

Electronic Egg Market Idea Cited by U.E.P.

A paper entitled "The Electronic Egg Exchange — An Alternative System for Trading Shell Eggs" has earned its author Dr. Lee F. Schrader of Purdue University, a travel grant of \$500.00 from United Egg Producers. The grant was awarded in U.E.P.'s behalf by the U.S. Participation Committee of the 14th World's Poultry Congress and

will enable Dr Schrader to attend the Congress in Madrid, Spain in September.

Dr. Schrader's paper presents a unique concept of computerized egg trading. The proposed plan would, according to the author, automate much of the clerical work in buying and selling eggs. This would in turn "improve the level of knowledge of the entire industry and reduce the possibility of misleading the currently less informal participant. With the improved information, small firms would share some of the advantages that now accrue to large firms because of their size.

"Physical efficiency would be promoted through elimination of unnecessary cross hauling and through quality improvement because of timely action. Transportation costs may be lowered as a result of providing a market for egg transportation services"

Protect Flowers From Cold Snap

Spring flowers are anxious to start blooming, but a cold snap might take some of the bloom off if they grow too much too soon.

Early warm periods tend to stimulate tulips, narcissus and hyacinth into active growth before the danger of frost is past, says Dr. Francis R Gouin, University of Maryland extension horticulturist.

If not protected, this new growth can be damaged by late frosts. This is not true for

snowdrops, winter aconites and crocus, however.

If the weatherman comes out with a hard frost warning after your tulips, narcissus or hyacinths have started to grow, cover them with a loose mulching material such as tanbark, fir bark, straw, pine needles or even peat moss.

As you are applying the mulch, look for bulbs that have been "heaved" out of the ground by freezing and thawing. Gently push these bulbs back into the soil so that their roots won't dry out

After the danger of frost is past, Dr Gouin says, you can remove the mulch or leave it. Whatever mulch you use will act as an insulator to protect the tender shoots from freezing and thawing.

These are yearly problems you can avoid by applying a good mulch in your garden this fall after growth stops, Dr. Gouin concludes

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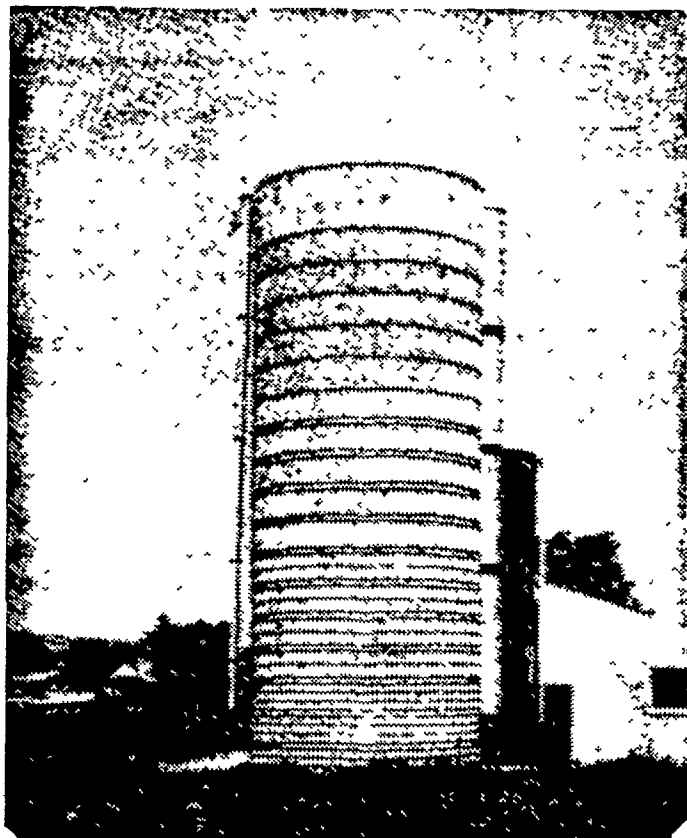
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