



The outlook for the economy and the dollar in the U.S. was reviewed recently for industry men attending the 40th anniversary convention of the Northeastern Poultry Producers Council by Dr. Paul S. Nadler, center, Rutgers University, Newark, N.J., business administration professor. On the noon-time program with

Dr. Nadler at the Concord Hotel, Kiamesha Lake, N.Y. were Hendrick Wentink, left, Lancaster, Pa., NEPPCO vice president, and Daniel M. Dalrymple, New York State assistant commissioner of agriculture. Wentink was reelected NEPPCO vice president.

Filtered Air Poultry Housing Discussed

Filtered air-positive pressure (FAPP) housing may yet find broad application in the poultry industry, despite the recently-acquired control of Marek's through vaccination.

That's the thought expressed by Dr. David P. Anderson, director of the Poultry Disease Research Center at the University of Georgia.

He explained the principles of FAPP housing and discussed its application for industry men gathered recently for Northeastern '71, the Northeastern Poultry Producers Council (NEPPCO) 40th anniversary convention.

Noting that other applications will probably arise in the future, Dr. Anderson listed the following as current or imminent uses of FAPP housing: experimental flocks, replacement pullet flocks, broiler flocks, broiler brooding, caged layers and hatcheries.

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Engineering studies, according to the speaker, show that FAPP housing will run about \$1.25 more per square foot than conventional housing.

Actual cost of operation runs about 20 to 25c more per bird per

year than conventional housing and about 12-1/2c a year over current controlled environment housing.

"The weakest link in the whole system of FAPP housing," said Dr. Anderson, "is man himself. He is the biggest source of breakdown in its operation."

In response to a question from the audience about the need for FAPP housing after the advent of a Marek's vaccine, he said such housing may ultimately lead to the elimination of Mareks, while the vaccine is only a control measure.

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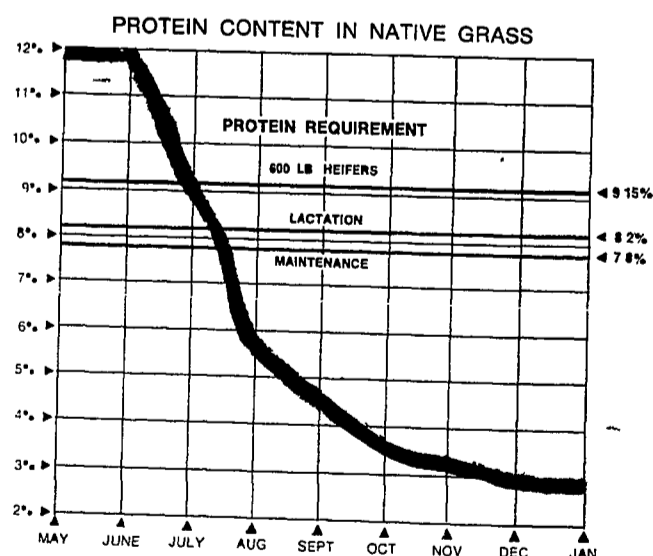


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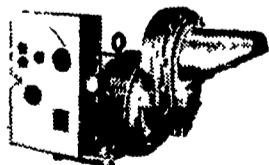
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