

## Poultry Magazine Poll Backs Result Of NEPPCO Survey, Council Claims

TRENTON, N.J. — A nationwide survey, conducted by one of the country's top poultry publications, reveals that most poultrymen are heartily in favor of free poultry and egg markets, and opposed to government intervention.

The survey lends additional weight to the recent study conducted in the 14 northeastern states by the Northeastern Poultry Producers Council (NEPPCO).

Dr. Alfred Van Wageningen, managing director of the Council, reported this week that a poll of close to 400,000 readers of "Poultry Tribune" showed a clear-cut

preference for limiting federal aid to poultrymen to "disaster insurance."

"The close parallel between Tribune's survey and our own," said Dr. Van Wageningen, "not only validates the NEPPCO poll findings, but indicates that other sections of the country share the northeastern poultryman's resistance to economic captivity."

Poultry Tribune's eastern readers favored a "free market" system with a thumping majority of 65.4 per cent in the Midwest, 56.1 per cent voted for it; in the South, 64.6 per cent, and on the Pacific Coast, 50.1 per cent. More than 95 per cent returning ballots

## New Insect Repellent In Commercial Supply

A new insect repellent developed by the USDA and the Army has been released for commercial production this year.

The active ingredient is diethyl toluamide. It can be safely applied to skin or clothing and successfully protects the wearer against mosquitoes, chiggers, ticks, fleas and biting flies.

cent being egg producers.

In some areas, "splinter" organizations have attempted to attack the validity of the NEPPCO survey, Dr. Van Wageningen warned. Lacking facts to substantiate their opinions as to what is desirable for the poultry industry, he said, they have sought to discredit the survey and its reflection in NEPPCO's new policy.

"The Council is firmly dedicated to the American right of honest disagreement," Dr. Van Wageningen added. "We do not insist that other poultry groups subscribe to NEPPCO's policy on free markets. We do feel, however, that we have a right to hold those views, free from personal attack and invective."

"We have done everything possible to insure the accuracy of our findings," he continued. "We are satisfied that we have an accurate reflection of the opinions of our members, and have no alternative but to express that resistance to government intervention in our formal policy statement."

The Council leader went on to point out that the organization did not contend that it spoke for all poultrymen in the nation in its "hands off" policy, but that it did accurately represent the views of the majority of its membership.

The survey showed that more than 65 per cent of the poultry farmers replying wanted a minimum of interference from federal economic planners. Of this group more than 43 per cent favored all-out industry resistance to subsidies and controls of any kind.

Deploring the emphasis upon price support policy, Dr. Van Wageningen pointed out that other aspects of the Council's new program are likely to prove more significant in terms of long-term expansion of industry incomes.

"Our work in developing strong marketing agencies alone, has and will continue to exert more upward influence upon farm incomes than any other single factor," he declared.

The Council's Division of Co-operatives three years ago founded the Northeastern Poultry Co-operative Association — a central marketing agency to assure northeastern market egg producers of a firm voice in the New York market.

Other Council activities include legislative activity for industry interests such as the recent move for mandatory poultry meat inspection and the establishment of vaccine standards; the sponsorship of egg grading and marketing schools, chicken barbecue schools, and other basic services.

## Eastern States Fieldmen Gone To Meeting

Larverne S. Pownall, R2, Quarryville, Pa., is in West Springfield, Mass. attending a three-day meeting of fieldmen of Eastern States Farmers' Exchange. Fieldmen from nine states are meeting from Tuesday morning until Thursday noon.

Pownall is organization fieldman for Eastern States District 6, covering several counties in this area.

This meeting was prepared by Eastern States Farmers' Exchange to provide technical and organizational information to help its fieldmen keep prepared at all times to serve the members of the farmer-owned cooperative.

In addition to Pownall, District 6 fieldmen at the West Springfield meeting are: E. B. Groff, feed, Lancaster, Pa., and H. E. Mengel, crops, Ronks, Pa.

## Two Soil Fungicides Can Control Potato Scab, Penn State Tests Show

Potato scab, a disease which disfigures potatoes and lowers their sales value, can be controlled with soil fungicides P.C.N.B. and Vapam, according to vania agricultural experiment station preliminary tests by the Pennsylvania State University.

Scab control was improved as the rate of Vapam was increased. Vapam's control at 50 and 100 pounds per acre was significantly better than P.C.N.B. at these rates. Scab control by P.C.N.B. tended to decrease at the higher rates of 75 to 100 pounds per acre.

To conduct the study, a field of loam soil was infested with the scab organism. One week later

P.C.N.B. and Vapam were added as water solutions — P.C.N.B. at the rate of 25, 75 and 100 pounds per acre and Vapam at the rate of 25, 50 and 100 pounds per acre.

The solutions were sprayed with a hand boom on the surface of the soil, which was immediately disked to assure complete penetration of the chemicals into the soil. The plots were then sprayed with a broom type orchard sprayer to form a water seal at the surface.

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### Fastest Growth in Fredericksburg Region

James Light, Rt. 3, Lebanon, Penna., heaviest entry for region — 57¼ lbs. Vantress Arbor Acres. Nine young people placed among the first 10 with chicks from Hubbard Farms in their regional contests:

#### FRANCONIA REGION

Larry Comley, Rt. 2, New Hope, Penna. — 1st place. — New White Mountains.  
Sally Jones, Buckingham, Penna. — 2nd place — New White Mountains.

#### COATESVILLE REGION

Grafton K. Brabson, Peach Bottom, Penna. — 6th place, Vantress Arbor Acres.  
Carolyn A. Wilson, Rt. 1, Bareville, Penna. — 7th place, — New White Mountains  
William I. Wilson, Rt. 1, Bareville, Penna. — 8th place — Vantress Arbor Acres.  
Philip Young, Downingtown High School, Downingtown, Penna. — 9th place — Vantress Arbor Acres.

#### FREDERICKSBURG REGION

Wayne P. Worman, Rt. 1, Bernville, Penna. — 7th place — Vantress Arbor Acres.  
Leonard L. Turner, Rt. 1, Fleetwood, Penna. — 9th place — New White Mountains.  
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