

Pa. Feed Industries Will Hold Conference

Eugene Eby, president, and Donald Parke, executive vice-president, Penn-Ag Industries, Ephrata, will be among participants at the Pennsylvania Feed Industries Conference meeting at Penn State University March 6 and 7.

The Tuesday evening session will include a banquet at the Nittany Lion Inn. B. P. Cardon, president, Arizona Feeds at Tucson, Arizona, will be keynote speaker with the topic "Grain Processing - Current Status." T. A. Long, Penn State Animal Nutrition professor, will serve as chairman.

Wednesday morning's conference will be chaired by Long. Topics with speakers from Penn State University will include: 9:15 a.m. - Fertilization and Grain Quality, Dale Baker, professor of Soil Chemistry, 9:45 a.m. - Fertilizers and Grain

Quality, John Baylor, professor of Agronomy Extension; 10:30 a.m. - Feed Quality and Supplements Needed for Poultry and Swine, Roland Leach, associate professor of Poultry Science; 11 a.m. - Feed Quality and Supplements Needed for Dairy Cattle, Richard Adams, professor of Dairy Science Extension.

The afternoon session with B. R. Baumgardt, head of the department of Animal Science at Penn State as chairman, will include speakers and a panel discussion. The session will include:

1:30 p.m. - Grain Standards and Grain Quality, Robert Pfeifer, associate professor of Plant Breeding, 2 p.m. - Quantitative Analysis of Aflatoxin, C. W. Hesselstine, Chief Fermentation Laboratory, USDA.

At 2:45 a panel will discuss

Cost Check Urged by U.E.P.

Egg producers should look closely at their rising production costs before planning very far into the future, according to United Egg Producers.

John R. Pedersen, U.E.P. Director of Marketing and Statistical Analysis, said today's egg producer will find his production costs six cents to 10 cents a dozen above a year ago if he is buying feed ingredients on February's market. Pedersen says the best outlook information available does not forecast any sizeable relief from the current high feed ingredient prices until at least the fourth quarter of 1973.

"It is quite possible feed costs could still go higher as corn and soybean meal prices normally peak each year in June or July, Pedersen warned. "With the domestic harvest already behind us and an unusually strong international demand for protein feed, there appears no way to avert a continuing period of high feed costs."

Pedersen noted that USDA has expanded the 1973 feed grain program in hopes of obtaining a 15 billion bushel soybean crop and six billion bushel corn crop.

USDA has stated the aim of the program is to "satisfy domestic and current foreign demand" and see that feed ingredient prices get no stronger than they are currently running, Pedersen continued.

Egg price patterns of the past 10 years would indicate wholesale prices have peaked for 1973 and will gradually move lower except for the strong, four-week Easter demand period. Egg prices are expected to move well below the cost of production levels after Easter and remain there until the Fall unless industry takes the steps necessary to prevent this from occurring, he said.

"One way to minimize the severe price drop after Easter," Pedersen suggested, "is for the egg industry to maintain weekly

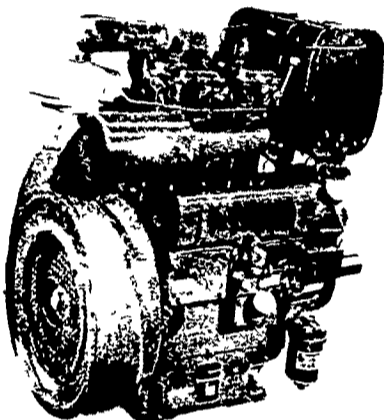
fowl slaughter close to last year's levels for the next four months."

Producers whose break-even N.Y. Wholesale Large Egg Prices in February 1972 was 40 cents per dozen now need at least 46 and, in many cases, as much as 50 cents just to meet all costs of production.

"We suggest that each egg producer check his production records for costs, layer productivity, grade-out quality, and effectiveness of last year's force molting program before ordering replacement pullets for his operation this Spring," Pedersen said. "We also suggest that all his old hens be sent to slaughter as soon as they can be booked. This is the quickest way to get prices back above cost of production."

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Emergency Feed Programs - Past, Present and Future, moderated by Donald Parke. The panel will include: Governmental Representative, Edward Hews, director, Commodity Loan and Service Division, USDA; Feed Manufacturer representative, Parke; User, Clarence Gummo, livestock producer from Port Matilda, Pa. A summation and discussion will precede adjournment of the conference.

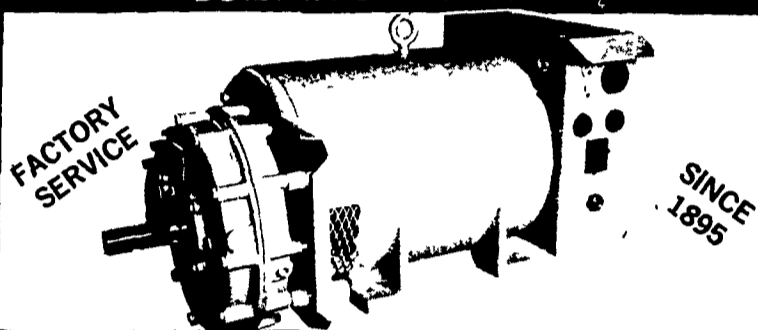
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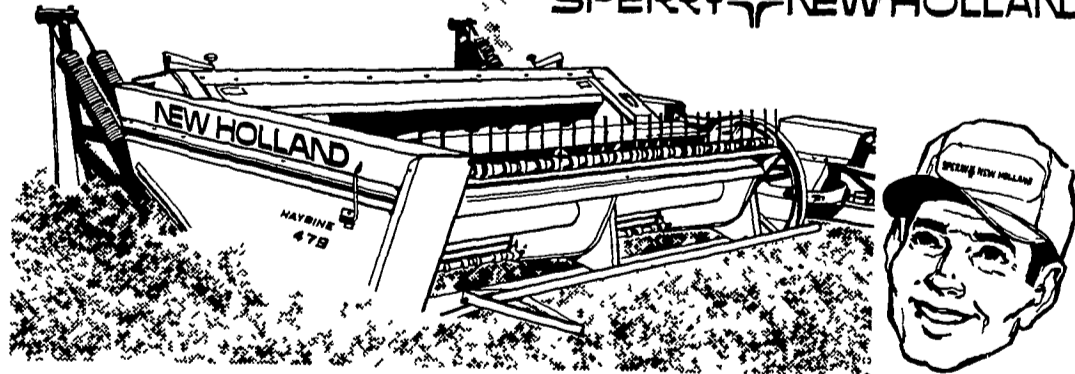
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