

Babcock Poultry Farm Receives GLF Egg Quality Award

A trophy for top egg quality in the white class of the 3rd Western New York Random Sample Test has been awarded to Babcock Poultry Farm, Ithaca, N. Y., by Cooperative G. L. F. Exchange, Inc.

Presentation was made at the Central New York Poultry and Farm Exposition in Syracuse by John Vandervoort, supervisor of Poultry Field Service for G. L. F. Jack Mount, general manager, and John Lyman, geneticist, received the trophy for the Babcock firm.

Basis of selection for the egg quality award includes placing in the top half of the test on an income basis. It was pointed out that two other entries received a slightly higher score in egg

quality — but did not place in the top half of the test on income. At the Western New York Test, the Babcock firm was the only breeder to place in the first quartile for all factors of income over feed and chick cost, egg production per bird housed, egg size, mortality, feed efficiency, and albumen score.

The overall egg quality score at Western New York Random Sample Test gives 40 per cent to albumen quality, 25 per cent to egg shell quality, 15 per cent to blood spots, 10 per cent to meat spots, and 10 per cent to egg shape.

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EZRA TAFT BENSON

Sec. Benson Lauds PENB Egg Month Objectives

Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson has issued a statement commending the poultry industry and the Poultry and Egg National Board for long-time leadership in the food marketing field and for sparing no effort in planning National Egg Month.

The statement, addressed to PENB, follows:

We are glad to know of the plans which poultrymen, through your organization, have made for an appropriate observance, again this year, of National Egg Month this March.

The egg is one of our finest foods. Certainly poultrymen are performing a real service. The record numbers of eggs available in recent years are indicative of the efficient production job that poultrymen are accomplishing.

In addition, poultrymen have long been leaders among farm groups in recognizing the merits of marketing a high quality product, and the necessity for adequately acquainting consumers with its many uses. The educational program which poultrymen have sponsored has been instrumental in building the wide public acceptance which eggs now enjoy, and thus in retaining and expanding markets for them.

In a business so dynamic as food marketing, however, continued effort is the price of success, and I am glad to see that you have spared no effort in making plans for this annual National Egg Month.

Your informational and educational work is to be commended for the benefits that it brings to all of us, as well as for the direct good that it does in expanding poultrymen's own markets. I congratulate you for the fine plans that you have developed for National Egg Month, and hope that your campaign will enjoy all possible success.

Maryland Flying Farmer Chapter Planed

Last Saturday evening the first charter members signed up to form a chapter of the National Flying Farmers Association for the State of Maryland according to L. L. Logan, Kennett Square, regional director.

Although it was a very cold night which cut attendance, several flyers appeared at the Aldino Airport near Aberdeen, Md. where Mr. and Mrs. Jack Norman, airport operators were hosts to the group.

National President Kenneth Butler, Hutchinson, Minn., and Russell Abbott, Executive Secretary, Wichita, Kansas, attended the meeting and presented the National program. Pete Barnum, N. Y. State Director, Burdett, N. Y., and Dan Crouse, Chatham, Chester County member accompanied Logan and participated in the meeting.

Lloyd Gifford, Rising Sun, Md., was asked by the group to act as temporary chairman of the new group pending completion of the organization.

Binder Holdings Down 14 Pct. From Years Ago

Holdings of cigar binder types of tobaccos decreased 14 per cent and Puerto Rican filler 11 per cent, compared with the previous Jan. 1, according to the quarterly report of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Leaf tobacco stocks in the nation totaled 5,149 million pounds as of Jan. 1, 1958. This is a decrease of 204 million pounds compared with a year earlier.

The most significant decrease is in flue-cured stocks, down seven per cent. Flue-cured makes up over half of total tobacco stocks.

Under government loans on

Jan. 1 were 1,052 million pounds, a drop from 1,208 million pounds under loan on Jan. 1, 1957.

The government estimates that 85 per cent of the 1958 crop was marketed.

Here is a summary of current tobacco leaf situation:

Jan. 1 stocks of Types 41-44 filler were 116,779,000 pounds as compared with 114,424,000 pounds on the same date a year ago. Puerto Rican filler, Type 46, showed a drop from a year ago with the Jan. 1, 1958 stocks pegged at 4,742,000 pounds as compared with 49,211,000 pounds last year.

Binder, types 51-55, was only 39,775,000 pounds on Jan. 1, dropping from the figure of 104,429,000 pounds a year ago.

However, foreign grown leaf stocks were up by 3,000,000 pounds from a year ago. Wrapper stocks, too, gained by about 1,000,000 pounds.

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