

Egg Competition From The South Still Increasing

The southern poultry industry was described recently as "a keen competitor for

eastern poultry and egg markets since it is willing to meet changing demands." This statement was made by Anthony P. Stemberger, marketing researcher in the College of Agriculture, the Pennsylvania State University, in addressing a Harrisburg meeting of the Pennsylvania Poultry Federation.

"If present day poultry producers are not willing to change and serve a market, someone else with imagination and willingness to change will step in and take over," Dr Stemberger told the Federation.

Lancaster Farming, Saturday, February 9, 1963—13

The Agricultural Experiment Station researcher said total value of the poultry industry has doubled in the last 10 years in Georgia, North Carolina, Alabama, and Mississippi — the "big four" in the

Conditions in the late 1940's were ideal for expansion of the southern broiler industry, Stemberger pointed out. Farms were small and worn out from erosion and poor farming methods. Lack of finances and know-how were overcome by contract arrangements. Big profits led to rapid expansion. There is very little so-called management by broiler growers, he reported. Grown under contract, broilers are brooded under strict supervision by fieldmen who lay down all the work rules and see to it that they are practiced. In contrast, the egg industry is made up primarily of independent producers with flocks ranging in size from 2,000 to 70,000 laying hens.

PSU Schedules Ag. Open House

University Park, Pa. — Students and adults from all sections of Pennsylvania who are interested in the agricultural and biological sciences have been invited to attend the annual Open House program of the College of Agriculture at the Pennsylvania State University.

The program, which last year brought 2,000 visitors to the campus, is scheduled for Saturday, March 23, and, explains Dr Lyman E. Jackson, dean of the College of Agriculture, will feature exhibits, demonstrations, and lectures.

All laboratories, greenhouses, livestock barns, and other facilities of the College will be open to visitors from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Howard B. Sprague, chairman of the division of plant sciences and chairman of arrangements, says the open house should have the added value of acquainting business and industry with research projects in the agricultural and biological sciences.

Guides will escort visitors to areas of interest.

Last year 20 busloads of students came with their biology and science teachers. Visitors attended from as far away as Duquesne on the west and Reading and Allentown on the east.

Armstrong Co. Is 61st SCD

HARRISBURG — Armstrong County has become Pennsylvania's 61st soil conservation district. Only six counties remain without one of the resource development units.

Pennsylvania's soil district program, which started slowly, has increased by leaps and bounds since 1955. The districts provide technical services to landowners to develop land and water resources. They also sponsor watershed improvement projects and coordinate conservation agencies.

Blair, Cameron, Delaware, Forest, Luzerne and Philadelphia are the counties not yet organized.

Watch Sheep

A good shepherd will watch his sheep for wool blindness. Frank Kreuzberger, Penn State extension livestock specialist, suggests checking the flock, and using a few deft strokes with the hand shears to quickly remedy the problem of wool blindness or wool growing over the sheep's eyes.

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3	86.7	24	97.4	3.8	13.1
4	83.9	23	99.0	3.9	13.2
5	81.5	23	98.7	3.4	11.9
6	77.7	22	98.5	4.3	15.7
7	78.1	22	98.2	3.3	11.7
8	76.3	21	97.9	3.8	13.3
9	73.5	21	97.4	3.8	14.1
10	68.5	19	97.0	4.3	16.0
11	65.3	18	96.4	4.3	15.4
12	63.3	18	95.9	4.6	16.9
13	59.8	17	95.5	4.9	17.9
14	57.0	7	95.3	4.2	15.1
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