

● 100 Poultrymen

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aspect of the breeding process

In discussing the selection and handling of the male breeders Nelson said that many of these are not used for multiplication purposes until they are 2-2½ years old because it takes that long to find out if they are good enough. The testing of males starts when they are 6-8 months of age. At that time full brothers are used in single pen matings with what is called a "common tester." A common tester, Nelson explained, is a female line that is a known quantity, that is the company knows exactly what to expect from them therefore any deviation from the expected is due to the male influence.

Chicks from these matings are hatched, brooded together, and placed in cages when mature. Detailed records are kept on each male's offspring — egg production, livability, egg quality, etc. — and it is thus easy to measure the respective value of each male.

The next speaker was Oran D. Williams, regional manager. Williams discussed the various DeKalb programs designed to help the poultrymen do a better job.

He touched on the highlights of such programs as pullet growing, housing, lighting, debeaking, management consulting service, and record keeping.

In talking about the number of eggs now being produced and future needs, Williams said that "if all the eggs

that were laid last year in the U.S. were placed end to end at the Equator, they would reach around the world enough times to form a belt 12 feet wide." By 1970, at the projected rate of population increase and at the present rate of per capita egg consumption, we'll need 25 million more layers in the U. S. than we have now if demand is to be met, Williams prophesied.

The final speaker was Lavern "Rip" Waugh, area supervisor for DeKalb. He discussed the company's started pullet program, and stressed that the birds are all controlled-environment grown. He showed slides of 10 flocks totaling over 50,000 layers

which averaged 89.2 per cent livability, and 260.7 eggs per birds housed.

H. Elvin Herr, district manager, was master of ceremonies. He presented prizes to two county poultrymen for outstanding jobs: Jay C. Garber, for lowest cost per dozen eggs produced; Claude Hess, for the greatest dollar return to management.

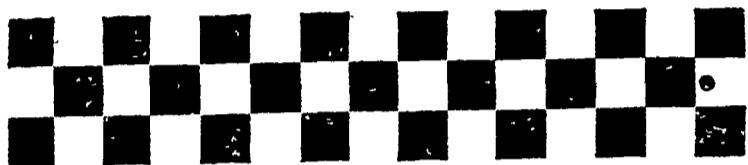
Herr concluded the meeting by stressing the vital need for accurate records. He cited Penn State's experience when they introduced their poultry record processing system a year or so ago. Approximately 140 poultrymen started on the program, but only 28 com-

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The registration fee is \$10.00 for Pennsylvanians and \$15.00 for non-Pennsylvanians.

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