

Poultrymen's Concern Over Giant Complex Farms Is Justified

Ed. Note (This is one of the topics discussed at NEPPCO last week)

HARRISBURG — Poultrymen are expressing their concern over the development of the "egg production complex" concept of producing eggs. The

so-called egg complex consists of multi-egg production houses combined with egg processing.

Typically, the eggs move from the production houses to the processing building on moving belts and are processed without being handled. Combined with a feed manufacturing plant and hatchery, this makes for total integration — except for merchandising at the retail level which in some

areas is a part of the "egg production complex".

Of concern to the contract grower is: "Will this method of production replace the contract farm?" Of concern to the so-called owner-operated egg farm is: "Can I compete with the egg complex?"

Concern on the part of operators of owner-operated farms and contract farms is justified, according to Harry C. Whelden Jr., poultry specialist, University of Maine. However, this concern in no way justifies panic, discouragement, or hasty decisions. The egg complex, as it exists today, is a challenge to egg producers to gain greater control over their economic future.

But, the initiative to meet this challenge must come from

the producer. A casual attitude on his part will be his biggest liability. Producers looking to the egg industry as a livelihood in the future cannot take lightly the egg complex. The egg complex offers some economies in cost of production and the advantage of size. Transportation of feed and eggs, for example, is less in the egg complex. The egg complex is located near feed manufacturing facilities and on good roads. Eggs are processed into cases or cartons without packing and transportation prior to processing. This offers reduced time between production and retailing. The egg complex has the



Manheim Steer Brings \$492.20

The grand champion steer in the Manheim Community Farm Show last week sold for 46 cents a pound to Kunzler Packing Company in the Friday night sale. Total receipts for the FFA black Angus shown by Robert Donough was \$492.20.

Average price of the sale was \$33.62 and total receipts amounted to \$4,635.18.

Other buyers included Elmer Geib, Nelson Weaver Mill, Bombergers Store; Martins Meat, Jacob Ruhl, Hershey and Weidman, Hoffer's Roofing, Ed Seifer's Butcher Shop and Vintage Sales Stables.

advantage of size in purchasing and marketing.

The egg complex concept will probably expand but even the operators of complexes say that there is room for both the owner-operated and contractee farm and the egg complex farm. However, it is doubtful that the contractee and owner-operated farms can continue "doing business as usual".

If there is any one suggestion at this time for the producer, it is that of finding ways to meet the challenges together — call it cooperation. The first step is to get together and discuss this situation. Improving one's bargaining power is a must. Individuals can step up their bargaining power through cooperation. Various agencies can and will assist and counsel. However, the initiative must come from the poultrymen.

HARRISBURG — Ninety percent of Pennsylvania's corn crop is now mature enough to be safe from frost, the State Crop Reporting Service has announced. The corn harvest is three-fourths completed and picking and shelling have begun in southern and eastern counties, the Service said.

BIG AUCTION

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1967
10:30 A.M.

In rear at parking lot, Aston's Variety Store, 306 Willow Street Pike in Willow Street, Penna.

Start of a Going-Out-Of-Business Sale in items such as new Lawn-Boy electric mower, floor sander and edger, appliance, large toys including wagons, scooters, cars, etc., garden tools, sprinkler hose, metal fence posts, summer items, Halloween supplies, Christmas trees, baby car bed, Stanley cafe rods, trash can holder, wire rubbishage burners, electric rug brush, unfinished wall shelves, Casco sewing table and stools.

Diller and Kreider, Auctioneers

HORSE & PONY SALE

Monday, October 23, 1967

MARTIN'S SALE STABLES

Blue Ball, Pa., Lancaster Co.
75 Head Ponies at 4:00 P.M.

75 Standardbred and Saddle Horses at 7:00 P.M. 6 Head Thorough-bred Hunters and Prospects.

PAUL Z. MARTIN

PH. (717) 354-6671

Martin & Rhoades, Aucts.,
Next Sale Nov. 6, 1967

P. B. GUERNSEY SALE

Thursday, October 26, 12:30 Noon

At the Ass'n. Sales Pavilion, 6 mi. E. of Lancaster, Pa.

70 HEAD — 65 COWS and BRED HEIFERS

B. & TB Cert. Vacc. — Inj. for shipping fever.
All either fresh or due within 30 days of sale date.

Three bulls of service age with outstanding pedigrees. Featured in the sale will be 25 head from Lauxmont Farms, Wrightsville, Pa. Our pick of over 100 heifers due this fall. Records on dams up to 15,000#M.

