

### ● Egg Washing

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the system works out well, the long range plans are to add in-plant washing equipment," spokesman for the firm told Lancaster Farming this week.

Producers Cooperative will not go entirely into the washing program immediately. One of the two egg processing lines now leased from Food Machinery Company will be replaced, and this new machinery will include a washer.

Patrons must request to have their eggs washed in the plant and applications will be accepted on a "first-come-first-served" basis, manager H. K. Sauder said this week.

Patrons requesting the plant washing service will be required to oil spray all eggs on the day they are gathered. The eggs will be picked up on a twice weekly basis as in the past, and oiling is necessary to prevent drying of soil on the eggs.

The Cooperative is also taking a somewhat cautious approach. If the one line proves satisfactory, plans call for replacement of the second line with the new equipment in

about three months, Sauder said.

While in-plant washing is relatively new in the county, it is not entirely a new idea to the poultry industry. There are two processing plants in Bloomsburg, one in Butler, and one in Hegins, which have been washing eggs for several months. The Bloomsburg firms are privately owned; the one at Butler is operated by a cooperative, and the plant at Hegins processes the production contracted or controlled by one man.

In the Hegins plant, eggs are collected daily, and other factors make the operation of a fairly special nature, but the other three operations represent typical egg processing plants.

Next week we will discuss the methods these three plants use in collecting, processing, and maintaining quality of eggs washed in the plant instead of on the farm. We will look at the method of payment for the service, the advantages and disadvantages, and what some processors have learned. We welcome your comments on this subject—either by letter, on the phone or in person at our office.

**Red Rose Degree**  
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each had four successful candidates while Solanco Chapter at Quarryville and Pequea Valley Chapter each had three; Warwick Chapter at Lititz had two members win the degree, as did the Garden Spot Chapter at Lampeter-Strasburg High School.

Following are the names of the successful candidates

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ald B. Waltz, Carl Fahnestock, Clair Bruckhart, John G. Myer, and Robert Kopp.

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Glen Esbenshade, Donald Ranck, and Frank R. Yost.

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