



TWO SONS of Eugene Wissler, R1 New Holland are shown with Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture Thomas L. Henning, center, above. The young farmers, Reed and Glen Wissler, operate in a father-son partnership. At the right, Noah Kreider,

center, explains some of the fine points of his dairy-poultry operation to two of the visiting officials. Kreider, with his two sons, operates 360 acres near Manheim (LF Photo)



State Agricultural Officials Tour County Farms, Industry Monday

Secretaries, directors and commissioners of agriculture from 11 northeastern states, Iowa, Ohio, Michigan and Virginia spent Monday afternoon touring Lancaster County.

Their first stop was at the Noah

Kreider farm, R3 Manheim, the next visit was to the baler plant of the New Holland Machine Co. and the last was to the Eugene Wissler farm, R1 New Holland.

The officers were touring as guests of state Secretary of Agri-

culture, William L. Henning, and as part of a conference of the Northeastern Assn of Secretaries, Commissioners and Directors of Agriculture being held at Hershey.

One of the guests, Clyde Spry, of Iowa, said that his grandfather was from Lancaster County and that this was his first visit here. He remarked on the soil conservation practices in effect and on the good stands of small grains.

New Jersey's representative, Phillip Alampi, called the two Garden Spot farms "wonderful operations."

A forenoon discussion on marketing, disease control and agricultural financing preceeded the tour.

Dr. H. A. Milo of the state Bureau of Animal Industry spoke before the group on the tuberculosis and brucellosis eradication programs in the state.

Another Pennsylvania official, Dr. Thomas A. Guyton of the Bureau of Plant Industry spoke on the gypsy moth spray program being undertaken with the federal government.

Another speaker was Dr. Alfred Van Wagenen, managing director of the Northeast Poultry Producers Council, who spoke on integration, inspection of poultry, and the farm credit problem.

He came out in favor of a poultry inspection bill now pending in Congress. The bill would provide fines and jail sentences for violators. It costs about \$3,500 to regulations.

The officials were practically unanimous in agreeing that better quality control measures are needed in the poultry industry.

Joseph N. Gill of Connecticut is an outspoken opponent of integrated poultry production.

He said, "We are still fighting integration in Connecticut. We are now producing broilers at a cost of 15 cents for chicks, feed, litter and brooding."

Gill painted a dark picture for the future of tobacco.

"We are through as a binder tobacco state. The homogenized leaf has killed our market. Now most of our growers believe that it is just a matter of time until a synthetic wrapper leaf is developed. It costs about \$500 to produce an acre of wrapper and we have to get about \$4 to \$12 a pound when we sell it. Binders cost about \$800 to \$1,200 an acre to produce."

Along with quality control and disease control, marketing was discussed by the conferees. Representatives of the various states explained how their agricultural promotional programs were operated. Most of them work similarly to the USDA "plentiful foods lists" activities.

At the Kreider farm, the visitors were told that 360 acre farm

supports a 46 head milk cow herd, 2,500 layers and 14,000 broilers. In addition, potatoes and small grains are grown.

The farm is operated as a partnership by Kreider and his sons Richard and Noah, Junior.

The Wisslers are steer feeders, primarily This year they have 78 acres of potatoes planted in addition to tobacco and hay crops.

The Wissler farm is also a father-son partnership with Reed Wissler, Brownstown, as the junior partner.

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Maple sirup production in 1957 is now estimated by the Crop Reporting Board at 1,829,000 gallons. This is about 16 per cent above 1956 production and 10 per cent above the 1946-1955 average.

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