

# Overseas Visitors Tour Pennfield Egg Operation



One item of interest on the Pennfield tour for foreign poultrymen was the manure dehydrating plant. Here, Hendrick Wentink, of Pennfield, and a visitor examine a batch of the clean, dry and odorless end product.



These Hungarian poultrymen are peering into one of the light-controlled laying houses at Pennfield's automated laying operation near Ephrata.

Two busloads of foreign visitors descended on Pennfield Corporation's number two egg farm near Ephrata on Monday. The visitors made the stop as part of a tour of poultry operations throughout the eastern half of the U. S. They're all on their way to the 15th World Poultry Congress scheduled to get underway Sunday, August 11, in New Orleans.

The Pennfield operation at Ephrata is believed to be the first automated "in-line" egg production-processing unit in the world, and was built in 1965-66. The foreign poultrymen saw a total of nine houses, each with some 30,000 layers. They viewed every step of the way as the eggs traveled in an even flow from the cages to the cartons. They asked questions about feeding, lighting, manure disposal, marketing, interest rates and birds.

Laszlo Sentirmai, a Hungarian who acted as interpreter for the first bus load of 39 visitors, told Lancaster Farming that he was very impressed with the Pennfield laying operation. Sentirmai is the director of a poultry processing plant in the southwestern portion of Hungary.

There were a great many Hungarians on the tour, along with Russians, English, Swedes, Danes, Yugoslavs, Czechs, and one Iranian. An American, Gil Eddy, was tour leader for the first busload. Eddy is market development manager for Diamond International. Before the start of the tour, Eddy presented a plaque to Donald Horn and Glenn Herr honoring Pennfield for creating the first large in-line laying complex. Horn and Herr are Pennfield executives.



Hendrick Wentink, left, shows a group of Hungarian visitors around Pennfield Corp.'s completely automated layer operation near

Ephrata. The visitors were in this country to attend the 15th World Poultry Congress in New Orleans.



Pennfield Corp.'s Glenn Herr, left, and Donald Horn, center, accepted a plaque Monday from Gil Eddy, market development manager for Diamond

International. The plaque honors Pennfield for building the first in-line egg facility in the world.

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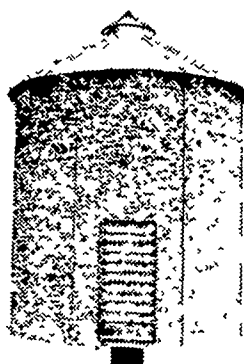
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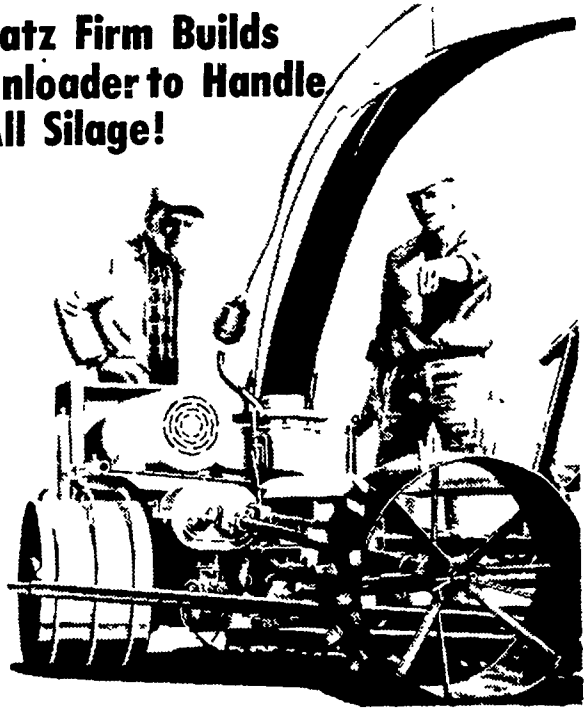
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