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## Market Bureau To Help Retailer Boost Egg Quality

"The Bureau of Markets is interested in helping retailers meet the standards for fresh eggs, not in prosecutions for violations," bureau head Edward J. Lawless said in an interview Monday.

The interview was prompted by comments made Thursday at a meeting held at the Poultry Center. More than 200 egg producers and retailers jammed the Center to hear provisions of the revised standards explained.

The standards are effective Jan. 16.

Lawless said, "Competition of out of state eggs prompted the revisions of standards of the Fresh Egg Law. The idea is to protect the consumer."

He emphasized that the Fresh Egg Law is not new and there has been no change in the basic legislation. And the new revision applies only to eggs retailed in six or 12 egg cartons.

"In other words," he said, "if the retailer or peddler puts the eggs into sacks, baskets or the customer's own containers, the regulations do not apply."

Actually the revision of standards are nothing new. The standards and grades have existed all the time. However at the last revision last fall, it was decided that it would be in the best interest of the consumer if grades and size of eggs were printed, together with the packer's name, on the exterior of the carton.

Lawless said that in spot checks throughout the commonwealth a great variety in both size and quality of eggs marketed to the consumer was noted.

"We asked specifically about prosecutions, Lawless emphasized that there were two things that the bureau wanted to accomplish before using the penalty provisions available. These are to help the retailer handle his eggs in such a manner so as to preclude the possibility of prosecution. The second is to educate the public to ask for and expect to get quality eggs marketed as such.



SNOW TUESDAY CUT attendance at the first meeting of the Southern 4-H Tractor Club until there were nearly as many leaders present as members. Shown here, left to right, are Bill Maule, R2 Quarryville; Fred Linton, R2 Quarryville; Jimmy Groff, R7

Lancaster; Walter Gehman, R3 Quarryville; Eddie Harnish, R1 Christiana; Bob Maule, R2 Quarryville; and Fred Frey, R2 Quarryville. The meeting was held at Conestoga Farm Service, Quarryville. (LF Photo)

TO ADJUST INSURANCE COVERAGE — Real estate values have been on a steady increase in recent years. The insurance coverage of five or more years ago may not be sufficient to replace losses today. Farm owners are advised to review their policies to be certain they are properly protected.

TO TOP-DRESS NEW LEGUME SEEDINGS — Due to the drouth conditions last fall many new seedings did not get sufficient growth before cold weather, this may result in severe winter killing especially in view of recent cold weather without snow cover. It is suggested that producers apply a coating of straw manure to these fields in order to protect the small plants. This will also reduce the amount of heaving from constant freezing and thawing.

TO CONTROL LICE ON LIVESTOCK — Efficient production of both milk and meat may be obtained only on lice-free animals, heavy winter coats make control more difficult. Two applications about 12 to 14 days apart will kill all livestock lice. The rotenone-sulphur dust is recommended, or 1 per cent lindane dust will give good results. A number of mechanical treaters for steer feeders are also useful to apply prepared louse insecticides.

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## County Vegetable Growers to Meet Jan. 21 at GSP

County vegetable growers will meet Jan. 12 at the Guernsey Breeders Sales Pavilion, Route 30 East, Lancaster. J. Wade Groff, R7 Lancaster will preside at the meeting.

General topic in the morning session will be irrigation and its application to vegetable growing. The program will also include a look at the general outlook of vegetable farming, growing vegetables for processing, and how to produce more efficiently.

Amos H. Funk, R1 Millersville; Emory Herr, Ronks, Richard Kreider, R1 Manheim; William Jacobs, R2 Narvon; Omar Zook, Manatawny; Jacob Gluck, Smoke-town, Jay Hodecker, R3 Lancaster, Robert Fletcher, State College, and Harry S. Sloat, Lancaster, will discuss "How irrigation has helped produce results in farm operation in respect to soil, organic matter, type of crops and water supply."

In the afternoon trends in vegetable production for processing will be discussed by K. P. Slamp, extension marketing specialist, Penn State; recognition will be given for high yields and grades in tomatoes, peas, lima beans; and management, planning and efficient farm operations will be discussed by Fred Hughs, extension farm management specialist, Penn State.

A question and answer period will follow.

Reservations for lunch must be made in advance. They may be made with your processor before Jan. 16.

## Farm Show Section Starts on Page Five

As a preview to next week's Farm Show to be held in Harrisburg Monday through Friday, special news and advertising is featured in this week's issue. The material begins on page five. The official program is on page six. More than 500,000 Pennsylvanians are expected to visit the show and see the more than 10,000 farm products, machinery and equipment on display. It is estimated that the value of the displays this year will exceed \$6 million.

## Entry Blanks for Producers Gilt Sale Feb. 22 Mailed to Breeders This Week

Entry blanks for the all-breed bred gilt sale sponsored by the Lancaster County Swine Producers Assn. were mailed this week by association secretary Harold G. Rohrer.

The sale is scheduled for 1 p. m. Feb. 22 at the Paul Z. Martin Sales Barn, Blue Ball.

Gilts of any of the present swine breeds will be accepted for the sale providing she is a pre-bred or a cross-bred gilt sired by a registered boar or bred to a registered boar. Grade gilts sired by or bred to a registered boar will be accepted if one of the common breeds.

All gilts for the sale must have been bred after Nov. 1, 1957.

All gilts will have to be vaccinated for hog cholera by one

## Nearly 2,000 Head of Livestock Entered in Show

Arrival of the first animals yesterday for the Jan. 13-17 Pennsylvania Farm Show prompted State Secretary of Agriculture William L. Henning to declare that the nearly 2,000 head of beef and dairy cattle, horses, swine and sheep will represent "the finest animals in Pennsylvania." All livestock will be here by Sunday, ready for the show opening next Monday morning.

Expanding interest in the State's livestock industry is certain to get an added boost from the Farm Show as indicated by the total number of entries and the assured high quality of the animals, the Farm Show Commission chairman said.

"Interest developed by the Farm Show is certain to result in still better breeding and an even greater livestock industry as demonstrated in the first Pennsylvania National Livestock Exposition here last November," he added.

Beef breeding cattle of the Angus, Hereford and Shorthorn breeds will total 235. Many of them will be making return trips to the Farm Show arena within two months, having competed there in the November Livestock Exposition.

Entered also are 140 head of the best show steers in the state. Most of these will be 4-H Club "baby beeves" that have been raised as educational projects in animal husbandry. These steers, selected as the best in the various 4-H herds, have been specially groomed for the Farm Show, their final big roundup.

Classes in all seven of the swine breeds are filled. All swine entries are gilts and will be sold Wednesday and Thursday of Farm Show week. These sales, always a highlight of the Farm Show, serve to distribute good brood stock to swine producers throughout Pennsylvania.

Sheep number 388 head, including 29 pens holding 117 4-H lambs. Draft horse entries total 100, three more than in 1957. In addition, 40 teams of two each are entered in the annual horse pulling contest late Wednesday afternoon and evening.

of the present accepted methods and show a negative Bang's test within 60 days prior to the sale.

All animals will be sold under the code of Fair Practices which is adopted by all the breed associations.

A maximum of 10 purebred fall boars will be accepted for the sale. They should be good mat type hogs. If more than 10 are offered, they will be culled by the sale committee. All rules of health and sale apply to these boars.

The sale committee is composed of Earl Fisher, R1 East Earl; Arlie Anderson, Elizabethtown; and Harold B. Endsaw, R1 Marietta.

For entry blanks or additional information write to Harold G. Rohrer, Room 202 Post Office Bldg., Lancaster.

## Now Is The Time . . .

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