

Co-Op Says Farmers May Be Opposed To Gov. Collecting Compulsory Deductions

"It would appear that many farmers in this area are opposed to compulsory deductions for promotion where the government acts as the collection agency", a dairy leader points out.

John C. York, general manager of Eastern Milk Producers Assn., stated, "The rejection by New York poultrymen last week of an assessment proposal and the overwhelming disapproval in a recently concluded survey of our Eastern dairy members indicates that government collection of funds may be the biggest reason why farmers turn down some of these proposals."

"A large majority of our members are already subscribing funds for milk promotion purposes, and the Eastern organization has endorsed the positive letter and other voluntary methods of collecting funds. However, in a most successful survey just completed among our members, 85% of those answering said they were opposed to compulsory milk promotion dues where the government was the collecting agency at a rate of 3 to 5¢ per hundredweight.

"We felt that the way the New York poultry referendum was conducted is the proper way to handle such matters—to let individual farmers express their opinions. It is an excellent example of the democratic process at work", noted York.

State Agriculture Commissioner Don J. Wickham reported that New York State poultrymen cast 230 votes against and 105 for a proposal that eggs be placed under a state-marketing order. Under the proposal, eggs would be assessed from one-twelfth to one-third cent a dozen to provide a fund for advertising the product to promote sales.

The referendum was requested by State Poultry Industry Coordinated Effort (SPICE) a large industry group. Each farm regardless of size was entitled to one vote and it was necessary for the measure to be approved by two-thirds of the voters.

There has been considerable discussion in the dairy industry on whether deductions should be mandatory in order to provide more funds for the promotion of milk and other dairy products. Among the big unsettled questions are—how much would the deductions be, and who would be the collection agency?

Prices received by Pennsylvania farmers for their products during February were one percent higher than in January, the State Crop Reporting Service has announced.

Hogs were up 70 cents a hundredweight while steers and heifers were up 50 cents. Oats were up one cent a bushel, corn up two cents and wheat up three cents. The broiler price of 17 cents a pound remained unchanged.

The hundredweight price of milk was five cents less in February than a month earlier while eggs at 42 cents a dozen were down five cents.

Beef, Dairy Farms To Hold Joint Open House

On Tuesday, March 25th, a combination Open House will be held for Lancaster County Farmers on the John Nissley and J. Harold Musser Farm of Mt. Joy, Pennsylvania. The Farms are located about 1 1/2 miles apart.

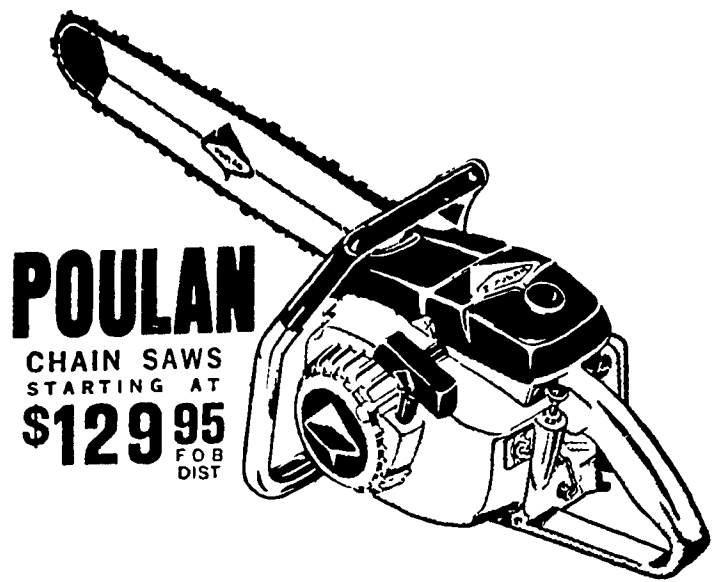
The purpose of the Open House will be to show area farmers the recent mechanization installed which enabled them to expand their operation. Nissley feeds out of 400 500 head of Prime Cattle while Musser has a 50 Milk Cow Dairy Operation.

The Nissley Farm of 165 acres utilizes two 100' non-auger type feeders to distribute a ration of corn silage, crimped corn or barley and protein concentrates. Corn Silage is stored in a 24' x 80' concrete silo. John buys 750 lb. feeders and finishes them out to prime (1100-1300 lbs). His total investment in the System is approximately \$75 00 per head.

The Musser Farm of 150 acres recently expanded their operation through remodeling. Sixteen stalls were added to the existing Barn along with a 600 Gallon Bulk Tank, Pipeline

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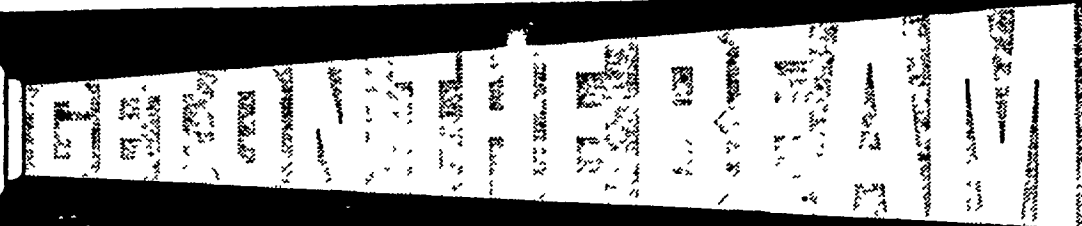
located about 2 miles Southeast of Mt. Joy on Eby Chicque Road, South of Hy. 230. They can also be reached by taking Prospect Road South off Hy. 230, through Salunga to Eby Chicque Road.



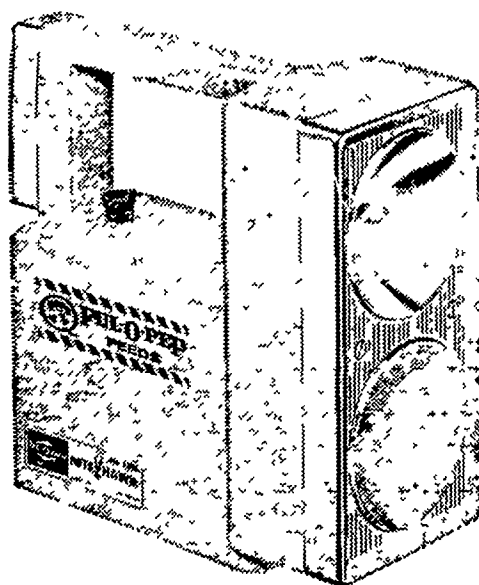
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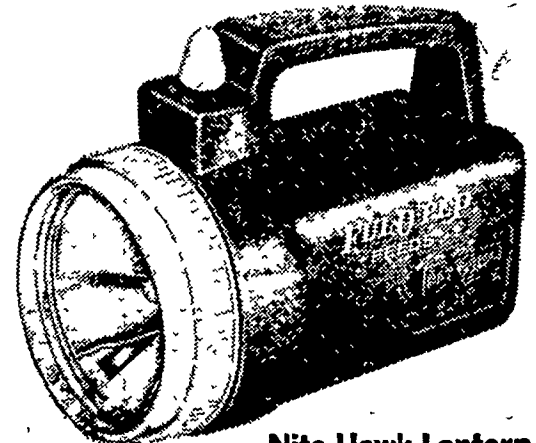


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