

NEPPCO choses Hershey as 1976 convention site.

Penna. winners named; meeting highlighted

HERSHEY, Pa. - Pennsylvania proved a strong attraction for hundreds of poultry-oriented farmers from more than a dozen surrounding states last month as visitors gathered for the annual 44th annual exposition of the Northeastern Poultry Producers Council (NEPPCO) at the Hershey Convention Center.

The council had decided to stage a return engagement at the center Nov. 9 through 11 in 1976.

Dozens of Keystone Staters were award winners at the 14-state get-together, which combined three days of educational sessions with youth, women's, social and commercial events.

Harry P. Metz, Belleville, became the 12th individual in NEPPCO's 44 years to receive an honorary life membership, the council's highest honor. The former NEPPCO president and 20-year director was cited for his unselfish leadership. He has operated the family poultry farm and hatchery for many years.

Pennsylvania's 4-H Club poultry and egg judging team took second-place honors. The team consisted of Graig Harnish, R6, Lancaster; Tim Grube, Elm, and Jim Sauder and Judy Stoltzfus, both of Mount Joy. Harnish and Sauder took

third and fifth place in individual honors, respectively.

A dozen large white eggs from Hess Bros. Farm, Inc., Ephrata, bearing the Pathmark label, won second place in the egg quality competitions which drew more than 200 entries. Its 99.85 score was edged by the winner's sizzling 99.90 tally. And the prize-winning carton design was entered by the Don G. Cotner Farm in rural Danville, whose eggs placed high in the quality judging, also.

Two Keystone Staters were re-elected to continue NEPPCO leadership roles. Robert H. Horsburgh, Doylestown, was re-named treasurer of the board, and George W. Robinson, Kreamer, was re-elected a director. New president of the council is Richard Stark, Walpole, NH, who replaces Dr. John W. Dodge, Hampton Falls, NH.

A top State Department agricultural speaker at the convention characterized the hue and cry against "inflationary" sale of grain to Russia as "not valid". If anything, the once-critical press "is now saying that failure to export will in the long run actually contribute to inflation," according to Dr. Robert R. Spitzer,

coordinator, Food for Peace program U.S. Department of State

Past American Farm Bureau Federation President, Charles B. Shuman, told his audience that over-regulation by the federal government and union-imposed workrules are strangling a rail network which could function effectively for the nation's farmers and their suppliers.

"Conrail is the best of the alternatives available" for both the nation's farmers and its consumers, he said. "If farmers are forced to rely for bulk-shipped supplies and feedstuffs on other modes of transportation, their costs would increase markedly and many might be forced out of business. And consumers would also be confronted with increased food prices in the retail stores."

A poultry industry in which nearness to market will assume more importance than other traditional geographic advantages was pictured by one of the most successful large-scale poultry producers in the nation, Fred Adams, Jr., president of Cal-Maine Foods, Inc., Jackson, Miss.

The lower labor and construction cost advantages of the southeast are disappearing, he noted.

Events other than a dozen educational sessions attracting visitors from throughout the northeast included full scale youth competitions and women's programs, several social

events and NEPPCO's annual exhibition of the latest in poultry equipment, products and services

Trap season opens Nov. 9

Pennsylvanians are reminded by the Game Commission that the trapping season for foxes, raccoons, skunks, weasels and opossums will begin on November 9, more than two weeks earlier than had been originally scheduled.


Previously, the season had been slated to open on November 27, and the latter date is listed as being the opener in the Digest of Hunting and Trapping

Regulations issued with each hunting license.

There will be no change in the opening date for trapping mink and muskrat, which is November 27. Also unchanged will be the date for closing the trapping season for foxes, raccoons, skunks, weasels and opossums, which is February 28.

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Fertilizer situation evaluated

READING - According to officials at the Reading Bone Fertilizer Company, prices of raw fertilizer materials are described as "firm" for the month of November. A company news release states that some prices have increased recently and more increases are expected by December 1.


The company describes fertilizer sales as having been slow in the Northeast, but booming in the Midwest, where harvesting weather

has been very favorable and the fertilizer spreaders are moving in right behind the combines.

Inventories at all levels have been reduced sharply. Export demand has also picked up and some sizeable overseas and commitments have been made. Industrial demand for nitrogen has also increased and some plants are now running at 105 per cent capacity, according to Reading Bone Fertilizer Co.

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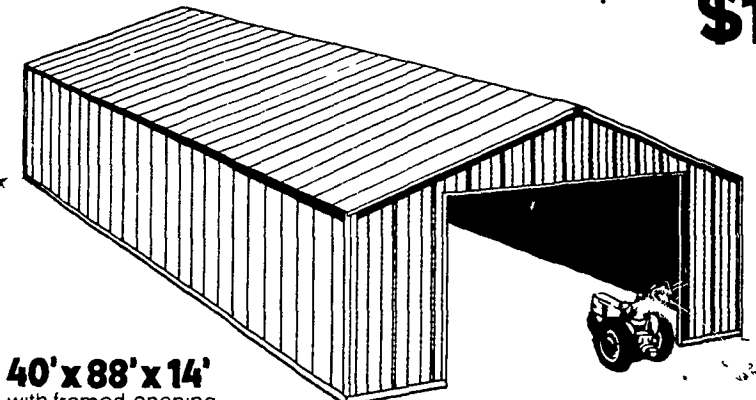
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