



EGGS COMING OUT OF THE WASHER are inspected by Paul Hess, Hess Brothers, Ephrata, left, and procurement manager, John Snader, after the installation of the new in-plant egg washer this week. Snader says he believes it is possible to get a better washing job in the plant than producers can get on the farm. The washer shown here will handle only a portion of the eggs at the plant and will process eggs only from producers requesting the service.

**Egg Washing**

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maintain quality of an unwashed egg but only to keep dirt and manure soft until the egg is washed. "Of course

spraying does prevent evaporation of moisture from the egg, but to do a perfect job, the eggs should be oil dipped, and that just is not practical"

But what about cost. Baerman says studies conducted by The Pennsylvania State University show costs of .55 to .78 cents a dozen for all types of washing operations on farms in the state. With the cost of in-plant washing set at approximately 1/2 cent a dozen, this appears to be a money saving process.

However, Ben Burkholder believes there is a fallacy in this line of thinking. Baerman agrees that it is not always possible to provide other work for hired labor, and it is unfair to charge full labor price for the wife or children who may help out in odd minutes in a family operation. In most cases, they would not be otherwise engaged; therefore, the cost of their labor should not be counted as high priced as paid high priced as paid labor.

Raymond Sauder does not agree. He believes in most cases it costs more than a cent a dozen to wash eggs on the farm. Biggest labor saving, he believes is in the method of gathering. He said, "We are hoping that the farmer will gather on flats rather than in baskets." This will save more time than just the time required to put the basket of eggs through the washer, he believes.

But how about the finished product?

Burkholder says reports from other plants which have been washing for some time,

green eggs have become a taminant not only the eggs, but everything else. Since managers are not agreed as to why this is so, but Bauer changes of increased bacteria and mold contamination spaces between the plastic sheets are filled with mold spores and hyphae (the grayish web-like material). These spores are sucked up into the trap on the vacuum apparatus where they are vented over the plant and can recon- (Continued on Page 16)

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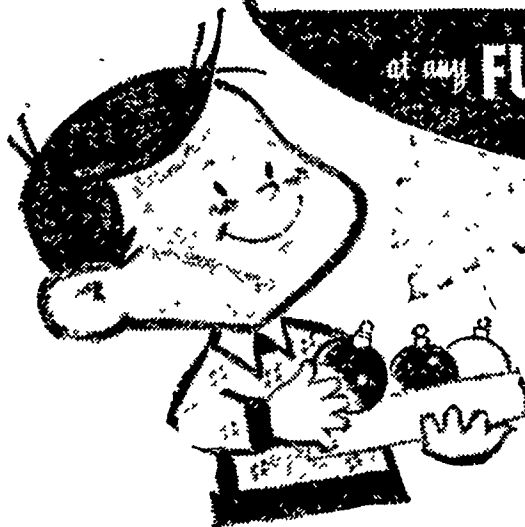
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