

## Jacob L. Kurtz Maintains 500 lb. Herd By Supplementing Forage Ration

(Continued from page six) take hay and silage to the field for the milking herd.

Right now, as spring pastures are slow coming, the animals are getting hay and silage outside and only grain in the barn.

There are a couple of side benefits that Kurtz points out. By having the cows outside the barn, the fly problem is minimized. Secondly it helps in keeping the barn clean when the press of field work is on.

IN THE LATE summer as the pastures dry and become short, the bunkers are used again. Grass silage made in the early spring is used in time to empty the silo for the corn crop.

To utilize some of the rougher pasture land on the 180 acre farm, Kurtz keeps a small ewe and lamb flock. He has been keeping the lambs on until later in the summer rather than sell them in the pre-Easter market.

The farm lies in the rough hills just west of Elizabethtown, thus requiring that the bulk of the acres be used as pasture land.

Recently Kurtz purchased a young Holstein bull from an 800

pound cow that he plans to use in the herd.

He has been using an artificial breeding program through the Southeastern Pennsylvania Artificial Breeders Cooperative. This program will continue to be utilized even though he has his own bull.

WHILE THE INITIAL herd of Holstein was both grade and registered, the bulk of the grade cows have been eliminated until only two or three are left. These will be replaced with registered heifers as they move out of the herd.

The size of the herd may be increased slightly in the future, Kurtz believes. The Harrisburg dairy where he sells his milk has recently given notice that bulk tank operations will be started.

To get the benefit from a bulk tank, he feels, a pipeline milker and other accessories must be added. And this will mean that some more cows can be added to the herd with very little extra labor.

Labor on the farm is an important problem with Kurtz. He is a representative for Eastern and must be away from the farm frequently.

## Egg Plants Start Certification Labeling

Several Pennsylvania egg packing plants this week are expected to offer nearly 1 million eggs for sale in Southeastern Pennsylvania under a new state certification program.

The State Department of Agriculture said the first three of 10 egg packing plants signed up for the voluntary program were expected to place official certification labels on egg cartons beginning Monday.

THE OFFICIAL state certification labels show a keystone outlined in blue and lettering in red which reads: "Pennsylvania Certified Graded Under State Supervision." They will be used as a seal for the flap on each carton offered under the quality program.

The seal is intended to assure purchasers of the highest quality eggs offered by the distributor, observers said.

Under the Pennsylvania egg certification program the state will license a plant employee to inspect all eggs for quality and grade before the seal of quality can be affixed to the carton.

THERE WILL be no additional cost to the department. The agent of the plant will be required to meet department standards for licensing egg graders.

## U.S. Making Survey of European Market for Surplus Feed Grain

The U.S. Department of Agriculture today announced a team will leave April 15 to make a study of possibilities for future markets for U.S. feed grains in West Germany, Italy and Greece. Emphasis will be placed upon development of permanent dollar markets.

The market promotion survey is provided for under an agreement between the USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service and the National Federation of Grain Cooperatives. Part of local currencies accruing under Title I of Public Law 480 are available for such market development activities.

THE SURVEY team is composed of John J. McCracken of FAS' grain and feed division, and two representatives of the Federation. They will study the immediate and longrange possibilities of increasing sales of U.S. corn, grain sorghums, high protein meals, barley and oats in West Germany, Italy and Greece.

The Federation representatives are Fred Maywald, manager grain department, Farmers' Grain Dealers Assn. of Iowa, and Dr. Max Jeter, director, products research, Indiana Farm Bureau Cooperative Association.

EXPANSION OF foreign markets for this country's feed grains is important because of the high efficiency of U.S. feed grain production and the current supplies in excess of domestic needs. Corn, grain sorghums, barley and oats are major items in the Commodity Credit Corporation's holdings.

The survey team will confer with U.S. agricultural attaches and feed manufacturers, merchants and users in West Ger-

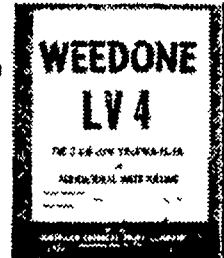
many, Italy and Greece regarding possible market development activities. Some of the latter may include sending German, Italian or Greek trade teams to the United States to observe the production, quality and availability of U.S. feed grains; demonstrations of feed grain uses in increasing poultry and livestock production; jointly sponsored experimental work, and educational advertising.

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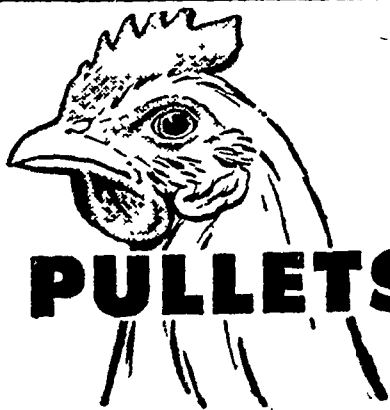
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