## E Head Goes All Out

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pre-condition his folding them in the having them at the perature and mois-

top, he reports, is because it does litto hold egg quality ling room and then ce lower quality

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e eggs are transferfinal cooling racks, cooler to offset this."

where the baskets hang until all eggs are down to the egg room by flock size, bedesired 55-60 degree temperature.

As soon as this stage is reached, the eggs are packed in are obvious" the pre-conditioned cases and held in the cooling room un- this: til shipped — twice weekly.

Ing room and then Melhorn reports his grade eggs in a dry case. slips read mostly "AA" the diviness is sufficient very next shipment after the full program was in effect. They have had the same read rket slips still read ing without slipping, from

After finding the key to added, with room quality protection, Melhorn haskets at one added a winter safety-factor with an electric licater under his water cooler water pan to maintain humidity in win-

"The ideal temperature ost of the animal for egg cooling-rooms is 55 shuts off before 60," he says, "because at 50 the air is too dry and evaporation loss begins. The heater adds moisture from the

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"Experience has taught me that natural temperature and humidity of an insulated underground cooling room is in sufficient," Melhorn states.

"You should build your cause cooling is expensive in a too-large room, and the problems of too little space

"Our program simply is

Gather eggs frequently; Remove animal heat quick ly with cooling duct, Hold on final cooling racks with full air circulation un. til completely cooled in baskets;

Pack in cases that have been pre-conditioned for at least three days, as soon as eggs are cool; and Market frequently."

Melhorn admits that hehad the added incentive of feeling his position as PCE president obligated him to quality production, BUT;

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