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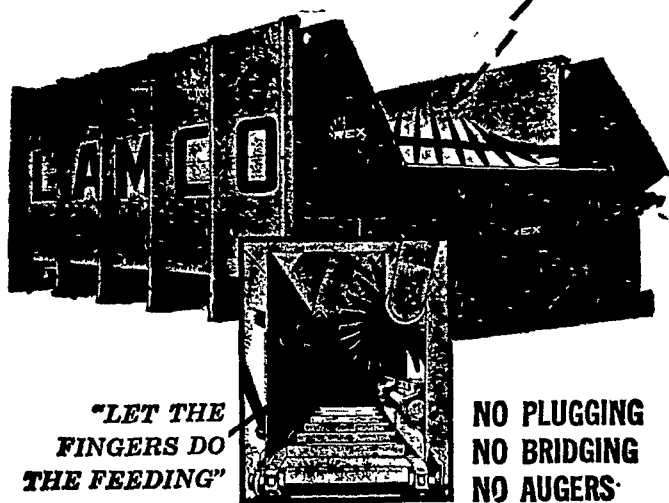
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should keep a piece of wood in the hutch. This gives the rabbit something to chew on, keeping his teeth normal and healthy. Dampness, the final section warns, is the rabbit's great enemy. Prolonged exposure can cause coccidiosis, which leads to pneumonia. Among other health hints, periodic cutting of rabbit toenails just below the nail cone is recommended. This prevents snagging and tearing of the toe in wire mesh hutches, while it also insures normal foot growth. Complete information can be obtained by writing for the free booklet to John W. Eshelman & Sons, Lancaster, Pa 17604



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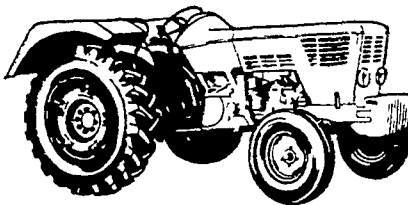
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### Killing the Goose?

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The details are rather fully stated on the label "produced by layers on special diets containing no animal or fish sources of saturated fats and deriving energy and protein from specially processed and extruded soybeans containing principally polyunsaturates." In another corner is stated "produced by layers on polyunsaturated diets."

The feed for producing such eggs is apparently being offered on a franchise basis. Whenever an item of this kind develops or comes to light, there is always a well-intentioned egg producer or distributor who screams "foul" and wants the process stopped because it indirectly points out that something may be wrong with all other eggs, reports the Poultry and Egg National Board.

PENB President, Dr L. A. Wilhelm, was asked to comment on this, as well as the new dried and frozen egg products aimed at the "cholesterol sick and fearful."

Wilhelm stated, "It might be well to remember the oleomargarine butter story. Danymen protested oleomargarine until it became a best seller. More recently, research revealed that the general public was less aware than those in the industry and that the tendency to advertise "fat free" milk was more damaging to dairy products than the unfavorable publicity. 'The same thing could happen to eggs with the cholesterol story. This is the reason why PENB has always advocated — and has a detailed plan — that the way to combat cholesterol is to talk sound nutrition and the goodness of eggs," Wilhelm concluded.

About 515 thousand US farms annually produce about 2 billion pounds of tobacco on about one million acres. Thus, some 625 thousand farm families share in the proceeds from tobacco, according to the US Department of Agriculture. Tobacco is one of the few crops that still can use family labor and provide a reasonable income on a small farm. It represents a strong bastion to the diminishing family farm, says B. C. Mangum, N.C. Farm Bureau president. To produce one acre of tobacco requires about 400 man hours, Mangum said.