



## New Fertilizer Plant To Open In Lanc. County

The owners of the new Chemgro Fertilizer mixing plant in East Petersburg will hold an open house Monday, February 12, 1968, from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., for all interested persons. The plant has an 8,000 ton capacity and will supply regular analysis and special custom fertilizer mixes. In the photo: (left to right) Woody Funk, co-owner; Vernon Miller, plant manager, and Mark Eshleman, co-owner.

## Marketing Order, Prod. Control Bill To Be Introduced

The so-called 'authorship committee', plus a large number of specially-invited egg industry men from every area of the country met in Washington recently to put finishing touches on a supply-management bill for the egg industry which will probably be introduced in Congress next week, according to NEPPCO News. Although the meeting was conducted in an air of secrecy, it was nevertheless learned that the bill, which has already been drafted, will not be enabling legislation or an amendment to the Marketing Agreements Act of 1937. Instead, it will be a marketing order type proposal, complete in every detail, and involving production controls, the licensing of all producers, processors and handlers, and the establishment of base farm prices for eggs.

The significance of this move should not be overlooked. It means that the only chance the industry will have to express its opinion of the proposal will be in Congress—to Congressmen individually or, if hearings are held, at such hearings. Should the bill pass and be signed into law, the Secretary of Agriculture would not have an opportunity to draft an order and conduct hearings on it as was the case in all previous times at marketing orders. The bill, itself, will be the marketing order and presumably, could go into effect even without a referendum.

## State Growers Intend Fewer Turkeys In '68

Pennsylvania turkey growers intend to raise 20 percent fewer turkeys in 1968 compared to 1967 according to the Penna Crop Reporting Service. If these intentions materialize, 1,603,000 turkeys will be raised in Pennsylvania during 1968.

A breakdown by breeds shows 90 percent of the turkeys will be heavy breeds and the remaining 10 percent will be light breeds. The total number of heavy breeds raised is expected to be 1,446,000 birds, 18 percent less than the 1967 total. The light breed total is forecast at 157,000 birds, 35 percent less than the 1967 number raised.

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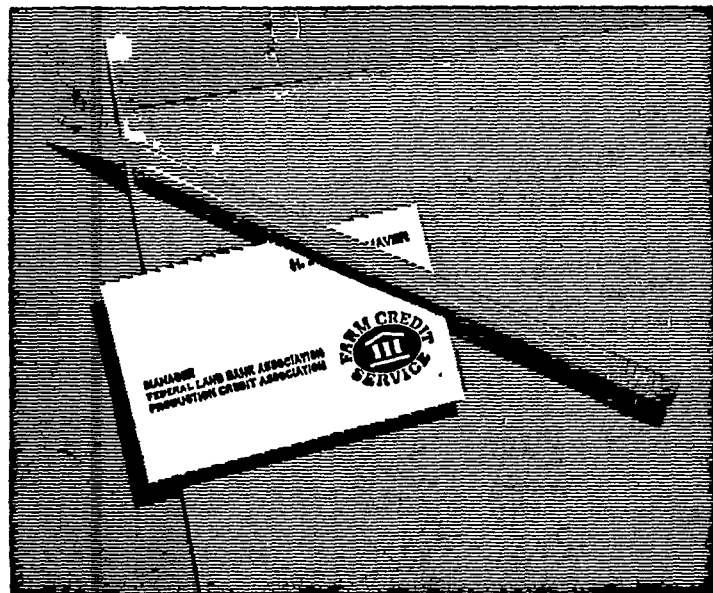
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