Facts For Apple Exporters

To continue exporting apples, the U.S. apple industry needs ways to package and transport apples efficiently so it can offer high quality fruit at prices that customers in Europe and other countries are willing to pay. Such information is presented in a new report by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

A steady decline in U.S. apple

exports over the past 22 years has indicated a bleak future for an important market. Higher U.S. prices and improved European marketing processes are cited as key reasons for this drop. USDA's Agricultural Research Service (ARS) investigated ways to package and ship fresh apples to Europe at lower costs, or to improve the fruit's arrival

condition, or both.

An ARS research team studied shallow-cup and deep-cup tray packs, both palletized and nonpalletized, and also studied palletized bin boxes. In addition to cost studies, the research team investigated the extent of apple bruising, damage to boxes and bins and pilferage of apples when they were packed.

Golden Delicious, Red Delicious and Newton apples



Central 4-H Tractor Club Observe Demonstrations

The Central 4-H Tractor Club met during the past three weeks as part of a series of meetings on tractor safety and maintenance.

As its third meeting at Landis Brothers, Darwin Nissley, president, took charge of the business meeting. Christ Brubaker Richard and Bonholtzer showed a film on tractors. Reports were given by

were shipped from Oregon to Sweden and their packaging preformance was evaluated, as was the packaging performance of Golden Delicious Apples shipped from Virginia to England and Norway.

No clear-cut decision as to which method of shipment is best was obtained in this study. Each shipment method offers both advantages over its competitor. Palletized bins cost less but suffer greater damage. Deep-cut trays cost more but protect the fruit best. Nonpalletized trays are more pilferable than palletized trays.

Which method to use depends on the individual exporter's wants and needs of the receiver. European receivers who prepackage apples prefer the palletized bin boxes, while wholesale receivers prefer the palletized tray-pack boxes

the secretary, Steve Margin, and the treasurer, Dennis Shellenberger. Refreshments were served after the meeting.

At the fourth meeting, Darwin Nissley, president, held the business part of the meeting.

Dennis Witmer, Pequea RD1, gave a demonstration on the use of cleaning fluids and oil, and the way it is helpful to the engine.

Mrs. Alma Shank demonstrated how to sew on buttons. Chris Brubaker showed a group how to put a chain saw together, and Bonolzer demonstrated the vicosity of different types of oil. At the fifth meeting, with Darwin Nissley holding the business meeting, secretary Steve Martin gave a demonstration on how he expands metal. Christ Brubaker and Bonholtzer's groups combined to discuss putting together the rest of the chain saw and look at a Briggs and Straggon engine.

The next meeting of the Central 4-H Tractor Club is February 27.

Common Cancer

The "cancer nobody talks about," bowel cancer, is very common. The American Cancer Society says that it is highly curable if diagnosed early and treated promptly.

York Native Joins Carnation Company

Lawrence E. Gerber, a York native, recently joined the Genetics Division of Carnation Company, Los Angeles, Calif., according to Clarke A. Nelson, vice-president.

Gerber is responsible for supervising the division semen laboratory and quality control He reports to Dr. Harold J. Schmidt, division manager.

Gerber earned a B S in Dairy Science at Delaware Valley College in Doylestown in June, 1970 He matriculated at Virginia Polytechnic Institute at Blacksburg, Vırginia where he received an M S. in Reproductive Physiology, Department of Dairy Science, September 1972. His Master's Thesis was entitled "Effects of Seminal Plasma on Survival of Bovine Spermatozoa Following Freeze Thawing."

He is a long time 4-H member, placing in state-wide com-



Lawrence E. Gerber

Delta Tau Alpha (Honorary Agriculture Fraternity) and American Dairy Science Association. He has worked on dairy farms in the state, besides officiating at dairy shows ın Virginia and Pennsylvania.

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