

# Farmers Plan Bigger '71 Corn Crop Acreage

Growers in the 35 States surveyed intend to plant 70.1 million acres of corn for all purposes in 1971, or six per cent more than planted in 1970. These States accounted for more than 98 per cent of the U. S. corn acreage last year.

In areas hard hit by Southern corn leaf blight last year, there was some uncertainty among growers because of the availability of blight tolerant seed corn. Some growers stated their intentions were based on the availability of blight tolerant seed, according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service.

Generally, however, growers in areas that had little or no damage from the blight expect to increase their acreage this year.

The largest increases in acreage are expected for the Western Corn Belt. Plantings are expected to be up 1.2 million acres from last year in Iowa, 1.0 million in Minnesota and .6 million acres in Nebraska.

In the Eastern Corn Belt,

Wisconsin, Michigan, Ohio and Indiana show substantial increases from a year ago despite considerable blight damage last year in Ohio and Indiana. In Illinois, where blight damage was severe in central and southern areas, growers expect to plant the same as a year earlier.

Although increases are indicated for Maryland, Oklahoma and Texas, most South Atlantic and South Central States expect less corn this year. The decline is because damage from Southern corn leaf blight was severe in the Southeast last year. Also, there has been a decreasing trend in corn acreage in most South Atlantic and South Central States.

Larger acreages than a year prospective plantings for all spring wheat. If realized this will be three per cent more than seedlings for the 1970 crop but six per cent less than for 1969.

Oats seeding last fall and this spring are expected to total 23.3 million acres based on growers' planting intentions as of January 1. This is three per cent less than the 24.0 million acres seeded a year earlier, but is about the same as in 1969. The January survey covers 33 of the 42 States included in the estimating program.

ago are expected in States surveyed in the North Atlantic and Western regions. A three per cent increase is planned for Pennsylvania.

Plantings of all wheat for harvest in 1971 would total 51,151,000 acres based on December 1, 1970 estimate for winter wheat and the January 1, 1971.

Acreage of fall seeded barley plus intended spring seedings in 32 States is estimated at 10,571,

000 acres, based on the special January 1 survey. The 32 States surveyed accounted for more than 96 percent of the Nation's barley acreage in 1970. If these intentions materialize, acreage in 1971 will be five per cent above last year.

Intention reports as of January 1 from soybean growers in 27 of the 30 producing States indicated record plantings of 45.9 million acres in 1971. If realized, this acreage would be seven per cent above the 42.9 million acres planted in these States in 1970. Increases in acreage are expected in all regions.

Growers intend to plant 20.2 million acres of sorghum for all purposes in 1971, about 17 per cent more than in each of the past two years. The January survey covers all States in which estimates are usually prepared. Virtually all States show increases, with acreage in some minor States expected to more than double that of last year.

## Three Poultry Education Meetings Set

The Lancaster County Poultry Association and local Extension Service, have announced three educational meetings on poultry.

The first meeting has been scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Thursday, February 11 at the Farm and Home Center.

A brand egg program and waste disposal will be the topics.

Speaking on "Shall We Market Pennsylvania Brand Eggs?"

## Turkey Conference Is at Lebanon

A conference for turkey industry men in the Middle Atlantic States will be held in the Lebanon Treadway Inn, South 9th St., Lebanon, Thursday, February 18.

The conference is jointly sponsored by the NEPPCO Turkey Division and the Pennsylvania Poultry Federation.

The annual business meeting of the Pennsylvania Poultry Federation's Turkey Division will be held at 4:30 p.m. under the direction of Glen Kime.

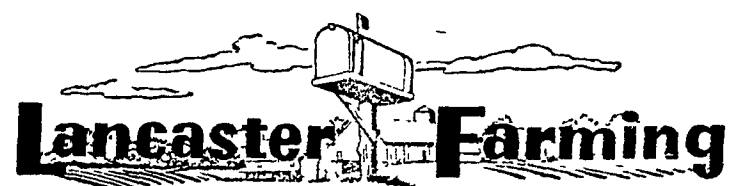
The NEPPCO Turkey Division annual meeting will be held at 5 p.m., followed by a banquet with entertainment at 6 p.m.

The program also includes: 10 a.m., registration; 10:30, "Pro-

ducing Grade A Turkeys." by Dr. Walter Hohlstein, USDA Animal Health Division, Regional Poultry Epidemiologist, Harrisburg, 11:30 a.m., "Starve Outs," Prof. Herbert Jordan, Penn State Poultry Extension Specialist.

12:15 p.m., buffet luncheon, 1:30 p.m., "Marketing & Stuff," by Robert J. Andrews, marketing specialist, Institute American Poultry Industry.

2:30, "Improving the Pennsylvania Turkey Image," panel discussion moderated by William Hubbs, with Charles Lawrence, York, and Walter Noblett, Allentown, 3:30, "Packaging the Turkeys to Improve Profitability," Glenn Granath, Union Carbide Corp.



SECOND SECTION

## Spotted Breed Conference Slated

The 1971 winter type conference of the Spotted Breed will be held at the Farm Show Building, Harrisburg, February 25, 26, and 27th.

This is the first major swine breed conference to be held in Pennsylvania in several years.

Pennsylvania has one of the most active pork producers organizations in the nation and the quality of swine production within the state has improved rapidly in recent years. This Spotted conference is designed to add to the improvement of pork production in the Eastern portion of the United States.

