

SHOWN ABOVE is the new \$70,000 poultry research building recently completed at the Ithaca, N. Y., Babcock Poultry Farm research center. The building contains 21,000 square feet of floor space on two floors and is designed and equipped to scientifically test the flock performance of the 62,000 wing banded females in the firm's testing program.

1,000th Holstein Enters 1,000 lb. Butterfat Club

The Holstein-Friesian Association of America has reached a new milestone in its breed improvement program—the 1000th official record of 1,000 lbs. or more of butterfat by a registered Holstein cow.

"Number 1,000" was milked into the books by Carnation Lola Lassie Spofford 3406270 (VG) - a six year old at Carnation Milk Farms, Carnation, Washington.

Her record, made on Advanced Registry test under the supervision of the State College of Washington, totaled 25,389 lbs. of milk and 1,010 lbs of butterfat.

Milked three times daily, the Carnation Holstein out-milked four average cows during her 365 day testing period.

Her completed record adds a new chapter to a story dating back to 1912 and Pontiac Clothilde DeKol 2nd 69991 - first registered Holstein and first cow of any breed to produce 1,000 lbs. of butterfat in a year.

A total of 813 cows figure in the "first 1,000" official 1,000 lb. Holstein records. Both figures are greater than the combined totals of all other dairy breeds.

The "milestone" cow, entered the charmed 1,000 lb. circle for the first time, was bred for the job of consistently heavy production.

Her dam, Carnation Lassie Lady Spofford 2866890, recently completed a 365 day record of 26,116 lbs of milk and 1,012 of fat as a ten year old. Several closely-related members of the herd are also 1,000 lb producers.

"Lola", newest member of the 1,000 lb. club is classified "Very Good", the second highest designation in the

The USDA again has called attention to the fact that the Poultry Products Inspection Act becomes fully effective on January 1, 1959, and that except for exempted poultry producers and retail dealers, all trade processors must have their plants officially approved before they can ship their products in interstate commerce after Jan 1.

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Swift Ordered to Cease And Desist Market Practices

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24—The U. S. Department of Agriculture issued an order under the Packers and Stockyards Act Dec. 23 in a proceeding by the department against Swift and Company.

The order, which was entered pursuant to a stipulation by Swift and Company and the Department requires the respondent company to cease and desist from:

1. Purchasing hogs from any market agency at prices determined solely by average weight of the hogs without consideration of the respective merits of each individual lot or consignment;
2. Purchasing or agreeing to purchase hogs from any market agency and thereafter arranging for a competitive buyer to act as the original purchaser of all or a portion of the hogs which the respondent had bought or agreed to buy;
3. Furnishing a competitive buyer or dealer, prior to or during the conduct of respondents buying operations,

restricting or limiting competition, manipulating livestock prices, or controlling the movement of livestock, with information concerning (a) prices to be paid by the respondent for hogs, or (b) the number of hogs to be purchased by respondent;

4. Furnishing any price schedule, directly or indirectly, to a competitive buyer for his use as a price in the purchasing of hogs.

The stipulation between Swift and USDA states that it is for settlement purposes only and does not constitute an admission by respondent to violations of the Act.

The order continues the proceeding by USDA with respect to two additional allegations charging the respondent with:

1. Assembling and disseminating price information to market agency salesmen or competing buyers for the purpose or with the effect of establishing the market price on hogs;
2. Purchasing or agreeing

to purchase hogs without looking at such hogs in sales pens and bidding on them free and open competition.

USDA states that the above practices are of market-wide interest and it now believes that changes in these practices can most effectively and promptly be accomplished through negotiations with all interested persons. The Department therefore is continuing the proceeding with respect to these two practices in order to make it possible to work out a settlement on a market-wide basis.

★ U.S. '58 Crop

(Continued from page 1) produced a record oat crop from the lowest acreage in many years.

The all-wheat crop of almost 1.5 billion bushels was more than half larger than in 1957. Rye, a sister crop of lesser importance, also had a record yield average and the largest crop since 1942.

Potato production was 10 per cent above the 1957 total, 15 per cent above average and fourth largest on record.

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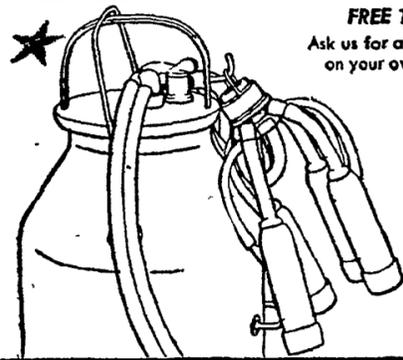
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