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Members of the Lancaster County Farmers Association who visited Congressman Ed Eshelman in Washington this week are: front, left to right, Robert Kauffman, Mrs. Helen Wivell, Congressman

Eshelman, and Mrs. Ivan Yost. Back, Donald Hershey, James Garber, Clarence Stauffer, Mrs. Clarence Stauffer, Mrs. James Martin, James Martin and Ivan Yost.

County Farmers Association Visit Legislator

A group of 10 Lancaster County Farmers attended a congressional tour sponsored by the Pennsylvania Farmers Association in Washington this week. The group visited Congressman Ed Eshelman in his office, and attended a legislative banquet with him.

Topics of discussion were the Sisk Bill, which deals with marketing of agricultural products, and the Egg Adjustment Control Act. Other topics of concern were farm labor and pesticide legislation.

James Martin, Lancaster County Farmers Association secretary said, the Association is also against the Dent Williams Bill which would raise the minimum hourly wage. The Association believes that raising the minimum hourly wage would take more people out of the labor market and put them on welfare.

Also they informed the Congressman that we need permanent legislation con-

cerning transportation strikes, such as rail, truck and dock strikes.

For example, farmers have lost millions of dollars in grain ex-

ports due to the dock strike in the fall of 1971.

There was also much discussion on meat inspection and welfare.

Started Chicks Down

The broiler-fryer industry in Pennsylvania had a particularly slow week in the starting of new chicks on the feeding cycle, but all other indications in the latest report from the Crop Reporting Service show that the Commonwealth's poultry raisers are steadily increasing their production.

Placement of broiler chicks in the most recent weekly report totaled 1,213,000. This is down six per cent from a week earlier and down four per cent from the same period a year ago. However, the 10 week average continues to be

about two per cent more than the same period last year.

Earlier in the chicken production cycle the outlook is much brighter as the setting of eggs to be hatched for broiler chicks was 1,997,000, up 10 per cent from the preceeding week and 22 per cent over the same week a year earlier.

Figures from the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture show that the state is ranked 12th in the country in the production of broilers, but is fifth in total egg production with hens laying nearly 3.3 billion eggs annually.

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