

# NEPPCO convention

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livestock and dairy industries of the region are also in jeopardy if the bankrupt rail lines are not salvaged. Consumers would also be confronted with increased food prices in the retail stores.

"The proposed ConRail System would include approximately 15,000 miles to be purchased from the bankrupt lines. Some 2,500 or more miles are proposed for sale to the solvent railroads of the region. The 5,700 miles of light density lines would be eligible for a two-year trial operating program

supported by state and federal subsidies. However, if use of these light density lines cannot be increased, they would probably be abandoned.

Aside from talks and panel discussions involving economics, the NEPPCO audience also had opportunities to hear veterinary scientists discuss diseases.

Dr. Swight Schwartz from Penn State informed the group that Mycoplasmas diseases are widespread in commercial egg producing flocks across Pennsylvania and other northeastern

states. These diseases are difficult to control once they are introduced on the farm, he said. However, either or both of the Mycoplasmas diseases can be controlled if the poultryman is determined and willing to do whatever is necessary to accomplish the job. Various methods of control include eradication, medication, and inoculation of replacement flocks.

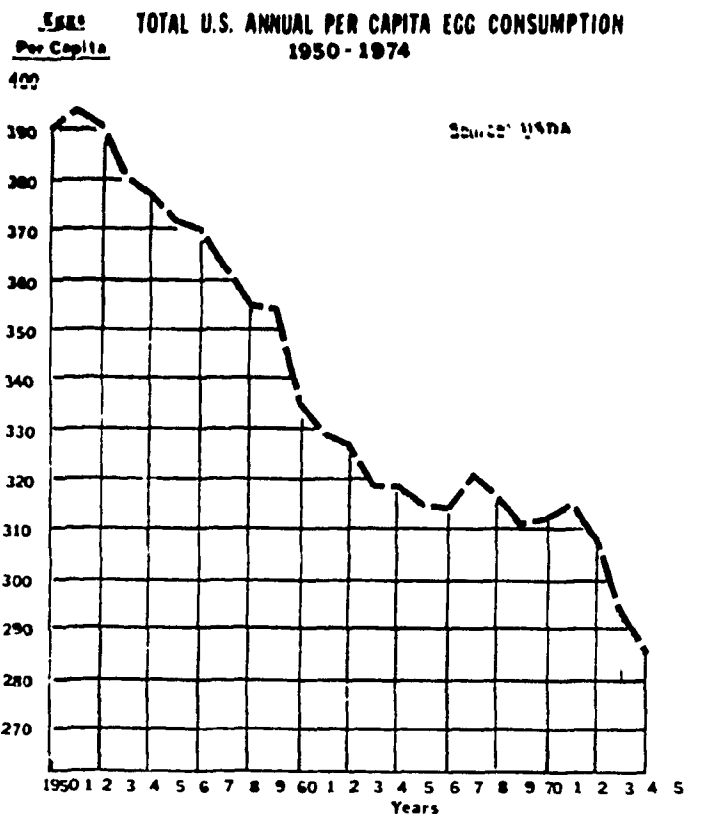
F. K. Willis of Sterwin Laboratories, Inc., Millsboro, Del., told the group that infectious bursal disease, which was first seen in Delaware in 1957, is now

reported in all major poultry producing areas of the world. The virus responsible for the disease is reportedly very resistant and outbreaks occur in subsequent flocks placed in a contaminated house.

A third speaker on diseases was Stanley Smith who reported on mycotoxins and mycotetoxis.

What's ahead in the poultry industry in years to come was the topic of discussions presented by Dr. Robert R. Spitzer of the Food for Peace Program, U.S. Department of State; Dr. James E. Martin, vice president for agriculture at the University of Arkansas; William Groseclose, vice president of Rockingham National Bank, Harrisonburg, Va.; Fred Adams Jr., president of Cal-Maine Foods; and C. F. Dickson, vice president of the Federal Land Bank of Baltimore.

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## Planting reminder given

HARRISBURG - Landowners interested in planting tree seedlings for reforestation purposes next Spring are reminded by the Department of Environmental Resources that now is the time to prepare the planting site to avoid delays in the actual planting.

Samuel S. Cobb, Director, Bureau of Forestry, said that weather conditions during October and November normally are excellent for clearing a planting site of any sod, weeds, brush or undesirable trees in order

to plant pine, spruce or larch.

Plowing and disking of an area are required for planting hardwoods such as oak, walnut, tulip poplar or hybrid poplar, said Cobb.

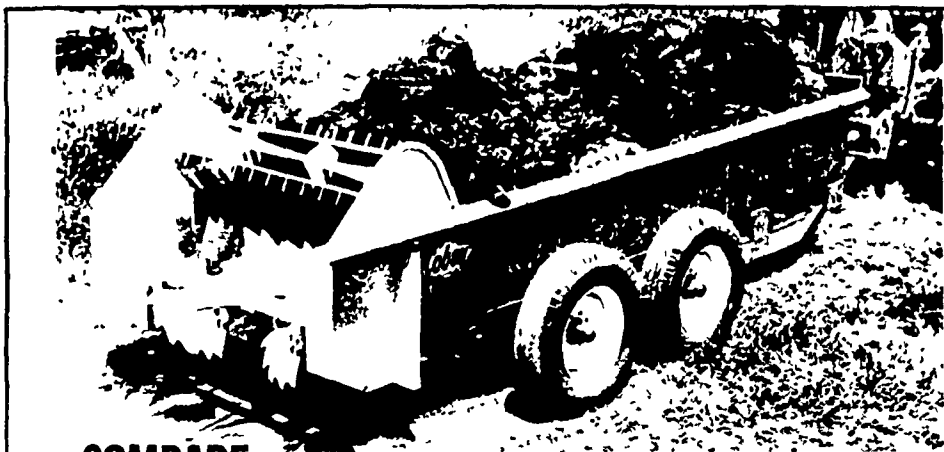
The small size of the seedlings, usually less than 12 inches in height, makes it necessary that the site be cleared and maintained to eliminate shade from grass and weeds during the first year of growth.

Seedlings are available at low cost from the Department's Bureau of Forestry to plant for future wood products or for watershed protection. They may not be used for windbreaks, ornamentals, shade or Christmas trees.

The landowner must have at least one and one half acres of open ground to plant the minimum order of 1,000 seedlings.

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Table 15. Performance of wheat varieties for several characteristics at Hagerstown, 1974.

Entry	Yield Bu/A	Rank	Test wc lbs/Bu	Date Headed	Percent Lodging	Height Inches	Percent Mildew
Arthur	64.7	13	61	May 14	15	43	0
Arthur 71	64.8	17	61	May 14	15	41	0
Abe	61.4	14	62	May 14	10	38	0
<b>Coker 68-15</b>	<b>73.0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>May 12</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>43</b>
Coker 72.5	70.6	6	61	May 12	43	40	20
Coker 72.12	81.1	2	59	May 16	3	38	0
McNair 701	67.7	10	58	May 10	20	37	0
McNair 1587	81.2	1	60	May 14	8	40	20
McNair 1813	70.4	7	61	May 12	17	43	7
McNair 4823	77.0	3	62	May 14	0	40	43
Holley	60.9	15	60	May 12	58	46	0
Blueboy	66.2	12	58	May 14	1	41	55
Blueboy II	59.0	16	59	May 14	4	43	40
Redcoat	53.8	18	61	May 16	1	50	20
Oasis	67.9	9	61	May 15	15	43	0
Va 66 54 6	67.5	11	62	May 15	34	47	23
Va 70 52-22	70.4	8	56	May 16	0	37	3
Va 68 24-42	76.8	4	59	May 15	0	39	0

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