

# UEP Asks Legislation to Allow Producers to Vote on Controls

United Egg Producers' Board of Directors meeting in Los Angeles, Calif., recently unanimously endorsed a policy position to seek enabling legislation which would allow egg producers to vote on production controls.

President Fred Adams said the new policy came as result of a membership survey which indicated an overwhelming majority of U.E.P. members favor the right of producers to vote on the question of controls. The results of the survey were announced on September 2 at a meeting of the U.E.P. Executive Committee.

"The unanimous vote to seek enabling legislation should not be interpreted to mean the U.E.P. Board unanimously supports

production or marketing controls," Adams explained. "It does mean we believe in our democratic form of government which allows an individual the right to vote. Egg producers presently do not have this right."

A special committee representing all areas of the country will be appointed to work with the Long Range Planning Committee on drafting a proposal for enabling legislation, Adams said. Each regional cooperative member of U.E.P. has been requested to suggest one member for this committee.

The Board reiterated its previous position of favoring enabling legislation which would allow egg producers to vote on a national check-off plan for promotion, research and ad-

vertising. For several months, U.E.P. has been working with industry and the USDA on a legislative proposal for check-off. The Board requested the Long Range Planning Committee to review recommendations of the USDA concerning the proposal.

Adams said any enabling legislation for controls will be in addition to the U.E.P. check-off proposal. He said the organization did not want to combine the two into one piece of legislation because the egg industry considers them as separate subjects.

Considerable time was spent on methods of price determination and marketing activities of the organization, Adams said.

"U.E.P. has provided leadership in methods of price



FFA members attending the Atlantic Rural Exposition recently are: left to right, Melvin Weiler, Stevens RD1; Dave Gerlach, Columbia RD2, second high individual score in livestock judging, and Don Wenger, Manheim RD2. Rodney Unger, of the Solanco FFA Chapter, was absent when photo was taken.

## FFA Members Place at Richmond, Va.

Four Lancaster County FFA members had high placings recently at the Atlantic Rural Exposition in Richmond, Va., in conjunction with the Virginia State Fair.

Donald Wenger, Manheim Central FFA Chapter, was one of three members of the Pennsylvania FFA dairy judging team that was awarded first place. Dave Gerlach, Penn Manor FFA Chapter, had the second highest individual score in livestock judging. His state team finished fifth.

Melvin Weiler, Cloister FFA Chapter at Ephrata, and Rodney Unger, Solanco FFA Chapter, were members of the three-man FFA state poultry judging team which placed third.

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production, cash versus accrual accounting, and the need for a retail price to consumers quotation from USDA.

The group also approved a recommendation to seek regulations which would require eggs of foreign origin to be individually labeled as to country of origin.

determination since its inception," Adams continued. "New and different problems seem to confront the egg industry with each new development. Since these problems directly affect every egg producer, there is always great interest and concern for U.E.P. activities in this area."

The most debated of the organization's activities was its participation in egg futures trading, the President said. After a thorough discussion, the Board approved a three-point proposal concerning egg futures: 1) To actively seek the abolition of trading in egg futures; 2) To participate in futures trading if necessary for the benefit of U.E.P. members until such trading is discontinued, and 3) To establish an advisory committee to work with management on any futures trading which the organization may undertake.

On other matters, the Board reiterated its previous positions on chain store entry into egg



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