Choice selections from Pa. Breeders and from some top establishments in New York, and Maryland.

Having already sold 200 head at sales this month, we might run out of customers. This could be a real bargain day for you!

SALE MANAGED BY:

PENNA. GUERNSEY BREEDERS' ASS'N.

P. O. BOX 458 CAMP HILL, PA. 17011

AYRSHIRE AUCTION

Pa. State Keystone Classic

TUES., OCT. 31, at Noon, Lancaster, Pa.

at the Guernsey Sale Barn, 6 Mi. E. of City along Rt. 30.

50 TOP QUALITY AYRSHIRES
27 COWS, 23 BRED HEIFERS

Young cows have 1st-calf records to 11,879 M 4.2% 496 F at 2 yrs. Dams of bred heifers have records to 14,690 M 4.3% 630 F at 4 yrs. This is a great offering of money-making cattle.

Lunch and Catalogs at the Sale

TOM WHITTAKER, Sale Mgr.
BRANDON, VT.

Public Auction
83 Registered GUERNSEYS

COMPLETE LINE OF FARM MACHINERY AND DAIRY EQUIPMENT

MASONIC HOME DISPERSAL

COCKEYSVILLE, MARYLAND

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1967

The farm is located about 40 mi. South of York, Pa. and 15 mi. North of Baltimore, Md., off the Harrisburg Expressway, Rt. 83, take Shawan Road exit, East 1/2 mi. to farm.

MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT SELL AT 10:30 A.M. — CATTLE FOLLOWING

The Masonic Home is discontinuing its dairy and farming operation. The Guernsey herd has been in existence a number of years. They have used outstanding sires including those of The Maryland-West Virginia Bull Stud.

SELLING 1 BULL, 26 COWS, 12 BRED HEIFERS, 45 OPEN HEIFERS (including 30 head ready to breed this fall)

The herd is TB and BANGS Accredited — Vaccinated

FARM MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT

John Deere Tractor #630-9640; John Deere Hay Conditioner and field mower; John Deere plow; John Deere corn picker #101; Baler #6549 (jack, loader, hydromatic); Blitzer Forage Harvester (with attachments, chopper); King Wise elevator (32 ft.); A-1 Century sprayer; New Holland spreader #222; #25 Farmhand rake; John Deere RWA Disc-harrow; and attachments; Farmall H Tractor; John Deere #44 plow; IH 100 pulverizer; F. B. Grain drill-Van-Brunt; Ferguson Cultivator; Ferguson side rake; Ferguson corn planter; #64 Combine; New Idea Spreader; New Holland wagon and several other wagons; 1/2 H.P. motor compressor; Hammer mill; Electric motor 20 H.P.; Platform scales; stainless steel sink; New Surge milker; New Esco tank cooler - 300 gal.; and many other small tools.

Property of The Masonic Home of the Grand Lodge A.F. and A.M. of Maryland

Frank Smith, Jr. Supt.
Cockeysville, Md.
Tel: 666-2222

AUCTIONEER
John B. Merryman
Sparks, Maryland
Tel: 771-4321

TERMS — CASH

Lunch by Reuben

Not responsible for accidents day of sale.

PUBLIC SALE

Wednesday, Oct. 25, 1967

2:00 P.M.

44 ACRE FARM

More or less

On road leading from Hess' Church to Clay, 1/2 mile east of Brunnerville in Warwick Township.

6 ROOM

STONE HOUSE

with full bath

84 x 36 barn and tobacco shed with attached shed. Stalls for 22 cows.

8 x 40 cement stave silo.

Tile milk house.

32 x 32 hog pen and poultry house.

24 x 60 corn barn and implement shed.

Wash house and spring house.

2 water systems.

Buildings in good repair and land in high state of cultivation.

Elmer V. Good

Owner
Route 1, Lititz, Pa.

Frank & Paul Snyder, Aucts.
Owen Hershey, Atty.

VIRGINIA YEARLING FEEDER CATTLE SALE

HARRISONBURG, VA.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1967
7:00 P.M.

Rockingham Livestock Market, Inc.

1400 STEERS

Angus Hereford

Officially graded and sold in uniform lots according to breed, grade and weight. Dehorned.