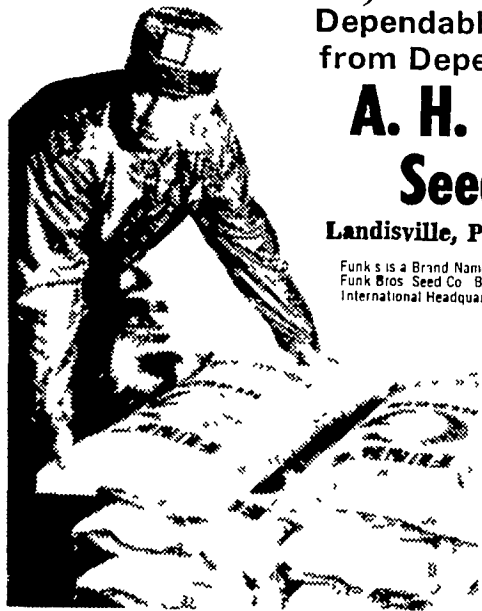


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The NEPPCO Convention program committee met last week at the Concord Hotel to draft the educational program for the NEPPCO Convention and Exposition to be held at the Concord Hotel September 19-22, 1972. Shown at work on the program are: left to right, Professor O F. Johndrew Jr, Cornell Univeristy; Hendrik Wentink, Pennfield Corporation, Lancaster,

NEPPCO vice president and committee chairman, Burnell Warner, egg producer from Union, Ohio, NEPPCO president, Leslie W Driggs, New York State division of marketing. Frank Baber, DeKalb AgResearch, Inc, Cartersville, Va, Robert Horsburgh, Wallace Hy-Cross Hatcheries, Inc, Doylestown, Pa

NEPPCO Board Endorses Egg Promotion Bill

The board of directors of the Northeastern Poultry Producers Council voted unanimous endorsement for Draft X of the proposed legislation to raise funds for national egg promotion and publicity at the Concord Hotel last week

During a review and discussion of the bill, it was pointed out that because of the current political situation, it may be wise to delay introducing this legislation in Congress until next year. In its resolution endorsing the bill, however, the board gave its executive director authority to work out the timing and strategy details with the national steering committee of which he is a member

In a companion resolution the board also requested all state poultry associations affiliated with NEPPCO who had not yet taken a position on this latest draft of the legislation to schedule a meeting for the purpose as soon as practical and invite a NEPPCO representative to explain the measure

In other business, the Board tabled any further action on its petition to USDA to grant some relief to independent, family operated poultry farms. The delay was requested by USDA to give it more time to study the petition NEPPCO had submitted in mid-March

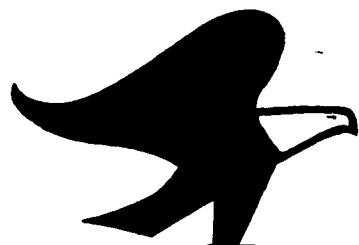
The Board heard reports from its youth, convention program and membership committees as well as from the co-op and turkey divisions of the council

A report of an insurance survey just completed indicated a relatively small percentage of NEPPCO's members are currently interested in income protection or overhead expense group insurance. Accordingly the board ordered the matter tabled for a year at which time it will again be reviewed

Considerable interest and support was given by the Board to a membership campaign to be launched April 24 under the chairmanship of Hendrik Wentink. A large number of members have volunteered to help in the campaign as state captains and key men. The goal of the Committee is a minimum of 270 new members by convention time in September

In other action, an audit of the Council's books for the fiscal calendar year 1971, indicating a sound financial position at year's end, was reviewed by the directors and approved

The meeting was chaired by president Warner and attended by 16 officers and directors.



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THE LATEST NEWS FROM WASHINGTON, D.C.

WHAT'S WHAT...

in fertilizer and farm chemicals

Boost in corn supports likely -- IF '72 crop gets big enough to drop prices below '71. USDA committed to keeping farm income UP -- almost no matter what. Administration brought Secretary in to "keep farmers happy" -- he plans to do just that. What farmers do they have in mind: Mainly corn farmers.

Corn prices WILL drop next fall. Actual plantings won't change much from planting intentions. So too much corn for market to take without gagging. Which means: emergency price action just before harvest.

"Option B" -- a failure. When USDA came out with gimmick to lure more acres to soybeans, it predicted "good" corn-soybean production mix. Didn't work. Getting "bad" mix. Too much corn. Means: Low prices unless USDA ups the loans as it will -- and too few soybeans, bringing another year of strong bean prices.

Farm boom in '72 -- biggest income in recent times. USDA now confirms prediction of boom in farm income this year made months ago in this space. Net income of 17½ billion (maybe more) a cinch. Up by about 2 billions from '71 -- More than half the increase coming in feed grain program payments.

Election-year bonus for dairymen: Price support not reduced this year -- EVEN THOUGH federal statistics support arguments for a cut.

Farmer bargaining bill: Dead for this year. Justice Dep't says proposal goes too far.

Meat imports: Forthcoming boosts won't hurt cattle prices much. About a half pound per person EXTRA is going to be allowed in -- but it's all HAMBURGER. Experts say NO sag in cattle market.

Beef cattle count wrong -- inaccurate? Looks that way. Census reports 6% FEWER cattle in U.S. than USDA figures. Fact: When such gaps show up -- USDA usually changes ITS figures. When they do: Cattle outlook MUCH boomier than expected -- so is long term demand for hogs and poultry meat.

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HOT TIP DEPT. for April

What's really going on this spring

General info: Chemicals moving to dealers late. Probable shortage near planting. Corn -- midwest. Acreage down but not much. Phosphate supply critical -- Royster still OK. Vernam, Sutan, Treflan moving ahead of last year. Pa.: Standard weed control practices disappointing. No-till gaining. Soybeans: fertilizer plowdown jumps: 0-12-44 & 0-14-42 in Ohio, Ill., Ind. Poor seed germination. Fungicide such as Captain may help. Southeast: Bonanza Soybean Special (2-15-30 + 1% Mn) hot item. Peanuts: Plowdown Bonanza big thing. Tobacco: Antak and Royaltac new sucker controls. Dasanit & Telone C very good acceptance. Kylar growth regulator cleared. Cotton: Run on Bonanza Cotton & Peanut Specials (3-15-30 + Extra Bn) after one farmer got record 42 bales lint on 11.0A, another averaged 6,119 lbs. per A of peanuts on 10.4A. Miss.: Phosphate tight. Note: All soil labs loaded. Too many wet samples. Must be air-dried for accurate analysis. Result: Delay.

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