

## Russo Asks Solons To Retain Producer Exemption In PPIA

Testifying in Washington recently at Congressional hearings on various bills relating to the inspection of poultry and poultry products, Albert J. Russo, NEPPCO President, said NEPPCO would support any of the bills currently before Congress so long as it retained Sec 15 of the Poultry Products Inspection Act of 1957 exempting small producer-processor-retailers.

Part of his presentation states:

"Let me reiterate here that we favor inspection and would, indeed welcome inspection by either state or federal inspection services. To be able to add an official inspection seal or mark to our labels and carry such a legend in our advertising would eliminate one disadvantage we now face in competing with retailers who handle only inspected poultry.

"Whether such inspection would actually result in a better, more wholesome product is quite another matter. We have no scientific, technological or market research to back up our contention but we do have many thousands of satisfied housewives.

"Why is it that a housewife will frequently drive many miles out of her way and pay a premium price for poultry when she could have picked up an attractively packaged and inspected bird for less money when she did her weekly grocery shopping at her supermarket?

"The answer is that she's fussy about the quality of the poultry she buys. She wants a locally grown and freshly killed bird and she likes to see for herself how it was grown and slaughtered and prepared.

"Small producer-processors do not fear inspection; they fear that the regulations promulgated to enforce such an Act will require the remodeling of their dressing or processing facilities at such a cost as to force them out of business. The present regulations under the Poultry Products Inspection Act dealing with "Sanitary Requirements General" and "Maintenance of Sani-

tary Conditions and Precautions Against Contamination of Products" are a case in point.

"They were written to apply to large plants — at least much larger plants than those to which I have been referring. Small operators like myself could not satisfy these requirements without extensive renovations and the installation of expensive equipment."

"We, therefore, solicit the con-

sideration of the Subcommittee and of Congress in retaining in whichever bill may finally be adopted the exemptions currently contained in the Poultry Products Inspection Act.

"Both Congress and the Executive Branch of the Federal Government have over the years repeatedly expressed concern for and support of small business and the family type farmer. Both have been characterized as the backbone of our economy. Special agencies of government have been established to aid, encourage and protect the small businessman and farmer. Yet all too frequently this same government enacts

laws and establishes regulations — however well intentioned they may be — which in effect drives the small operator out of business or into a merger with one of his larger competitors.

"In this particular instance, it is our considered opinion that retention of the exemptions would pose no hazard or danger whatsoever to the health and welfare of the consuming public, but would materially help to keep the producer-processor-retailer of poultry in business."

Anatomy is something that everybody has but it looks better on a girl.

## ALVIN ZIMMERMAN SALE

The all-day sale of Alvin Zimmerman, Bainbridge R1, was held last Friday with the following sale prices listed: Three tractors \$725, \$710 and \$600; Pumping station \$750; Surge units \$62.50 each; Baler \$1,680; Rake \$450 and Disc \$455.

The top cow sold for \$800; another for \$700; a cow and calf \$710 and two more at \$600. The average of 31 Registered and grade cows and fresh heifers was \$470.

Diller and Kreider were the sale managers and auctioneers.

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|------------|--------------------|--------------|----------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| 1          | 28                 | 40.85        | 6.92                       | 6.92                   | 11.44                | 11.44            |
| 2          | 56                 | 79.66        | 3.37                       | 4.60                   | 22.31                | 33.75            |
| 3          | 84                 | 85.40        | 3.48                       | 4.14                   | 23.91                | 57.66            |
| 4          | 112                | 84.79        | 3.91                       | 4.08                   | 23.74                | 81.40            |
| 5          | 140                | 83.47        | 3.78                       | 4.01                   | 23.37                | 104.77           |

\* 11,981 20 week old pullets housed June 28, 1967

\* Eggs per average number hens.

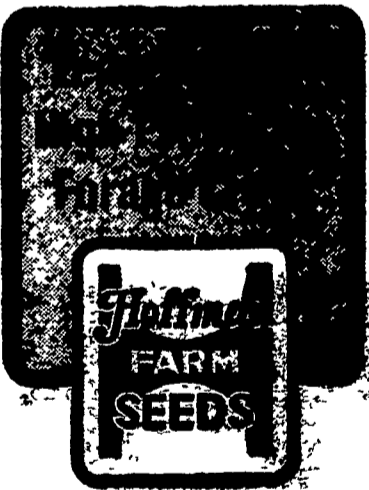
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