

## Hospitals Use Sixteen Shell Eggs Per Bed

General hospitals in Connecticut use 16 shell eggs "per bed" per week. Convalescent homes use 28 shell eggs per bed per week. State institutions use 10.75 shell eggs per bed per week.

"These astounding and interesting figures, provided by Robert Goldman, Chief of the Connecticut Marketing Division, are found in a joint study by the Connecticut Department of Agriculture, the Extension Service and ERS of USDA with the mundane title, "The Feasibility of Egg Breaking in Connecticut," reports Mal Cleland of Lincoln, Nebraska, 1st Vice Chairman of the Poultry and Egg National Board.

In addition, these researchers found that

— School lunch uses 1/10 of

a shell egg per meal served, largely in puddings and baked goods.

— Restaurants use one shell egg for each \$10.25 gross business.

— Bakeries use one shell egg for each \$9.45 gross sales.

All of these are not total egg usage — but shell eggs used.

Over 50% of the eggs used by hospitals surveyed, which included 4,641 beds, were served poached, fried or boiled. For all three types of institutions nearly a third of the shell eggs were served as omelets or scrambled.

In the restaurants surveyed, nearly twice as many shell eggs (36.6%) were served as omelets or scrambled as there were fried, poached or boiled.

On the point of research investigated, the workers reported that the volume of liquid eggs currently being used was only 531 gallons per week.

The potential, estimated at 50% of the current shell egg usage for scrambled, omelets,

puddings and baked goods, would increase this to 5,017 gallons of liquid per week.

The Connecticut report also points out for the total study that:

— Bakeries already use in shell egg equivalent about 30 times as much product as shell eggs.

— No data were reported on egg product use by restaurants.

— The school lunch program uses nearly as much dried (shell egg equivalent) as fresh shell eggs.

— State institutions were heavy users of frozen eggs but this was equivalent to about 25% of fresh shell usage.

— The convalescent home usage of egg products paralleled that of the state institutions.

— General hospitals usage of egg products (largely frozen) was only about 16% as much as fresh shell eggs.

If the Connecticut data were converted to the same basis as

the PENB estimates on home egg usage, total egg consumption would then be as follows:

General Hospitals — 18.6 eggs per week per bed. Convalescent Homes — 12.3 eggs per week per bed. State Institutions — 13.5 eggs per week per bed.

The national average consumption of shell eggs — both in the home and in eating out, amounts to about 4 eggs per week per person.

"It has long been known that eggs play a major part in the diets of both the young and the old. This new factual information, reporting shell egg usage on a per bed basis, and per dollar of gross sales for restaurants

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and bakeries, will certainly be helpful in egg promotion," added Dr. L. A. Wilhelm, president of PENB.

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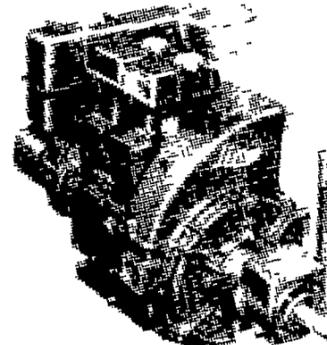
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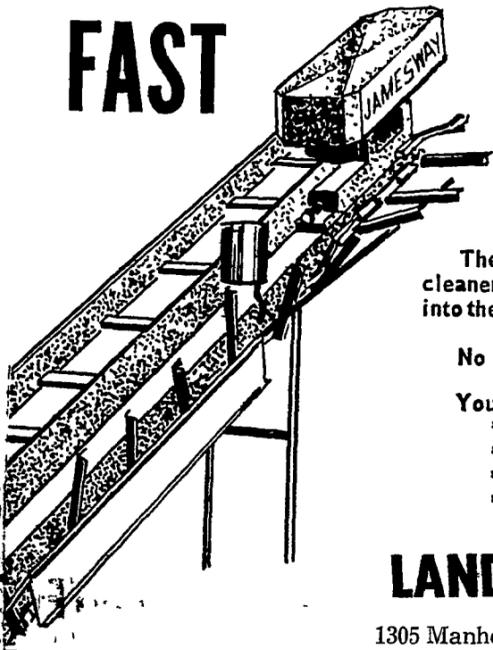
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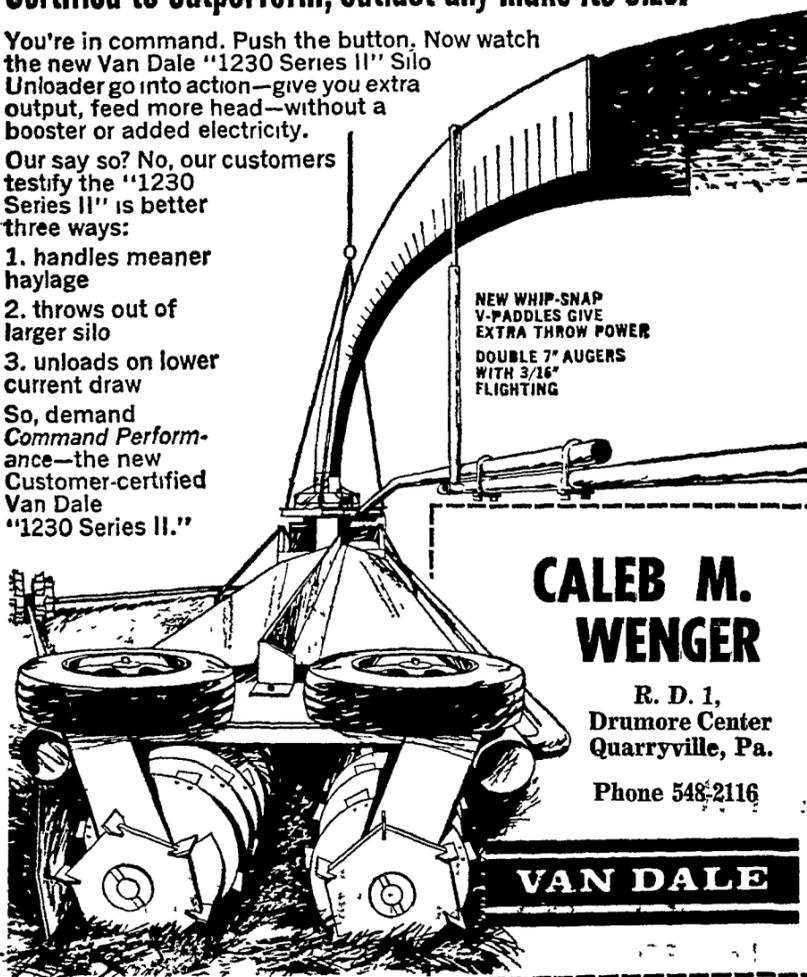
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