



MISS PENNSYLVANIA Poultry Industry, Diane Bitting, Plumsteadville, Bucks County, presents a carton of Pennsylvania certified eggs to Governor David L. Lawrence. This was a pre-March Egg Month event arranged by the Pennsylvania Poultry Federation and the Bureau of Markets, State Department of Agriculture.

Sprague Claims

Hybrid Corn Worth \$6-million To State

Six million extra dollars worth of corn is the annual bonus Pennsylvania farmers gain from raising hybrid field corn, the Pennsylvania Crop Improvement Association learned recently.

This is six million dollars worth of livestock feed, that would otherwise not be harvested, declares Howard B. Sprague, head of the agronomy department at the Penn State Univ.

Dr. Sprague said the figure is a conservative estimate of five extra bushels of hybrid corn per acre yearly during the last 15 years of corn breeding work at Penn State.

"The farmer who grows 50 bushels or less per acre, is not growing corn profitably" Dr. Sprague declared. "Yield of 75 bushels or higher are needed to make corn production worth while," he asserted.

"Penn State's corn breeding program promises to enrich the farmer's status even more, he continued. "Since Pennsylvania lacks feed supplies amounting to 180 million dollars annually, there is a great opportunity ahead to help local farmers produce more of their own livestock feed."

Dr. Sprague pointed need for better cornilage. Some counties per cent of the corn of the silo.

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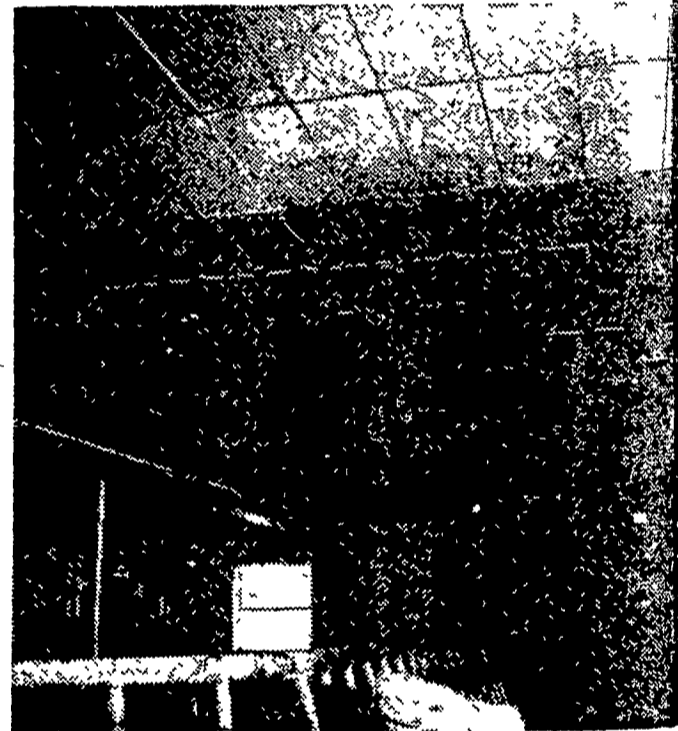
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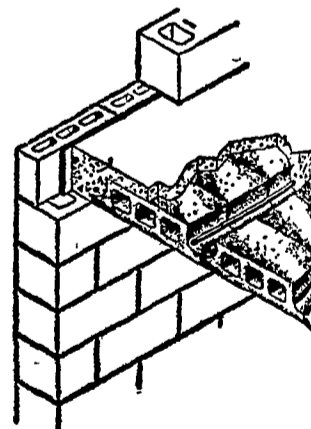
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(Above) After his barn was razed to the ground by fire last year, Mr. Edwin B. Nolt, New Holland Rd. 1, installed this concrete Soffit Block floor system in his newly built barn. (Right) The design and shape of Soffit-type concrete filler block made continuous rows of insulating air spaces when laid tight together. Projecting flanges provide a form for pouring the steel reinforced concrete joist, forming an integral slab construction that is light in weight. The result is firesafe construction at low cost that will last a lifetime.



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