



Among those honored at the annual Atlantic Breeders Cooperative Christmas banquet this week were: left to right, front row, Mrs. Betty M. Swanger, Manheim RD2, payroll and insurance; Mrs. Eileen K. Groff, Lititz RD3, five years, communications secretary; Miss Beverly Y. Johnson, East Petersburg, sales secretary; back row, J. Floyd Weidler, Lancaster, in charge of production at the Lancaster facilities, 25 years of employment; Harry F. Roth, Landisville, assistant manager and director

of breed programs, 15 years with Atlantic; Earl W. Landis, Lancaster, barn man, 15 years, and Lloyd B. Denlinger, Lancaster, barns and maintenance, 10 years. Charles Sherr, Lititz RD3, was also honored for 20 years as part-time maintenance. In presenting the 25 year award to Weidler at Hostetter's Dining Hall in Mount Joy Monday, David Yoder, ABC general manager, commended Weidler for his record as a field technician, laboratory assistant and supervisor.

Wentink Explains NEPPCO Reasons for Egg Adjustment Act

Hendrik Wentink, of Pennfield Corp., NEPPCO vice president, summarized NEPPCO's reasons for supporting the Egg Industry Adjustment Act in a talk before the New Hampshire Poultry Growers Association December 15 as follows:

—Marek's vaccine and the cholesterol scare stories have greatly intensified the current "low" period of the industry's supply-demand cycle to the extent that both large and small producers are experiencing unexpected and severe financial problems.

—Regardless of who or what is to blame for this depression, everyone needs and deserves some relief, particularly the smaller producer.

—Statistics indicate that a relatively small percentage of

fowl "sell-off" will be required to correct the current over production, little more than would normally be sold off. And, the 10,000 bird exemption will protect the small producer while being of little help to the big egg complexes. Statistics also show that the first UEP "Action Now" (fowl sell-off) program did some good even though only about half the industry participated. It would appear, therefore, that a mandatory, nation-wide fowl sell-off would be much more effective.

—No one looks upon this program as "controls", but as a simple one-shot emergency program to quickly give all producers a financial "breather".

—Everyone who participated in drafting the Act appears to be

honestly putting the industry's welfare above selfish interests.

—If a majority of the nation's producers favor the Act, as it appears they do, NEPPCO will be helping its members by supporting it, helping to enact it, and being represented on the Egg Industry Adjustment Board that will advise the Secretary on its implementation.

Meanwhile, NEPPCO officials said egg producer members' views on this Act are earnestly solicited. On a matter of such economic importance to all producers, your Board and your Staff want to represent the position of the majority, indeed, a substantial majority. Write or call your state NEPPCO director, any Council officer or Dick Ammon at NEPPCO headquarters

Japanese Beetle Spreads

The Japanese beetle quarantine area is being extended to 21 previously unregulated counties in eight States because of additional natural spread that occurred this year, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announces.

Notice of the extension will be effective upon publication in the Federal Register, which was scheduled for December 17. Counties in Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, South Carolina and Tennessee are affected.

The Federal interstate Japanese beetle quarantine is designed by USDA's Animal and Plant Health Service (APHIS) to retard the artificial spread of this destructive insect through shipments of infested articles. The beetle spreads naturally by flying and the quarantine lines must be adjusted each year.

Articles that might carry Japanese beetles must be inspected by a plant protection official, treated if necessary and certified free of beetles before they can be moved to an uninfested area. Shipments can move

within the quarantined area without regulation. Soil, plants with roots, compost, grass sod, plant crowns, roots, true bulbs, corms, rhizomes, tubers and used mechanical soil-moving equipment are regulated.

Japanese beetles attack more than 275 kinds of trees, shrubs, field crops and garden plants. To date, established infestations have been confined to an area stretching from Maine to Georgia and west to Illinois—a total of 22 States.

Counties to be regulated include Bibb, Elbert and Oglethorpe in Georgia, DuPage and Kankakee in Illinois, Parke in Indiana, Breathitt, Casey, Clark, Edmonson, Hardin, Magoffin, Morgan, Owsley and Wolfe in Kentucky, Allegan, Berrien, Cass and Oakland in Michigan, Allen, Champaign, Clark, Defiance, Delaware, Greene, Hardin, Highland, Logan, Madison, Montgomery, Morrow, Union, Van Hart, Williams and Wyandot in Ohio, Union in South Carolina, and Blount and Weakley in Tennessee.

proposal be amended as follows: to include a limitation on replacement of liquidated birds, require a producer referendum, and redefine producer to include a representative voice for contract egg producers.

Hearings on the new act have been promised early in the second session of the U.S. 92nd Congress that convenes in January. The proposal was introduced before Thanksgiving in the House by Rep. John Dow (D-N.Y.) as HR 11913 and in the Senate by Sen. Herman Talmadge (D-Ga.) as S 2895.

Pa. Apples in Storage Up

Both bills contain the basic provisions previously reported with two exceptions. The requirement that birds to be slaughtered be between 20 and 40 weeks old was removed because the USDA held that such restriction was unenforceable, and the sentence specifically excluding contract producers from the definition of an "egg producer" was dropped.

In addition to the UEP and its seven regional co-ops, the act is now supported by some 24 state poultry and egg associations and two regional trade associations.

Also, the American Farm Bureau Federation approved a resolution supporting the act at its annual meeting recently in Chicago on conditions that the Pennsylvania apples in cold storage as of November 30 totaled 211,342,000 pounds, an increase of 8,650,000 pounds from last month and 21,742,000 above a year ago, the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service said recently.

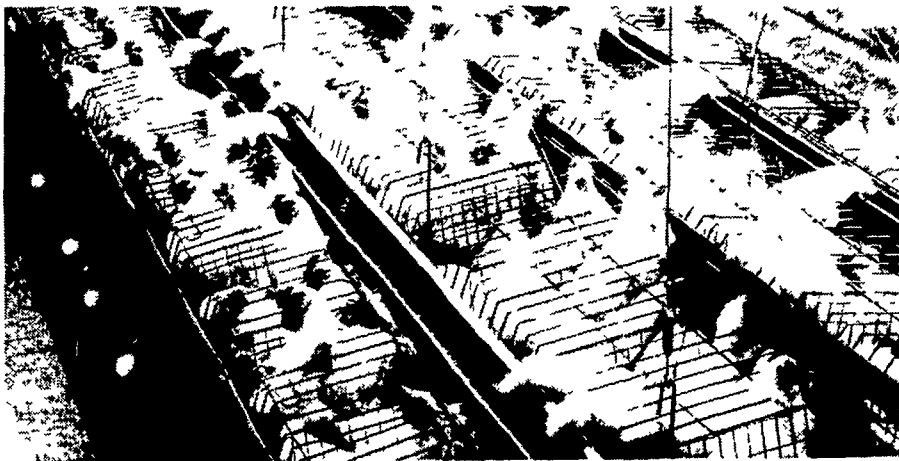
The 211,342,000 pounds converts into 5,032,000 boxes of 42 pounds each.

In thousand pounds, the apples by brand in cold storage are as follows: York, 66,105; Stayman, 30,304; Rome, 42,924; Red Delicious, 31,850; Golden Delicious, 29,465; Jonathan, 717; McIntosh, 927, and others, 9,050.

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