

Amendments to Federal Shell Egg Grading Program Proposed

The U. S. Department of Agriculture has announced a proposal to amend the regulations which govern its shell egg grading program with the aim of more accurately reflecting the quality of eggs now being produced and marketed.

A major feature is a pro-

vision for "origin" and "destination" grading, which would apply both to consumer and procurement grades. "Origin" grading would be defined as grading which is performed other than where the eggs are packed or consumed. Quality requirements for "origin" gradings would be raised above current standards. Requirements for "destination" gradings would remain the same as under current regulations. Another proposal would eliminate export grades and Procurement Grades III and IV since they are no longer used.

Other proposed amendments would:

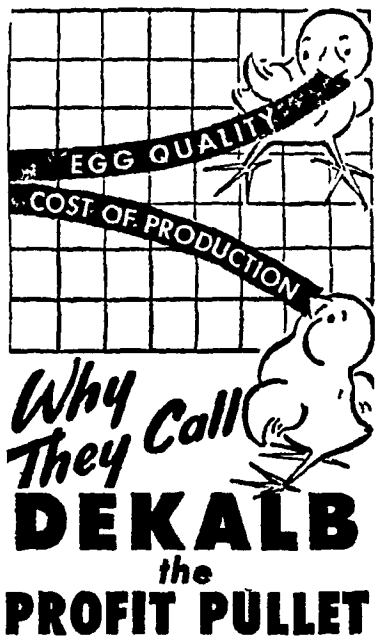
Provide for a new identification mark on consumer egg cartons, similar to the USDA grade shield used for poultry and poultry products.

Provide for an identification mark, similar to the consumer grade mark, for use on bulk packs of eggs for which the grade is determined on a sample basis.

Change sampling and testing of eggs under USDA's Quality Control Program from weekly to biweekly. Weekly tests would be performed, however, if conditions required it.

Provide additional requirements concerning shell-egg plant operations and facilities, and establish new requirements concerning the health and hygiene of plant employees.

Additional minor changes in the regulations also are proposed, USDA said.



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Area Holstein Herd Records Established

Eight local dairy herds of registered Holstein cows have established new lactation averages for milk and butterfat production. As reported by the Holstein-Friesian Association of America, the official production testing herd averages are:

Isaac M. Brubaker, Lititz—21

Manor Young Farmers Map Routes To Greater Profits In Short Course

by D. R. Hackenberger,
Vo-Ag Instructor

For the past month 22 Manor Young Farmers have been involved in making soil and field maps of their farms. The maps indicate the boundaries of the farm and of each

field, the field number, the acres of each field, and the soil types on the farm. Along with the soil type identification is the percent slope of each field, the degree of erosion, and the capability class of each soil. The maps were

made as part of a short course designed to have local farmers become more familiar with the soils they are farming, and to encourage them to manage soils to their highest potential.

FIELD RECORD SYSTEM

Each farmer also developed a field record system for his farm. He will record such information as: the crop in each

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ORVAL BASS, county conservationist with the U. S. Soil Conservation Service, talks to a group of Manor Young Farmers about the amount of soil that will be lost in a year due to erosion.

completed production records averaging 15,612 lbs of milk and 569 lbs of butterfat.

John W. Eshelman & Sons, Lancaster—24 records averaging 17,262 M., 650 F.

Robert C. Groff, Quarryville—29 records averaging 16,011 M., 610 F.

Robert H. Kauffman, Elizabethtown—39 records averaging 15,053 M., 582 F.

Henry E. Kettering, Lititz—45 records averaging 17,627 M., 693 F.

John E. Kreider, Lancaster—40 records averaging 15,393 M., 606 F.

Clarence M. Murry, Drumore—25 records averaging 16,144 M., 564 F.

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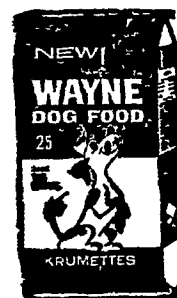
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