

# USDA Reminds Egg Handlers Of Registration Deadline

As the July 1 deadline for registration under the Egg Products Inspection Act nears, U.S. Department of Agriculture officials report that many egg handlers have yet to register.

Registration applications have been received from about 6,000 egg handlers, but the Department estimates a total of 10,000-12,000 egg handlers should register.

Registration is necessary for the USDA to administer the shell egg phase of the Egg Products Inspection Act. This part of the Act, which becomes effective July 1, 1972, controls the disposition of "restricted eggs"—checks, dirties, leakers, incubator rejects, inedibles and

loss eggs. (The first part of the Act, which went into effect July 1, 1971, requires that all egg processing plants operate under a necessary USDA inspection program.)

Businesses that must register are: 1) All plants grading shell eggs for retail stores, restaurants, institutions, bakeries, or food manufacturers; 2) producer-packers with more than 3,000 hens who pack eggs for the same outlet; 3) and all hatcheries.

After July 1 State or Federal officials will check egg packers at least every three months to see that they are complying with the law. Other persons who transport, ship, or receive eggs will

also be checked periodically.

To comply with the law, packing plants must denature or destroy for human food purposes at the plant all restricted eggs except checks and dirties. Properly labeled checks and dirties may be sent only to a USDA-inspected egg breaking plant, for special handling and processing.

Registration application forms and information were distributed to all known shell egg handlers early in April. Businesses that have not returned the forms are urged to do so promptly to meet the July 1 deadline.

Any egg handler who has not received the forms should contact the State department of agriculture or write to: Poultry Division, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, DC 20250.

## Elizabethtown FFA Elects Officers

The Elizabethtown FFA elected officers for the 1972-73 school year. The new officers are:

Robert Gruber, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Gruber, Bainbridge RD1, president; Kenneth Mummau, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Mummau, Elizabethtown RD1, vice-president; George Hostetter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hostetter, Elizabethtown RD3, secretary; James Gruber, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Gruber, Elizabethtown RD3, treasurer; Raymond Dohner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Dohner,

Elizabethtown RD1, news reporter, Marlin Gruber, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Gruber, Elizabethtown RD3, sentinel, and Fred Halbleib, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank T. Halbleib, Bainbridge RD1, chaplain.

The officers are appointing committees and planning their program of work for next year. The first event they participated in was the Lancaster County FFA Leadership Training Conference at Penn Manor High School.

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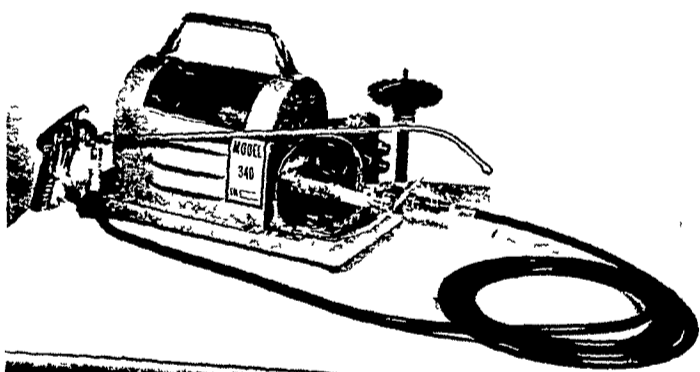
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