

Japan Relaxes Test Restrictions Against U. S. Poultry Imports

Secretary of Agriculture Orville L. Freeman announced recently that the Department has been successful in gaining relaxation of Japanese Government test restrictions against imports of U. S. frozen poultry.

Since March 1, the Secretary said, Japan has been admitting U. S. poultry under normal customs procedures without special testing for Newcastle disease.

The Japanese Government originally announced in August 1967 a sanitary certification requirement that would have had the effect of banning U. S. frozen poultry imports completely. Quick action by the U. S. agricultural attache in Tokyo and follow-up by USDA veterinarians removed the threat of the ban, but testing of each U. S. shipment of frozen poultry by Japanese officials was required before entry. This delayed shipments up to 10 days and placed U. S. poultry at a disadvantage in the trade.

The Department worked with Japanese officials on a solution to the problem, including an on-the-spot evaluation by the Japanese of this country's poultry inspection system. This work, plus the fact that no disease was found in U. S. imports, has now resulted in complete lifting of the test restriction.

Japan is a sizable market for U. S. poultry and has considerable potential for expansion. U. S. exports of chicken and other poultry to the Japanese market totaled about 10 million pounds in 1967.

GARDEN SPOT YOUNG FARMERS HOLD FINAL INSECT CONTROL COURSE

The Garden Spot Young Farmers will complete a three week study on insect control with a class on **Safe Handling of Insecticides** and **A Calibration of Sprayers**.

Guest speakers will be C. B. Hooper Jr., of International, Intercourse, and Dr. Little from Agway Agricultural Chemical Division, Syracuse, New York.

The meeting will be held at 7:30 p. m. in the Garden Spot High School Vo-Ag room Tuesday, April 2. Previous classes included **Insect Identification** presented by Dr. Henry Menden, Extension Entomologist from Penn State and **Latest Control Measures** presented by John Beideman of Geigy Chemical Co.

Mr. Robinson, advisor, stated that there are still a few openings in the corn growing contest and farmers can sign up at this meeting.

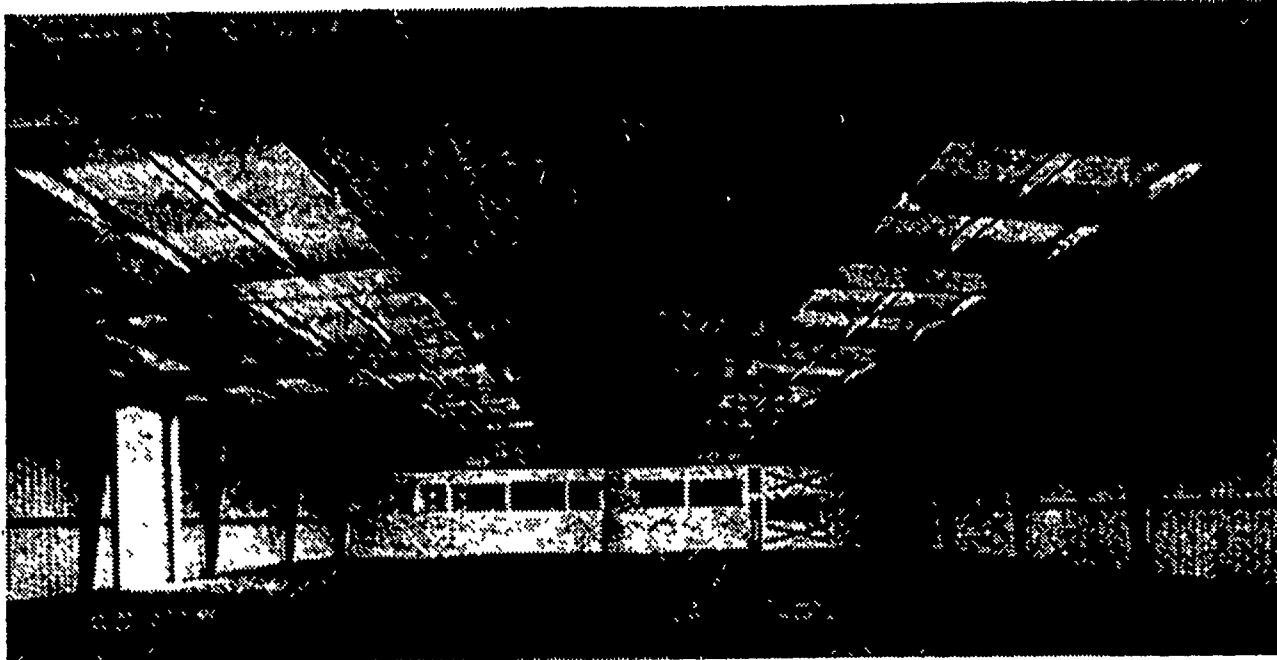
Beef And Lamb Meet

Secretary of the Lancaster County Red Rose 4-H Baby Beef and Lamb Club, Sharon Weaver, announces their next meeting for next Wednesday, April 3 at 8 p. m. in the Farm & Home Center.

The program will feature a panel discussion of the method of distributing steers.

WATCHING BIRDS

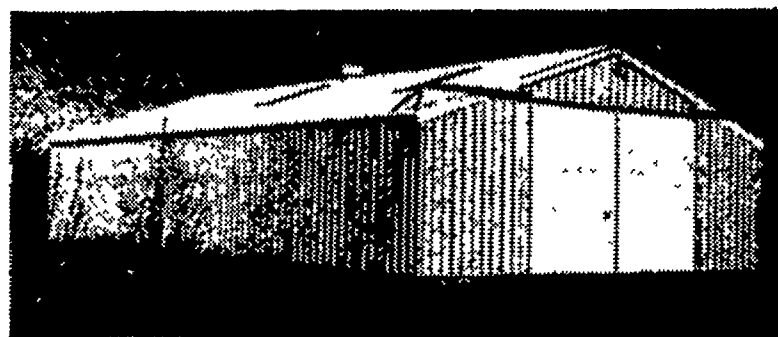
If you like to watch birds, remember there are certain plants that attract them, remind extension ornamental specialists at Penn State. Some trees birds like are oak, hornbeam, larch, maple, mountain ash, flowering crabapple, and hawthorn. When planning landscaping to attract birds, also consider berry bushes, vines and flowers.



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