

The eggs from the 30,000 bird laying flock at Vernon Leininger's Ko-Ka-Le-Ko Egg Ranch, Denver RD2.

Leininger's father, on the right, helps keep the family-operated producer-packer facility running smoothly.

## Denver Man Heads

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with corn that flourishes in fields that are heavily fertilized with chicken manure, an excellent source of nitrogen.

The birds in Leininger's flock are kept for one laying cycle only. He doesn't believe in force molting because, he said, "The feed conversion is much more efficient with a pullet than it is with an old hen. That's why we get new birds every 12 months. That way, we're only out of production for a week."

He noted that pullet costs were skyrocketing lately, which might make some egg producers who wouldn't ordinarily molt their birds consider the practice.

The Pennsylvania Poultry Federation which Leininger heads represents the interests of the state's 12,000 poultry farmers, though not all belong to the organization. "We keep an eye on legislation and government regulation of our industry," Leininger said.

"We protect the interests of poultry and egg producers, processors and allied industry, as well."

Among the programs undertaken by the federation are continuing education programs, public relations activities, scholarships and assistance with disease control and research activities.

Leininger feels the state's poultry industry is approaching a point of crisis right now. "We have an unusually large supply of poultry products," he said, "which drives down market prices, and our members are facing big jumps in their costs of production, which means they're being caught in a bind. We are getting fewer placements right now, and that will help to bring supply and demand back into balance."

"Our problem we can't get around, though, is the fact that we'll eventually reach a point where consumers just will not pay more for poultry products. And I'm sure that ultimate price level will not

enable poultrymen to make a profit unless feed costs come down.

"Unfortunately, getting supply and demand into balance, and getting retail prices to reflect increased production costs is a slow process, and some poultrymen aren't going to be able to weather the storm. They'll go out of business. I feel, and the federation feels, that this is coming at a time when the industry was stabilized, and further reductions in the number of poultry producers will not be good for the industry of the economy."

Leininger added that the PPF has gone on record to inform the state's lawmakers about the high prices of grain and other necessities for poultry production.

Many of the State Civil Service Commission's leaflets offer suggestions on how to make written state civil service tests less nerve-racking. They are available free of charge from the State Civil Service Commission or from local offices of the Bureau of Employment Security.

## Quick Quiz! by THOMPSON

Even if you think you couldn't tell a hammer from an open end wrench, chances are you know more about basic household tools than you think. Why not take this quick quiz and find out if it's true?

1. Experts would probably suggest that it's best to keep tools (a) in a drawer (b) in a big metal box (c) in two boxes.

2. A good number of assorted screw drivers to have is (a) two (b) three (c) five.

3. The basic type of pliers to have at home is called (a) slip-joint (b) needle-nose.

4. High-quality tools, rather than the cheapest ones, are important for (a) long-range economy (b) safety (c) ease of use.

5. When using a hammer, the best kind of striking motion is (a) dead center (b) at a slight angle.

### Answers

1. (c) Two boxes is best. If you keep tools in a drawer, you'll have to carry them in hands and pockets to wherever the repair is. One tool box can be very heavy

to carry. With two tool boxes, you can put the instruments you use often into one—the others into another.

2. (b) Basically, you need three screw drivers: two of the conventional flat-blade type—one medium and one small—and one with a recessed, Phillips-type head for the repair of items that need this.

3. (a) Slip-joint pliers are the basic tools with serrated



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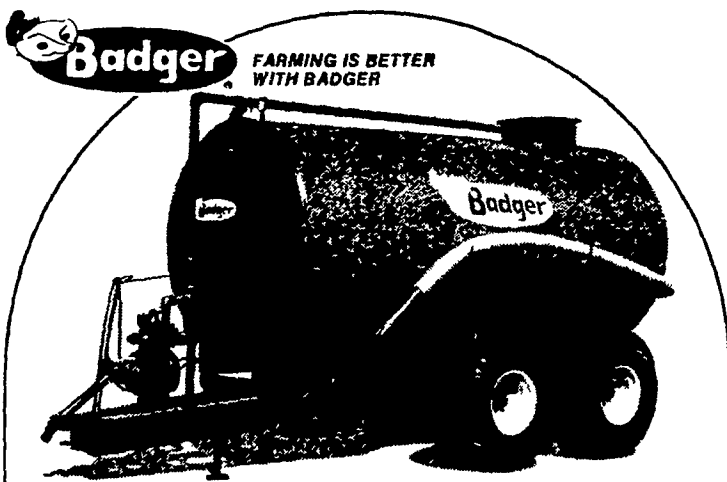
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5. (b) The head of a hammer will have less chance of sliding off if your blow is not dead center.

jaws. By shifting the positions of the handles you can grasp objects of different dimensions.

4. All three are true. Tools such as those manu-

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