

Poultry Federation Schedules Annual Conference At Penn State

Egg producers who attend the Pennsylvania Poultry Federation's annual summer conference at Penn State University, University Park, on June 19th and 20th, will get a good bird's eye view of what's happening in the egg industry from coast to coast.

Outstanding speakers from various sections of the country will take part in the two-day program designed to delve into many tough problems facing egg producers today.

Opening the Wednesday morning session, Kermit A. Birth and F. H. Leuschner, both of Penn State University, will discuss Pennsylvania's competitive position in the industry and how Pennsylvania producers can make a profit.

What we might expect in the egg industry five years from now based on what's happened during the past few years, will be stated by four different speakers. First, Charles Ostrander from Cornell University, who recently returned from California where he spent six months studying the industry, will describe conditions on the West Coast.

Ralph Strome, from Poultry Producers Assn at Versailles, Ohio, will speak about conditions in the Midwest. Strome has done considerable traveling throughout that area and is especially versed on egg marketing problems.

Dr. C. K. Laurent, manager of the Marbut Milling Co. at Augusta, Ga., will bring those attending the conference up to date on egg production and marketing conditions in the South.

John Randall, director of egg marketing for Eastern State Farmers' Exchange, West Springfield, Mass., will tell what's happening in the East, particularly in New England.

With record keeping and cost accounting playing more important roles in farm management every year, Mrs. Beatrice Brender of Brender's Leghorns, Ferndale, N. Y., will tell poultrymen present their experience in record keeping and how to study and use records to fullest advantage. Some of her discussion will cover pullet growing and flock replacement business.

The Wednesday afternoon session will be devoted to panel discussions on egg production systems and particular problem Alex Gordenk of Hales and Hunter Feeds, Chicago will moderate this panel.

Thomas M. Reese, manager of the Ralston Purina Co. plant at Harrisburg, Pa., will explain reasons for the present trend toward cages in Pennsylvania.

Dr. Glenn O. Bressler, Penn State University, will report on the research concerning high density floor housing of layers at Penn State.

Dr. C. K. Laurent will describe various egg production systems in the South.

Dr. Anthony Stemberger, presently at Penn State, but formerly with North Carolina State College for ten years, will present his impressions on how big a producers will have to be to stay in the egg business.

One of the most difficult assignments has been given to Charles Ostrander of Cornell University. He will explain how various poultrymen, particularly caged layer operators, are utilizing and/or disposing of their poultry manure.

One of Pennsylvania's leading egg marketing men, Samuel Eberenson of Chick Sales Egg Farm in Hanover, and

former President of the Pennsylvania Egg Marketing Association, will present his views

on what Keystone State producers have to do to keep their present market.

A torrid and controversial subject today is the matter of farm versus in-plant egg washing. To handle this topic will be Ralph Strome of Versailles, Ohio; David Shields, manager of the Eastern States Farmers

Exchange plant at Butler, Ohio; and Varner Carpenter of Frostburg, Md. Julius Bauerman of Penn State will serve as moderator.

Joseph Claybaugh of DeKalb Agricultural Assn. will provide some helpful information on producing ready-to-lay pullets for sale, and ending up

educational sessions will be Dr. William H. Benton of the University of Delaware, who will tell producers how to stay in business despite leucosis—our number one poultry killer.

At the annual conference banquet on Wednesday evening, the Federation will honor its Poultryman of the Year.

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