

## Disease Threat Seen Hindering Poultry Shows

Exhibits of poultry at Pennsylvania fairs this year will be restricted because of the nationwide threat of exotic Newcastle disease, according to Secretary of Agriculture Jim McHale.

McHale said his department will follow the resolution adopted by the National Poultry Improvement Plan at its July conference whereby poultry exhibits will be limited to specimens "which have been under the direct ownership of the exhibitor for at least six months." The organization also recommended that "no poultry

be accepted for exhibition from out of state."

In complying with NPIP's resolution McHale asked that people attending fairs this year refrain from bringing poultry for exhibits.

"I hope that all citizens cooperate by containing their poultry from possible contact with infected breeds," said McHale.

The disease has wiped out large flocks of poultry in California and is generally regarded by veterinarians as a threat in all regions of the country.

## Broiler Placements Down 16 pct. in Pa.

Broiler producers in Pennsylvania turned July into an up-and-down month with widely disparate marketing goals.

Only 1,042,000 chicks were started on feed last week, a decline of 24 percent from the previous week. The extremely low total was also off 10 percent from the same week in 1971. The slow week also brought down the 10 week average to a new low, eight percent off from a year earlier.

While Pennsylvania ranks third in egg production, its

broiler-layer output is no better than 12th.

A good portion of the daily hatch of broiler-type chicks continues to be shipped out of Pennsylvania. The weekly average is now up to 265,000, about 17 percent higher than last year.

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A recent survey of U.S. homemakers revealed that they prefer genuine dairy products over imitations for their flavor, food value, and purity.

## State Provides Workers to Aid Farm Clean-up

Two hundred and fifty jobs state-wide are now available as a result of a joint effort through Secretary Smith of Labor and Industry and Secretary McHale of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture. Anyone 18 years of age or over with some agriculture experience or background is eligible to par-

ticipate in this eight-week work program beginning the week of August 14, 1972.

Farmers and rural home owners who qualify for this service will be provided free labor to rebuild fences, to repair soil erosion and stream bank damage, debris removal, and general cleanup and repair of buildings that were damaged as a result of the June flood. Secretary Jim McHale said: "We have been searching vainly for a way to help rural Pennsylvanians out of their plight as a result of

the June disaster. Thanks to the cooperation of the Department of Labor and Industry with our Department, this is now a reality."

Anyone interested in employment in Lancaster County should contact Sidney Ravegun at the Bureau of Employment Security Office, 225 North Lime Street, Lancaster, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. or 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. A stipend of \$80 a week tax free will be paid to the employees participating in this program.

## Daily Peach Prices to be Broadcast

The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture has begun supplying daily price reports on peaches during the peach harvest season, it was announced Monday by Secretary of Agriculture James A. McHale.

Truckload FOB prices will be given daily over radio stations WGET, Gettysburg, WORK, York, and WCHA, Chambersburg for the counties of Franklin, Adams, York, Lancaster, Cumberland and Fulton.

"This is the first year such a price service has been made available," Secretary McHale said. "The purpose is to enable Pennsylvania growers, especially small growers, to get the best possible prices."

The Service will supplement terminal market prices supplied by the Federal market news service. The prices will be collected daily from growers who sell direct to buyers who come to the farm and from area shippers.

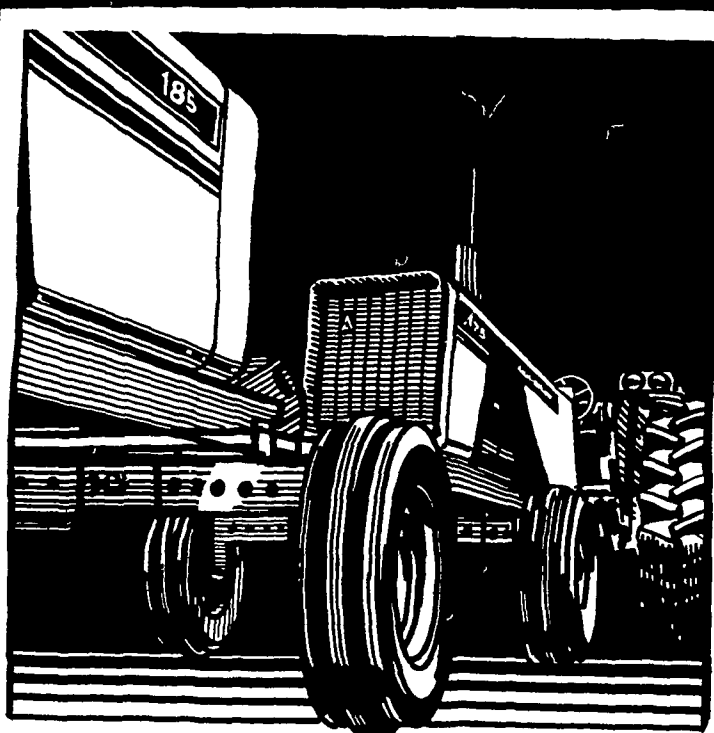
The price information service will continue through September 8. Plans call for expanding into other peach growing areas in the future

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What's a dairy farmer doing in a town like Hershey, Penn. where the major industry is the manufacture of chocolate? The answer is simply—"milk chocolating". Hershey uses the milk supplied by 50,000 cows every day to produce their famous milk chocolate, the most popular form of eating chocolate.

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The Protein Advisory Group of the United Nations say "Drink Milk" Their report, Statement No. 17, says that "milk is considered virtually a complete food and in the developing areas of the world... the use of milk for child feeding programs is strongly advocated by all nutrition experts."



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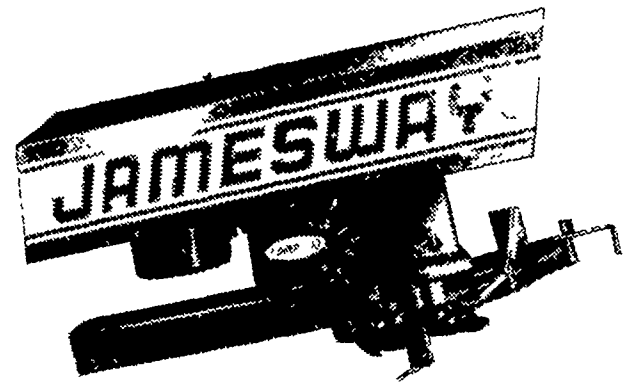
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