

# Resolution Proposed in "Egg Breakout" Requirements

The following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Pennsylvania Poultry Federation Board of Directors last week, asking for a change in the regulations of the USDA egg

inspection:  
—Whereas Pennsylvania is a large egg producing state with a hen population of over 16 million layers.

—Whereas of September 1970 there were 45 Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture licensed plants.

—Whereas the USDA requirements for pasteurization require an investment of approximately \$100,000 which is not economically sound for the family farm operator.

—And Whereas the "egg breakout plants" licensed by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture were producing wholesome food. Reports show their bacteria count was a lot lower than minimum requirements established by USDA and there was not a single case of salmonella.

—Now, therefore, be it resolved that the USDA amend their regulations to make it possible for these plants to get back into production of liquid eggs for intra-state sales. This will alleviate an economic hardship to the Pennsylvania poultry industry and will also make wholesome ingredients available to many small bakeries in Pennsylvania. Currently there are only six "breakout" operations that can meet current USDA requirements in Pennsylvania and it is impractical for the family farm to transport "breakout eggs" to these few licensed operators. The expense of transporting these eggs is too great at the price offered for them to make it economically feasible. The end result will only end in higher food prices without any improvements in wholesomeness. Since the

Pennsylvania licensed "breakout plant" reports have conclusively proven to be very satisfactory and within the established requirements be changed.

Copies of this resolution have been sent to Secretary of Agriculture Dr. Butz, members

of the agricultural committee in both House and Senate, and Pennsylvania Senators and House Representatives.

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## Silver Spurs 4-H Club Elects Officers

The Silver Spurs 4-H Horse and Pony Club elected new officers at its March meeting.

Officers elected include: Randy Glick, president; Wylie Baker, vice president; Richard C. Rehm II, secretary; Abe Stauffer, treasurer; Jimmy Glick, assistant treasurer; Andi McGlincy and Dana Norquist, club reporters.

Roxanne Stein and Richard C. Rehm II were elected as County Council representatives.

The club's senior advisors are Mr. and Mrs. Richard C. Rehm, Dr. Earl M. Weber, Phyllis Ann Zuber, and Mr. John Glick.

The March activities also included a trip to Wood Gait Farm Saddle Horse Stable, owned by Harry Binkley, Reisterstown, Md.

At the meeting it was voted to donate \$50 to 4-H County Council, \$100 to the Farm and Home Center, and \$100 to the Grayson Foundation for Equine Research in Lexington, Ky. The money is from the proceeds of the club's annual Open Horse Show.

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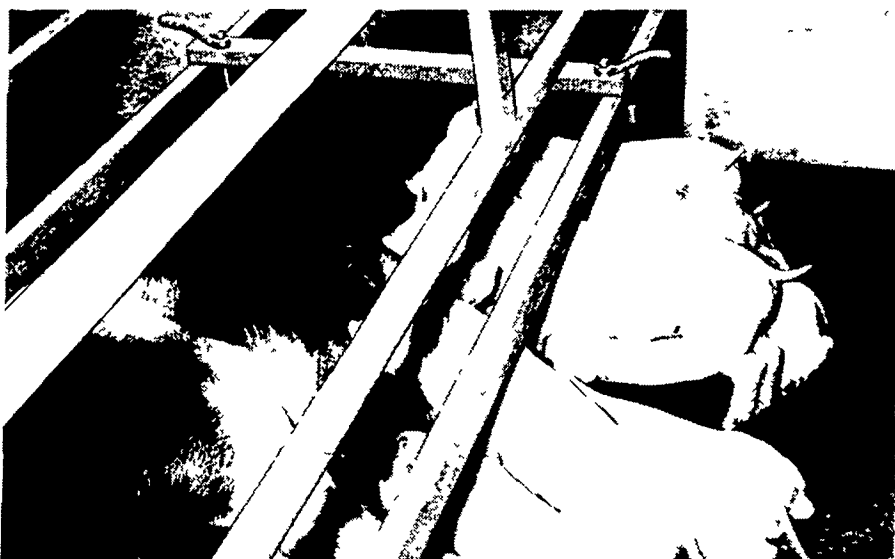
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