

Egg Producers Hold Meeting

Continued emphasis on price discovery, concern for industry's economic outlook, and support for egg promotion marked the second quarterly meeting of United Egg Producers here last week.

According to John Wallace, U.E.P. President, the organization will place continued emphasis on industry education and

development of the gradeable nest run egg quotation as a nation-wide trading base. Wallace said the opening of a nest-run egg futures contract through the Chicago Mercantile Exchange on July 1 placed the industry one step closer to the gradeable nest run quotation as an operating base. The Board adopted a policy position to seek

utilization of the nest run quotation by Urner-Barry Publications, Wallace said.

Industry's concern for the future economic picture was voiced in reports by U.E.P.'s Outlook Committee chaired by Jim Biggers, a Florida egg producer, and by statistical reports presented by John Pedersen, U.E.P.'s Director of Marketing and Statistical Analysis. Biggers cautioned egg producers to be concerned about placements during the last half of 1974 and to be careful how investment money is used during this period.

Pedersen pointed out that the egg industry today had the lowest flock size on record, but that prices to farmers were averaging 8 cents to 14 cents per dozen below cost of production. He blamed some slow-down in consumer demand to surplus supplies of competitive foods such as beef, pork and broilers.

Voicing this concern over the economic outlook, the Board voted unanimous support for a resolution adopted June 26 by the Southern Association of State Departments of Agriculture. The resolution points to the severe economic crisis and urges USDA "to immediately give relief to the egg industry through the purchase of scrambled egg mix and frozen whole eggs to be used through the Commodity Programs."

The Board adopted two additional policy positions involving USDA. In one, U.E.P. supports the Departments desire to gather retail price data on egg sales, in order to publish price margins. In the second, the Board voted to join with pork, dairy, and beef organizations to urge USDA to discontinue funding research to alter the cholesterol content of eggs and place such funds into research to determine the actual role of cholesterol in human metabolism.

The Board heard a report from American Egg Board President Dick Kathe and voted continued support for that organization. Jerry Bookey, Chairman of the AEB Support Committee, said his group was exploring several means for financially assisting AEB and that he was encouraged by renewed interests by egg carton manufacturing firms.

In legislative matters, the Board continued its policy of unanimous support for H.R. 12000, the Egg Research and Consumer Information Act. The Legislative Committee recommended that regional cooperative members give serious study to the proposed emergency loan proposal, and the staff was directed to work on the proposed extension of Federal Crop Insurance to the livestock industry.

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Pollution Costs For Hog Farmers

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This study was based on assumed guidelines because regulations had not yet been issued when the research began. Assumptions were developed from preliminary information available from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Estimates of the number of hog operations with potential runoff control were based on opinions of knowledgeable persons in the 15 major hog-producing states. These states accounted for nine-tenths of production in 1969.

An Economic Research Service (ERS) study shows that to comply with assumed guidelines, all open-lot hog farms with potential water runoff control problems might require an overall investment of \$254 million and add \$35 million to annual operating costs. However, actual costs may differ from these estimates, depending on final regulations drawn up by EPA. Current EPA regulations apply only to farms with 2,500 or more hogs. Not many U.S. hog farms have this large a one-time capacity. It is possible that regulations for small operations will be proposed in the future.

Imposing the regulations

on the large producers as a start, and allowing smaller farmers more time to comply or drop out of production, would lessen the impact of EPA regulations on the industry. Acceleration of the trend toward larger production units, and increased efficiency in production, would offset most of the added costs, according to the ERS report.

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