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on its track carrying the logs over two sets of cutting knives. Chips fall into a funnel and on into a fan that blows them into a waiting truck at the rate of about two tons per hour. A day's output was estimated at about two tractor trailer loads.

Only softwoods such as the pines can be used. Oak and Hickory are not used because of slow chipping and inferior quality of the chips they produce. Logs come from local

sources usually within a 30 mile radius of New Holland. Individual farmers and wood cutters or jobbers who make a business of cutting trees supply the input.

Only straight trunks can be used. No brush or branches are accepted. The chipping operation utilizes all parts of the log including bark.

Green chips are not stored at the yards. They are placed on trucks usually within a day of delivery to insure freshness. At the farm a two man team unloads the bulk trailers with mechanical equipment placing the shavings in a 1 1/2 inch layer over the poultry house floor. One man works the suction hose on the trailer and the other directs the blown shavings into place in the house.

Green chips are not as dusty in the poultry operation and their moisture content provides the correct humidity conditions under the brooders in a properly ventilated environment controlled house.

TURKEY CROP

Predictions for the Commonwealth's 1969 turkey crop indicate breeders will raise 1,641,000 of the big birds. If the intentions materialize, Pennsylvania growers will keep pace with the national trend of a forecasted 3 percent increase in production over last year.

A breakdown of the state's prospective crop shows that 88 percent of 1,444,000 birds will be heavy breeds — 5 percent more than the 1968 total. Light breeds will make up the remaining 12 percent and, at 197,000 birds, will be 10 percent less than last year.

The Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service said that the number of turkeys actually raised this year may vary from present intentions contingent upon changes in market and supply conditions.

Keep Tree Seedlings Moist

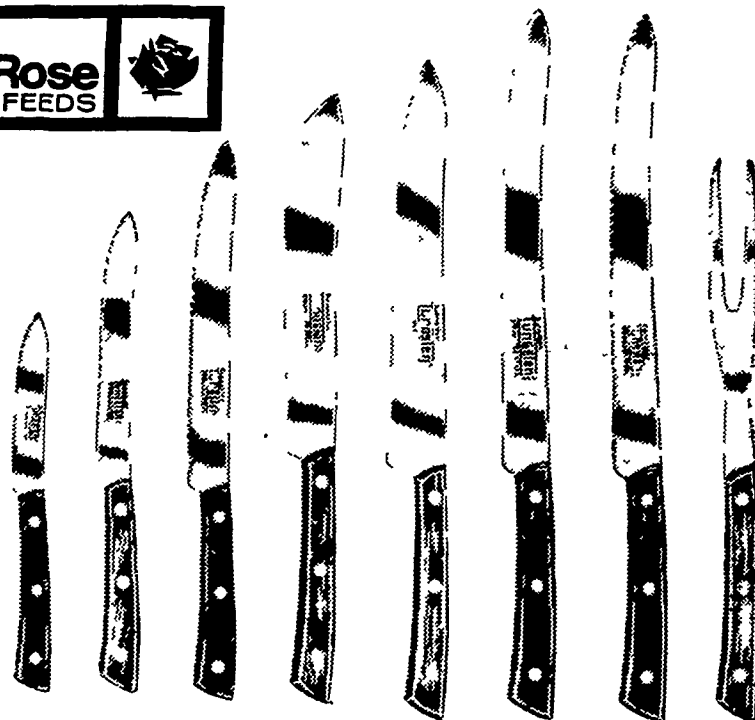
Tree seedlings must be kept moist from the time they leave the nursery until they are planted, says Edward P. Farand, extension forester at The Pennsylvania State University. A good root system is essential to successful planting. If young roots dry out rapidly they will be injured.



UNLOADING WOOD CHIPS. Leonard High works the suction hose that picks

green wood shavings from the tractor-trailer to blow them into a poultry house. L. F. Photo

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