As in the past Spotted conferences, all breeding stock en-

tries will be weighed prior to the show with pounds of growth per day of age being painted on each entry.

Entries for the conference will come from over 15 states across the United States.

The breeding stock show will be held Friday, February 26th. Friday evening will be devoted to a breeding stock selection clinic conducted by five Pennsylvania commercial producers.

A judging contest open to all interested swine producers will be held Saturday morning.

The concluding event of the conference will be the sale of bred gilts, boars and open gilts on Saturday afternoon, February 27th.

## Wentink to Help Revamp NEPPCO

Hendrik Wentink of Miller & Bushong, Inc., Rohrerstown, is a member of a Northeastern Poultry Producers Council committee that has been assigned to "overhaul all of NEPPCO's activities and programs."

The new committee, the Committee for the Coordination of Activities & Programs (CAP), is chaired by Albert J. Russo, immediate past NEPPCO president. Committee members include Wentink and B. B. Gehgan.

The committee was empowered by NEPPCO's Executive Committee to seek the views of NEPPCO's members as well as those interested in the Council or allied to the industry. It is expected the committee will make at least a preliminary report to the Board at its spring meeting.

Meanwhile, NEPPCO has announced an agreement with PIMCO to discontinue sponsorship of the International Poultry Industry Exposition and to develop a completely new type of annual meeting. More details on the time and place of a NEPPCO convention-exposition this fall are expected soon.

## Florida Freezes

Florida was hit by a severe freeze in mid-January. Temperatures reported in the low 20's during the night of January 20 and early morning of January 21.

That's the coldest weather Florida's experienced since the so-called "Big Freeze" of December 1962, according to a special Florida Freeze Damage Report issued by USDA last week.

(Editor's note: Since this USDA report, Florida experienced several additional freezes.)

Hardest hit were the Interior and West Coast Florida citrus and vegetable areas. In field surveys to determine icing of oranges, 45 per cent of fruit out was frozen to center, another 15 per cent showed ice at the one-half inch cut. In vegetable areas, most hardy crops reportedly escaped with reduced yield and retarded development, while tender vegetables reportedly received heavy damage.

in Mitchell, Victor Weaver Inc., New Holland.

Speaking on "Your Moral and Legal Responsibilities in Waste Disposal" will be Dr. Dwight Schwartz, Penn State Extension veterinarian, and John Durr, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources, Reading.

The second meeting dealing with "Market Stability and Producer Responsibility in the Broiler Industry" has been set for 7:30 p.m. February 25 at the Farm and Home Center.

The third meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. March 11 at the Farm and Home Center. The topics will be "Mcney Management in the Poultry Industry" and "With the Recent Breakthrough in Marek's Control, What Are the Economic Advantages of Raising Pullets Locally?"

More information will be available later on the second and third meetings.

Stanley Musselman, chairman of the Poultry Association Education Committee, urged interested poultrymen to mark the dates of the three meetings on their calendars now and plan to attend. Refreshments will be served.

Educational meetings on topics of current interest to poultrymen are held each year.

# 8th Generation of Goods on Muddy Creek Farm Since 1738

By Mrs. Charles McSparran  
Farm Feature Writer

"Next to Bible study, I enjoy studying about herbs. I was amazed to learn what they can do for the human body," says Mrs. Monroe W. (Miriam) Good who lives near Bowmansville in Brecknock Township.

Goods are members of Twin Valley Bible Church, Churchtown where Mrs. Good teaches a Sunday School class. She has been teaching a Sunday School class, except when her children were real small, since she was 18 years old. She says "I love to teach." Miriam attended Lancaster School of the Bible evening school for three years.

She started a Good News Club

and teaches children Monday evenings. She uses a flannelgraph to illustrate Bible stories. She teaches at her own church and has given flannelgraph talks at other churches too. She has taught Bible School at Pine Grove Mennonite Church in Bowmansville for five years.

Miriam belongs to a group of neighborhood women who meet for Bible study every two weeks in their homes. They take turns teaching.

She writes poetry, mostly for holidays and to go with Christmas gifts. She has written poems in response to requests for several engagement announcements and on the back of wedding programs. These programs for weddings list order

of service and the names of the attendants. An example of her poetry is.

### Builders of Tomorrow

Of all the honorable careers of life  
There'll never be another,  
That rewards so rich in happiness  
as that of being mother.

This career begins with a miracle  
Performed by the hand divine  
And day by day that life unfolds  
to a creature of His design.

Oh what a trust is parenthood  
We're building the world of tomorrow.

Are we building with love and courage,  
Or anger, self-pity and sorrow

A nation is never stronger  
than the fiber of its homes  
Will it be a mighty fortress,  
Or will it be a catacombs?

Let's bring back the family altar  
And seek our power there  
Our nations very best defense  
Are families bent to prayer.

Mrs. Good became fascinated with a book entitled "The Herbalist" which tells all about the various kinds of herbs and teas. She has treated her family for all kinds of illness with these teas which are made of ingredi-

ents medical doctors used to give their patients, and none of her family has been to a doctor for five years.

She says she would not eliminate doctors and would go to them when necessary but has had good results with these natural remedies which she started to use when she observed bad reactions from miracle drugs in some people.

She keeps a supply of a couple dozen varieties of herbs on hand all the time and can tell at once what they are good for. Some of these are: cleavers, alfalfa, peppermint, red clover, slippery elm, nettle, golden seal, chamomile, fenugreek, saffron, com-

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