Report Studies Integration In Turkey Industry

The turkey industry is moving toward more integration and marketing, accord- ly maintain ownership and as- was strongly recommended by tion of the stages of production and marketing, accord-sume most key decisions the Faim Resources and Fa-ing to a recent report pub-bad by the I.S. Depart- about production. The pro- cilities Research Advisory lished by the U S Department of Agriculture

The Economic Research Service report 's based on a survey of 53 firms - processors teed suppliers, and others --- and on intormation from a 1962 referendum for tor turkeys. The report estimates that about 60 to 70 mg (() of a minimum guarpercent of all turkeys produced in 1961-62 were grown under some integrating arrangement between growers and other types of firms in the industive or produced by firms that had both growing and other facilities

Feed firms were the major integrators Integration was achieved chiefly in one of ments, or contracts It was and production on companyplacticed at all stages of proin the various stages of mar- possibly fewer turkey producketing

About 25 percent of all turkey production was under risk-sharing contracts, ranging from as much as 39 percent in the West to as little as 4 percent in the North Atlantic, the report says.

Under risk-sharing contracts, the contractors usual- on disposal of farm wastes ducers select a contractor and Committee at its annual meetthe type of contract and han- ing. in Ames, Iowa, recently dle the day-to-day management of production.

Most risk-sharing contracts are one of three types. (a) Profit-sharing: (b) a minimum guarantee of payments antee of payment to producers without profit-sharing Some minimum-guarantee contracts include incentive pavments for efficiency. In fact the trend is away from profit sharing and toward plans that guarantee minimum payments plus incentives, the ieport says

The use of risk-sharing contracts for turkey production expected to increase, with tion operations financed by

banks and more by firms in • Farmers' Union the industry.

Group Studies Waste Disposal **Problems**

Gieater research emphasis ter and sewage plans. This problem is becoming

more and more urgent, the committee pointed out. New techniques and methods are needed to handle the situation Satistactory handling of organic wastes dusts odors and smoke should be considered a part of the job committee members said

Research on two major tirm resources -- soil and water --- requires increased attention if maximum conseivation of the national water supply is to be achieved, the advisory group declared. Cited as an example was the need for full understanding ot how water is lost from the soil through vegetative cover and of other soil-waterplant relationships as the basis for developing boths rural and urban water conservation practices

The committee toured research facilities at the Iowa State Agricultural Experiment Station at Ames, where farm research is conducted cooperatively with the U S Department of Agriculture Members also visited 3 Iowa faims to view mechanized livestock teeding, modern layout to: coin-soybean-hog op-

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ard Hoover, county supervisor for Farmers Home Administration, who explained the county association were the variety of FHA loans available to family farms and to rural communities for wa-

discussion from the floor with many of the audience of approximately 40 persons participating.

Plans for reorganization of deferred to a later meeting.

The meeting was presided over by Dean Roland, vicepresident, in the absence of The talks were followed by President Fred Frey.

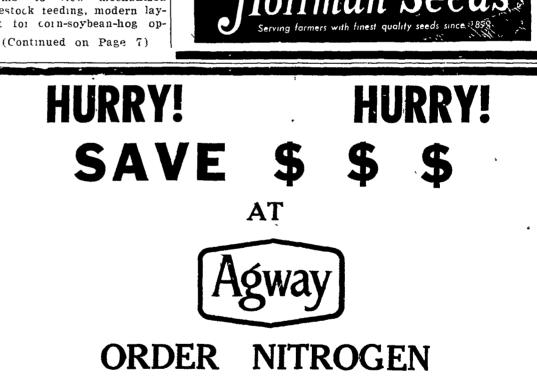


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