

Soil Stewardship Films Available

HARRISBURG — Films telling the story of land and water as a heritage to be maintained through stewardship of the soil are being made available for group showings through county Soil Conservation Districts.

Bookings for showing the film in Lancaster County can be made by contacting any of the Soil Conservation District directors or by writing or calling the secretary Wayne B. Rentschler, Lampeter, according to David G. Unger, executive director of the State Soil Conservation Commission.

"These 13 5 minute sound and color films tell the story of land and water. Included are striking scenes of erosion, duststorms and misuse of the oil and the impoverishment which follows," Unger said.

"These films are excellent for city as well as rural audiences. Sunday school and church groups, service clubs and farm organizations will find them useful."

He suggested that organizations wishing to show the films during Soil Stewardship Week, May 22 through 29, schedule showings now.

Holstein Records Are Announced

Brattleboro, Vt.—The Holstein-Friesian Association of America has announced new lactation averages for the following registered Holstein herds in this area:

J. C. & Jay Garber, Lancaster, have 25 completed production records averaging 13,229 lbs. of milk and 514 lbs. of butterfat.

Galen W. Herr, Elizabeth-

town, has 19 completed production records averaging 11,960 lbs. of milk and 459 lbs. of butterfat.

H. E. & Maybelle Kettering, Lititz, have 14 completed production records averaging 12,619 lbs. of milk and 496 lbs. of butterfat.

John E. Kreider, Lancaster, has 26 completed production records averaging 12,439 lbs. of milk and 479 lbs. of butterfat.

Earl L. Umble, Atglen, has 21 completed production records averaging 12,382 lbs. of milk and 461 lbs. of butterfat.

Tree Injury Will Spread Oak Wilt

HARRISBURG — Landowners were cautioned by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture today to avoid wounding of oak trees from now to mid-June.

"Several insect species appear to spread the fungus of oak wilt during early spring," Dr. Thomas L. Guyton, director of the Bureau of Plant Industry, says "We have found that trees wounded in the early spring are more likely to contract the

infection." Oak wilt is a fungus disease of oak trees. The disease is native to the United States and is found from the Carolinas north to Pennsylvania and west to the prairies. Pennsylvania has been engaged in control of the economically serious disease since 1950.

There is no known cure or preventative for the disease. However, field work by the Bureau of Plant Industry has shown that when oak trees are wounded in early spring, infection is more likely.

ATTENTION! EGG PRODUCERS!

SUBJECT—

DATING & MARKING EGG CONTAINERS

Recently Miller & Bushong, Inc. received the following communication from the Pennsylvania Poultry Federation, 1939 North Second Street, Harrisburg, Pa.

TO ALL FEDERATION MEMBERS:

The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture's newly revised egg marketing standards, including a provision on dating containers for marketing, went into effect on February 20.

Through a letter from your president, Lawrence E. Kegerreis, the Federation had already indicated its objection to this regulation, as we mentioned in the Federation's March-April News Bulletin. Members of the Pennsylvania State Grange and numerous individual egg producers throughout the state, who are retailing their eggs, strenuously objected. Altogether, much confusion resulted.

Consequently, the Department of Agriculture is asking egg producers and marketers to collect date on the cost of marking and dating egg containers, and to present this information at a hearing in Harrisburg on May 18th.

According to an announcement from the Department of Agriculture, John L. Rainey, director of the Bureau of Markets, said, "The Poultry Federation has a long-standing request for a re-evaluation of the dating provision. The formal hearing would be held to consider marking provisions, elimination of registration of the dating method, and several language changes to keep pace with the use of multiple dozen packages."

"We need accurate data to determine if burdensome costs for small producer-retailers actually exist," Mr. Rainey said, "There is conflicting opinion on the desirability of egg carton marking at present—Pennsylvania egg marketing interests have been asked to make a 90 day operational check to determine whether the state egg standards need further tightening or relaxation."

Therefore, all Pennsylvania Poultry Federation members affected by this regulation are urged to keep account of their labor and costs involved in dating the containers in which they sell their eggs, and to make information available at the May 18th hearing.

Keep this date in mind. The hearing will take place at 1:00 P. M. on Wednesday, May 18th, at the State Farm Show Building in Harrisburg.

This is a sincere effort on the part of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture to hear and study further both sides of this problem, and to establish egg marketing regulations which are fair and helpful to all concerned.

One of the main functions of the Federation is to help get good, sound legislation for all Pennsylvania egg and poultry producers. We need your help with this. Here's a chance to voice your own opinion on this matter—but even more important, to back it up with concrete facts and figures. Complete and accurate records are essential to document your statements.

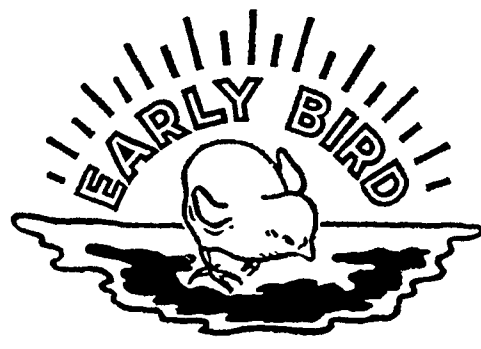
If you find it impossible to attend this meeting in person, please send the Federation office your records with any comments you want to make so that we may directly represent you at the hearing on May 18th.

The regulations as formulated and put into final form will affect all Egg Producers directly or indirectly sooner or later.

Miller & Bushong, Inc. thinks that it is important for you to make your opinions and desires in this matter known at this meeting before decisions reached will become final or irrevocable.

Remember the date, time and place

May 18 - 1:00 p.m. - Farm Show Bldg., Harrisburg



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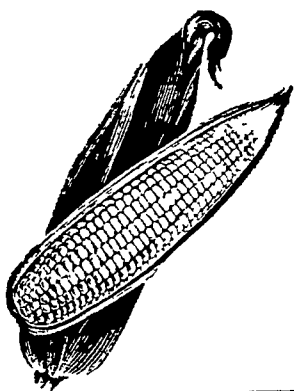
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