

EGG BREAKING is a once a week operation at Musser's, with the product going immediately to the homogenizer, then to 25-pound cans or 10-pound plastic bags, then to a blast freezer. Shown at work breaking are, left, Mrs. Charles Johnson, and Mrs. Lester Hoffman. Working at the back of the room are Mrs. Irvin Ginder, left, and James Kolp. Mrs. Ginder is a state accredited inspector and must be on the job anytime eggs are being broken out. L. F. Photo

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"the formulation will be altered for that phase" Musser buys this concentrate in 15-ton truck loads and has it blown into his bin

The feed ingredients are ground and blended in his mill, and augered to the automatic feeder as called for. He

can also draw off feed for other houses with this arrangement. Feed is mixed daily and Musser feels the resulting freshness is a factor in maintaining good feed consumption.

As the feed is mixed, it falls into a "dumper" which is set to dump and record each 19-pound load. He records the total number of dumps daily as a check on consumption

Musser follows the same careful procedure in recording his water consumption. All water used passes through a proportioner and is mechanically recorded by gallons

EGG PROCESSING

But egg production is only a part of the operation at I R Musser Poultry Farm, Inc. eggs are also processed and marketed in the amount of 800-

1000 cases per week.

Most of the 15 employees at Musser's are women who work part-time in the processing plant. Although the plant operates five days a week, most of the women work alternating schedules.

Eggs are collected from farmers within about a six-mile radius of the farm. While most of these are sold as cased or cartoned eggs, Musser also has a breaking operation each Wednesday. This is used as a "cushion" that is, when egg prices are relatively low, he can break eggs, quick freeze them, and store them against rising prices. For freezing, eggs are packed in either 25-pound cans or 10-pound plastic bags

Musser's grader and packer unit can handle about 24 cases an hour. Some of the eggs are packed in dozen cartons, some in filler flats and cases, and some go into special three dozen cartons. The latter are mostly pullet-sized and are used by stores for specials.

MARKETING

Musser has three trucks on the road delivering refrigerated eggs, butter, and cheese. These operate in Lancaster, Harrisburg, Lebanon, York and Columbia areas, trading with stores, restaurants and hospitals. About one third of his eggs are sold cartoned, the rest are in 30 dozen cases. Cans or 10-pound plastic bags (Continued on Page 8)



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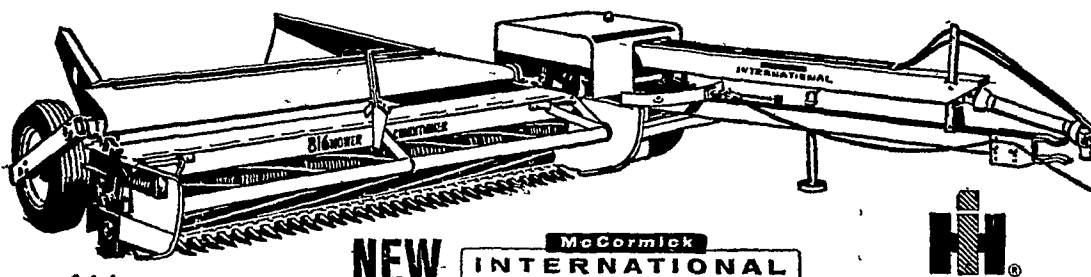
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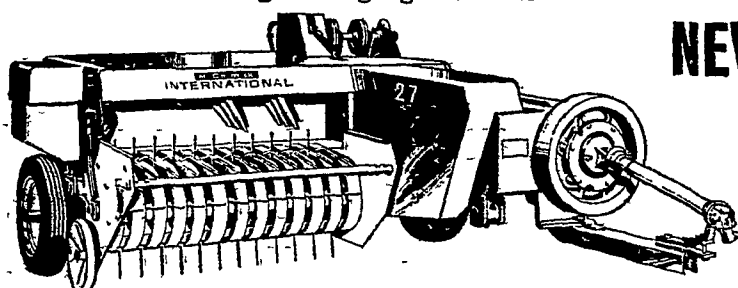
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