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United Egg Producers approve market co-op

In a special conference telephone meeting May 6th the U.E.P. Board of Directors unanimously endorsed the organization of an egg marketing cooperative to market and bargain for prices of member eggs in a designated area of the United States.

Jim Rich, U.E.P. President, hailed the unanimous action by the Board as a "milestone for U.E.P. members and the egg industry." The action gives total support of U.E.P. member cooperatives to the formation and operation of the carton-egg bargaining program which was discussed and approved in the Southeast last week.

Rich quoted the official motion as follows: "U.E.P. approves the organization of

an egg marketing cooperative to be affiliated with U.E.P. through U.E.P. and regional participation on the Board of Directors and Executive Committee of such cooperative." The cooperative will be organized under the Capper-Volstead Act and the co-op laws of the State of North Carolina. Offices will be in Charlotte, N.C., with Maurice Pickler as its Managing Director.

Under the proposed marketing plan, individual egg producers who are members of any one of the U.E.P. regional members may participate in the cooperative by assigning to the program eggs which go into the designated market area. Membership fees and a marketing fee will also be required. Members will be

guaranteed at least their normal sales price, less commissions, as the program gets under way.

According to Pickler, the cooperative's objectives include: 1) to stop premium erosion on cartoned and nest run eggs; 2) to restore correct pricing relationships between market quotations and actual prices received for members' eggs sold in both carton and nest run form; 3) to sell members' eggs for the highest price consistent with supply and demand; 4) to establish a uniform credit policy; and 5) to spread the risk of bargaining over a broad base.

Pickler said he is currently visiting egg producers who have indicated an interest to participate. He said sign-ups in the program must be on a one-to-one basis in order to insure producer un-

derstanding and to acquire needed market information to make the program work for individual participants. Participating members will make up the organization's Board of Directors and they will name their own five-member Executive Committee.

U.E.P.'s - General Manager, Al Pope, states that the U.E.P. Regionals will be playing a crucial role in the success of this bold and exciting program. The Regional members' role will be the marketing of nest run eggs, informing producer members of the benefits of a carton bargaining program, and actual coordination with Maurice of the program itself.

Interested producers should contact their Regional Cooperative for additional information. The Regional member in this area is Northeast Egg Marketing Assn., Paul Fischer, Manager, P. O. Box MM, Durham, New Hampshire 03824. 603-868-2824.

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Waste recycling endorsed

WASHINGTON, D.C. - A national commitment to return valuable organic matter to agricultural land through recycling was endorsed by five candidates for the Democratic Presidential nomination. The announcement was made by Congressman Fred Richmond (D-NY), the major sponsor of the National Soil Fertility Program within the Democratic party. (Rep. James M. Jeffords (R-Vt.) is the Republican sponsor.) The five Democratic hopefuls, Governor Jimmy Carter, Representative Morris Udall, Senator Henry M. Jackson, Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr., and Senator Fred Harris expressed support for the inclusion of the National Soil Fertility Program in the platform of the Democratic Party when it is drafted in July in New York City.

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