

### 7 Egg Plants To Market State Certified Eggs

In a new move to provide consumers with high quality eggs, the State Department of Agriculture announced seven egg packing plants have signed agreements to cooperate under a Pennsylvania egg certification program.

John L. Rainey, director of the Bureau of Markets, said adoption of the plan by the egg stations will assure more uniformity in grading and will help to stabilize the Pennsylvania egg industry. The seven plants market more than one-half million eggs daily.

Under the new program the Department will license employees of any distributing plants that sign voluntary inspection agree-

ments with the Department. Each must meet Department standards for licensing egg graders.

The program, which supplements a cooperative Federal State plan, will help "sell" the high standards of Pennsylvania eggs by the means of a special label on each carton packed in the co-operating plants.

In January the Department revised the State's egg standards and through strict enforcement measures is gaining consumer confidence in Pennsylvania eggs, Rainey said. All eggs sold in cartons must now be more completely identified for grade and weight standards.

Rainey said the certification plan was adopted at no additional expense to the Commonwealth. He explained that organizations in the certification plan will pay a fee to the States and employees will be supervised periodically by Bureau of Markets egg inspectors.

Applications to certify eggs under the new State plan have been approved for Keller's Egg Company, Telford, Hallman's Creamery, Souderton, Stauffer Farms, Fed Hill, and Tri County Producers Cooperative, Worcester, all Montgomery County, Bucks County Producers Cooperative, Doylestown, J. E. Copenhaver, Elizabethtown and L. M. Sheaffer, Ephrata, both Lancaster County

### Chester Co. Dairymen Plan Tour in Dixie

Chester County Dairy farmers are making plans for a bus trip to North Carolina expected to last three days.

The tour will leave West Chester's Short Line Bus station at 6 a. m. Monday, March 3 and will return to West Chester by way of Oxford at about midnight March 5.

In between dairy farmers will have met folks in the Tar Heel state, visited dairy farms in North Carolina and Virginia, visited a cigarette manufacturing plant, visited the largest integrated broiler growing and processing plant in Delaware and logged 1,000 miles by bus in doing so.

Reservations and a \$17.50 deposit for bus fare must be in the County Agents office in West Chester by the morning of March 1. Checks should be made payable to Harvey C. Worthington.

Other expenses will be for meals and two nights lodging.

One meal on the trip will be taken on the Cape Charles Ferry during an hour and 45 minute crossing of the bay.

Arrangements for the tour were made by Dr. Joe Pou, North Carolina Dairy specialist.

### 7 Point Plan Aids Keeping Stock Well

A seven-point "life-saving" program for America's "barnyard babies" which will be born on farms this spring, was offered to livestock owners recently by the American Foundation for Animal Health.

The seven points stressed by Foundation authorities include:

1. Make sure mother animals get a complete ration, including the correct balance of proteins, and minerals. If deficiency symptoms appear, call a veterinarian.

2. Provide clean, dry, draft-free quarters for brood sows, cows and ewes. Keep them free of filth, lice and mites.

3. Be on hand to assist in births if necessary. Disinfect navels of new-born animals.

4. Make certain young animals are nursing properly. All animal babies need plenty of their mother's first milk (colostrum).

5. Be especially alert for signs of scouring. It may indicate disease or improper feeding.

6. Have pigs vaccinated against hog cholera about weaning time. When the veterinarian vaccinates against cholera, check as to possible need for other types of vaccination.

7. Obtain a prompt diagnosis and take corrective action the

### Next Exposition To Be Nov. 11-14, Committee Says

HARRISBURG — Dates for the second annual Pennsylvania Livestock Exposition were set for Nov. 11, 12, 13 and 14, 1958, by the exposition committee.

As president of the Pennsylvania Livestock and Allied Industries Association, Inc., Leon Falk, Jr., Pittsburgh, set Dec. 13 for the annual meeting of the association in Harrisburg to give final approval of the dates and to plan its sponsorship of the 1958 exposition in cooperation with the State Department of Agriculture.

Agriculture Secretary William L. Henning reported that a legislative appropriation of \$50,000 for the 1958 exposition will be available toward payment of premiums the same amount as for the 1957 livestock show.

"Outstanding success of the first show clearly demonstrated that Pennsylvania has won deserving international recognition in the production of beef cattle, swine and sheep," he declared.

moment signs of sickness appear; it may mean the saving of young animals which would otherwise be lost.

### Farm Calendar

Feb. 28

4-H Leaders Banquet — 6:30 p. m. at Strasburg Fire Hall

March 4

Southern 4-H Tractor Club — 7:30 p. m. at Mann & Giemelli, Quarryville

Fourth Farm and Home Planning meeting — 9:30 to 3 at North Queen St. Branch Lancaster Co. National Bank

March 5

Annual meeting of Farm Bureau Cooperative — 10 a. m. at Guensey Breeders Sale Pavilion, Route 30 East (rescheduled due to snow)

4-H Electric Club — 7:30 p. m. at PP&L Bldg. Lancaster

Cost of milk production conference — 1:30 p. m. at Farm Bureau, Lancaster

Red Rose Baby Beef & Lamb Club — 8 p. m. at Milton Brecht School, Litzitz Pike, Lancaster

March 6

Northern 4-H Tractor Club — 7:30 p. m. at Naaman Heishey's, Manheim

Educational meeting of the Lancaster County Poultry Assn. — 7:30 p. m. at Poultry Center, Lancaster. Topic will be Phases of Broiler Production and a panel on Contract vs. Owner Raising of broilers.

March 7

County Sheep Feeding and Management meeting — 8 p. m. at Farm Bureau, Lancaster. Speaker will be Ben Morgan of PSU.

March 8

Reorganization meeting of extension executive committee — 9:30 a. m. at Farm Bureau, Lancaster

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