

Egg Co-op
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cooperative's operation over a period of 10 years brought about the board's action in requesting the merger proposal from the Farm Bureau and another large cooperative, Eastern States Cooperative Exchange. However, the board rejected the proposal from Eastern States since it did not propose to assume assets and liabilities as well as operation of the cooperative.

continued operation of the dressing plant had forced the board of directors to borrow \$50,000 from the Baltimore Bank of Cooperatives. The loan, he said, is due on January 30.

Asked whether the loan could be refinanced or extended, Carlin explained that since the loan was secured by accounts receivable and no mortgage on buildings or equipment is outstanding, it is possible that an extension of credit can be obtained.

During the considerable amount of discussion following the proposal by the board, members were told

that the dressing plant building is valued at \$165,319 and poultry dressing equipment \$93,322. To leave the poultry plant idle would cost approximately \$26,000 per year.

To date, the best offer to rent the building was \$6,000 per year from a business firm.

Asked what position would be taken by the board in the event of a negative vote, Carlin said the cooperative would continue to function under whatever financial arrangements could be made. He said approximately \$60,000 to \$90,000 more working

capital will be needed and it will, in all probability be necessary to use part of the members' equity to absorb the loss taken on the sale of the poultry equipment.

He said the egg department had operational savings of \$8,322 during the last quarter of 1961 while the locker department had \$991 and special products brought in \$883 more. Idle plant expenses of \$8,028 brought the net operational savings to only \$2,168 for the three months.

Producers Cooperative has a total of 4,000 stockholders but only 986 actually shipped eggs or poultry to the cooperative's plant during the past year. Carlin made an appeal for members to use the facilities of the cooperative in an effort to put the business back on a sound footing.

After counting the 205 votes, Roy Herr, Lancaster R7, chief teller, announced there were 150 votes No, 54 votes Yes, and one spoiled ballot.

The present board of nine men will continue operation of the egg marketing cooperative at Coatesville under the same bylaws which have governed the cooperative since it began 29 years ago.

● Milk Quotas

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the future but, "There is a great amount of pressure from influential people in Washington to bring about quotas," he said.

Speaking to the 245 members at the annual meeting of the locals in the Methodist Church at Quarryville, Hoffman outlined some of the activity of the cooperative during the past year.

He said Interstate recently asked that "South Jersey be included in Federal order 61, which is now called Federal order four". This was done, he said to prevent South Jersey from being "sucked into order 27 by the big New York market". He said he has information that a plan is afoot to "suck all of Pennsylvania into one Federal order" for milk marketing purposes.

Last year Maryland refused to let any Penna milk come into Baltimore in the form of ice cream unless every cow producing the milk met annual Tuberculosis and Bangs tests Hoffman said. "Interstate got Maryland to change their position and allow the milk to enter Baltimore if it met U S Public Health requirements."

Hoffman cited a milk hearing in New York recently where the decision will have the effect of raising the price of class II milk 10 to 25 cents per hundredweight. However, he said, if the decision means that dealers can buy 80 per cent cream on the open market in Philadelphia and dilute it for their ice cream needs, "We may be left sitting with the price, and someone else will get the business."

Hoffman paid tribute to President Kennedy for his statement that milk will be served at all Whitehouse meals. At the National Conference on Milk & Nutrition, J F Kennedy did the best job of acquainting the American public with the importance of milk, in a short time, that I have ever seen," he said.

Hoffman concluded by saying, "We have another difficult year ahead, but we propose to face the future confidently and unafraid."

In other business, 25-year pins were presented to the following: Newton S Groff, Quarryville R1; Elam Mull, Quarryville R1; Robert Rosberry, Drumore; Beatrice Brown and Son, Peach Bottom; Leroy Phillips, Nottingham R2; Howard DeLong, of Quarryville R 2; Marion Eckman, Samuel Groff, and John S Trimble, all of Peach Bottom.

Brass cow bells were presented to six 4-H club members who scored highest in the county. Those receiving awards were:

R. Edwin Harnish, Christiana R1; Paul and Donald Trimble, Quarryville R1; Marilyn Harnish, Quarryville R2, and Lucille and Nancy Kreider, Drumore.

Toastmaster was Richard Maule, Quarryville R2.

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Flock No.	No. of birds	Age Weeks-Days	Average Weight	Lbs. Feed Per Lbs. of Gain	% Marketed	Point Spread Between Weight and Feed Conversion
1	8000	9-4	3.78	2.26	100 %	152
2	17900	9-3	3.83	2.25	99 %	158
3	7200	9-1	3.93	2.25	99 %	163
4	10000	9-3	4.52	2.24	95 %	228
5	11000	9-4	3.74	2.24	100 %	151
6	7000	9-4	3.81	2.24	99.9%	157
7	6800	9-3	4.14	2.23	97 %	191
8	3500	9-3	3.78	2.22	98.2%	154
9	18000	9-2	3.83	2.21	100 %	162
10	2250	9-3	4.15	2.20	100 %	195
11	2300	9-3	4.04	2.20	100 %	184
12	22500	9-1	3.85	2.20	98 %	165
13	19300	9-5	4.28	2.19	100 %	209
14	10000	9-1	3.97	2.13	100 %	184
15	24000	8-6	3.64	2.13	98.5%	151
16	2500	9-4	4.00	2.07	98.5%	193
17	3500	9-3	3.98	2.02	100 %	196
18	5400	8-1	3.49	1.97	100 %	152

Average for 181,500 Broilers Straight Run

Avg.	10008	9-2½	3.93	2.18	99 %	175
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NOTE: Column 4, flock #18

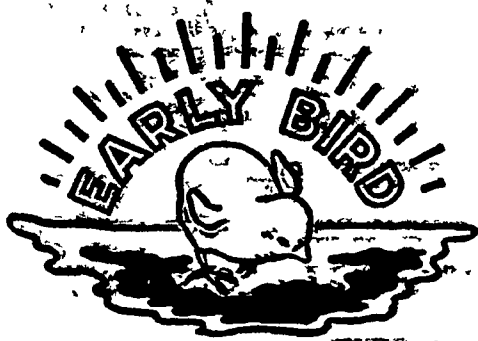
A less than 2 lb. feed conversion can be achieved with straight run chicks. Our congratulations to Mr. Sterling Dubbs of Fredericksburg, Penna. who raised this flock.

NOTE: Column 5

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