

PENNSYLVANIA EGG PRODUCTION UP 5%

The Commonwealth's laying flock produced 287 million eggs during March, 5 percent more than a year earlier and 13 percent greater than the February, 1969 production.

Rate of lay is a record high for the month, and is 2 percent higher than the same month last year. Most of the percentage changes in monthly production reflect the variable number of days in the respective months.

The number of layers in the State decreased only slightly from February, but is 3 percent larger than a year ago.

The average price received by farmers for all eggs during March is estimated at 43 cents, 9 cents higher than a year earlier and up 1 cent from the average price in February.

The February, 1969 egg type hatch was 1,976,000, up 2 percent from February, 1968 and 15 percent more than the January hatch. This increase from the January hatch is seasonal.

Stocks of all eggs in cold storage February 28, 1969 were 1,474,000 cases, 29 percent less than the February 29, 1968 holdings.

The oases of desert areas in tropical lands are usually the most intensively cultivated areas in the world.

The men who do things without being told seem to draw the biggest check.

NEBA Voting Delegates Meet

Progress in breeding better Dairy Cattle through Research was the theme of the fifth Annual meeting of Delegates and Directors of Northeastern Breeders' Association at Tunkhannock on April 1, 1969.

Dr. J. O. Almquist, Director of the Penn State University Dairy Cattle Breeding Research Center, reviewed the many experiments conducted at Penn State for the purpose of breeding better Dairy Cattle. This work has led to improved breeding efficiency throughout the AI Industry and has enabled the service of many outstanding sires to be extended a thousand fold over normal possibilities. Thirty to fifty thousand cows are being bred in one year to the greatest production proved sires through frozen semen and artificial insemination, due to research conquests.

Dr. Almquist address 75

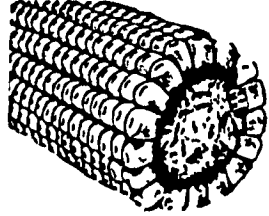
Delegates, Directors, Staff members and guests of NEBA at the Tunkhannock Grange Hall. The attending Delegates re-elected three Directors for new three year terms to conduct NEBA's business in 50 counties in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Re-elected by vote of the Delegates present were John Schwenk of Allentown, District II, George Butler of Wellsboro, District III and Edward Flitcraft of Woodstown, New Jersey, District IV.

Following the Annual meeting of Voting Delegates, the NEBA Board of Directors reorganized for the 1969-1970 operating year and re-elected Ira Yoder of Selinsgrove, Pa., President, Edward Flitcraft of Woodstown, New Jersey, Vice President, and John Epler of Northumberland, Pa., Treasurer. William Schaefer of Tunkhannock was reinstated as Secretary to the Board with Hugh Pfaff, Tunkannock and Henry Schragger, Trenton, New Jersey as Assistants. F. P. Shannon was renamed Assistant Treasurer.

F. P. Shannon, NEBA General Manager, told the Delegates that 1968 was our most successful year, permitting NEBA to wipe out previous operating deficits, and that the present year is the best ever. He emphasized that today NEBA provides many services to patrons. In addition to our own A.I. proven sires we also secure other sires for dairymen, sell nitrogen and refrigerated tanks, train Dairymen who wish to do so to inseminate their own herds, and collect, process, and semen from Sires owned by members or patrons of the Cooperative on a custom basis.

Mr. Shannon President Ira Yoder and Edward Flitcraft described Federation studies aimed at the possible amalgamation of thirteen Breeding Cooperatives into a Federation. Several bull studs would produce the semen for all member organizations. NEBA facilities would be high on the priority list of semen producing studs due to their modern barns and laboratory and to the possibilities for expansion at NEBA.

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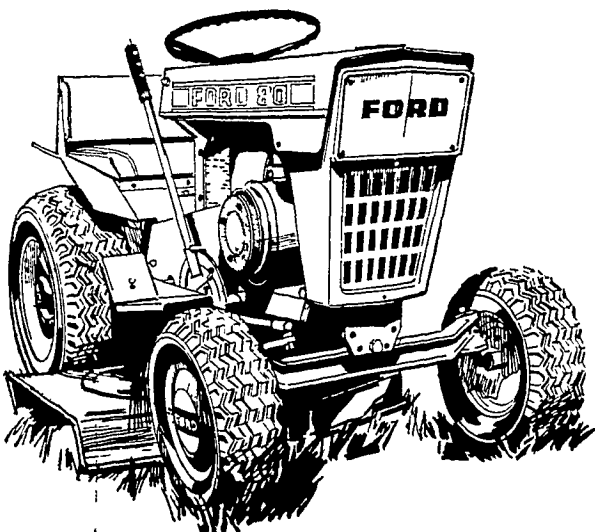
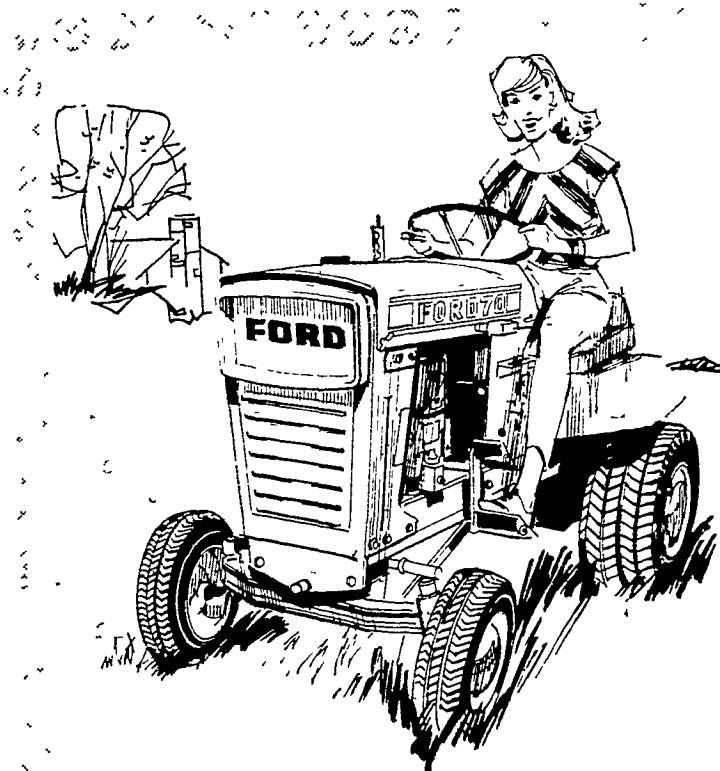
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