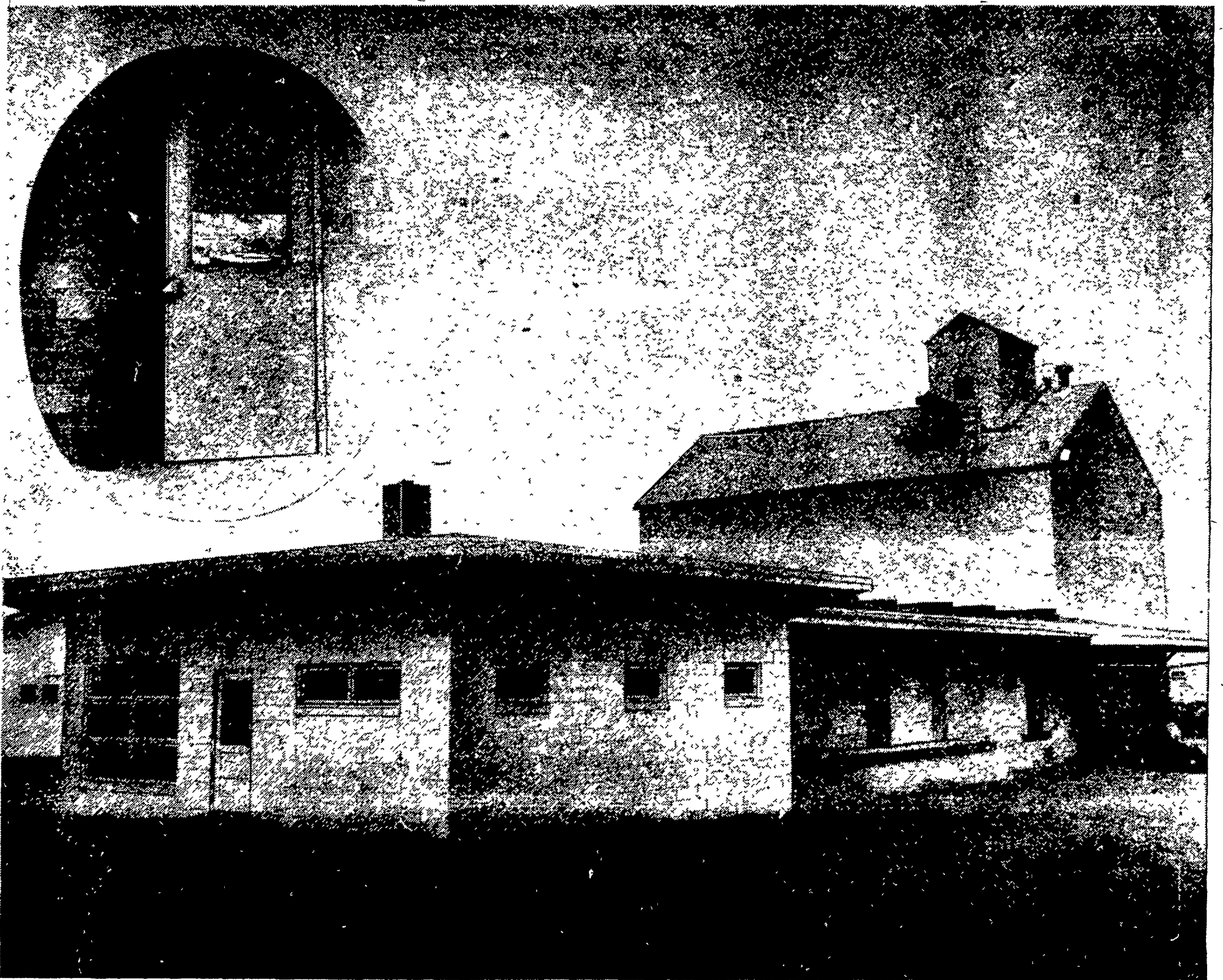
The mixers have a two ton capacity each. A large hammermill and a molasses mixer complete the new efficient feed processing system.

Now when grain is delivered to the mill by a farmer to be processed, it can be dumped into a pit where it is fed automatically into the hammermill. It is weighed automatically after it is ground, and then goes into the mixers.

Driving onto the scales to weigh the load and then to weigh the empty vehicle is completely eliminated.

Other equipment installed include a corn cutter and grader for scratch grain production, and an oat crimper.

Standard feeds to be produced at the mill include 14 per cent dairy feed, New Holland 16 per cent all mash laying feed, New Holland 22 per cent laying mash with 3-nitro, 32 per cent steer supplement and beef supplement A.



A View of the New Office Building and Plant of the New Holland Branch of the Lancaster Farm Bureau. Upper left photo shows Reuben Hess, Mgr.

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