

Technique Developed to Produce High-fat Pellets for Broiler Ration

A major feed company has perfected a technique for pelleting a high-fat ration for broilers on a practical commercial basis, it was announced by Ralston-Purina executives at a special news conference.

The new product will carry a guaranteed fat content of eight per cent, approximately twice as much as old production methods were able to pellet. The new ration will be available to broiler growers in principal broiler areas immediately.

Researchers tested the new ration on many thousands of birds over a period of a good many months. From this research it was learned that the two-to-one "sound

barrier" in broiler production can be broken commercially. In other words, it is possible now, under favorable conditions, to produce commercially one pound of broiler meat on less than two pounds of feed.

This was hailed as another example of the teamwork between poultry nutrition research and engineering research. Discoveries of nutrition researchers have led the way in broiler industry progress, but it has been the ability of the milling and production experts to apply the fruits of research in commercial broiler operations that has pumped strength into the broiler industry.

Commercial and college researchers have shown that pelleting a broiler ration results in definite economic advantages. They have also shown that the addition of high levels of fats speeds growth and improves feed efficiency.

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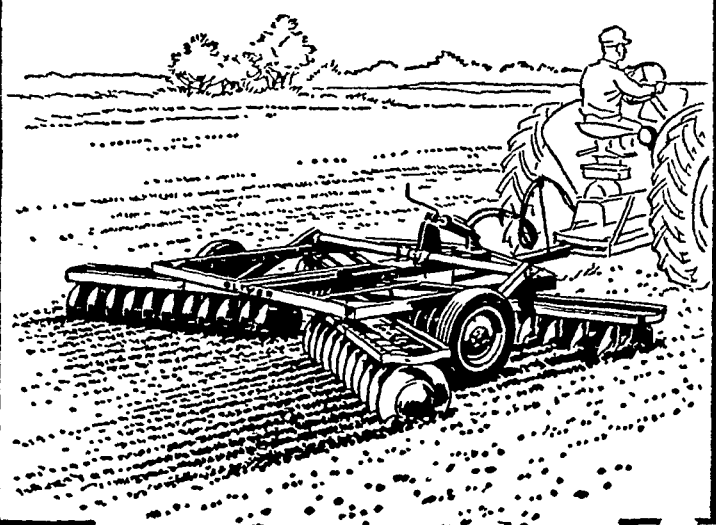


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Alvin N. Saylor

Alvin N. Saylor Goes to State From FFA Job

HARRISBURG—State Agriculture Secretary William L. Henning today announced appointment of Alvin N. Saylor, 500 Woodland View Drive, York, as an agricultural economist in the State Bureau of Markets, effective October 1.

For the past three years Saylor has been director of public affairs for the Pennsylvania Farmers' Association with headquarters in Camp Hill, Cumberland County.

Henning said Saylor's background and experience will make possible required expansion of the Department's program of marketing aids to farmers and consumers.

Saylor, in addition to assisting in the Department's program of egg law enforcement, will conduct economic studies, prepare marketing data for publication, and other service work including the promotion of Pennsylvania farm products. His activities will be in various types of crops and farm products, with special emphasis on poultry and eggs, Henning explained.

The new appointee is a graduate in agricultural economics at the Pennsylvania State University, class of 1951. He received his master's degree in 1954 in agricultural economics and market-

Henning Calls For Clarification Of Water Laws

YORK—State Agriculture Secretary William L. Henning Thursday suggested an intensive study be made of natural resources in Pennsylvania as a "necessary public aid."

Speaking at the opening session of the annual conference of State Soil Conservation District Directors, Henning also called for a clarification of the water rights laws in Pennsylvania.

He declared early action is required to modernize Pennsylvania's approach to soil and water management.

The cabinet member said the time is "ripe" to begin the development of a long-range policy on natural resources in Pennsylvania. All interests, including industry, agriculture, municipalities and recreational organizations should fully participate in developing such a policy, he declared.

Secretary Henning told of the rapid increase in the number of soil conservation districts in the State which now stands at 48. He said there has been a 60 per cent increase, or 18 new districts, in the last two and one-half years, and 80 per cent of the State's 128,000 farms are now contained within soil conservation district counties.

This year Pennsylvania is marking the 20th anniversary of the founding of the State's first soil conservation district in Indiana County.

ing, completing an economic analysis of alternative market outlets for apples. At Penn State he was president of the undergraduate Agricultural Economics Club.

While with the Pennsylvania Farmers' Association Saylor was responsible for the economic research and analysis of farm policy, also all educational activities, policy development, commodity and legislative work for the statewide organization.

Saylor was reared on a Somerset County Farm. His military service extended from July 1951 to July 1953 when he was an officer in the Air Force. He now holds a temporary grade of 1st Lieutenant, U.S. Air Force Reserve.

Mid-September Parity Ratio Rises to 83

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