

1977 NEPPCO convention

Exhibit spaces almost filled

NEW YORK, N.Y. - Producers Council (NEPPCO) were amazed to learn that requests have been recorded at the NEPPCO

office from both previous and new exhibitors for almost all of the exhibit space available at the Host Farm Resort, Lancaster, Pa., site of NEPPCO's 1977 Convention and Exposition, Nov. 13-15.

"Following the disappointing attendance at Springfield last August, and considering that we have not yet published a floor plan or other exhibit information, this response almost a year in advance is almost unbelievable," remarked Frank Baber, NEPPCO vice-president who chaired the meeting in the absence of president, Richard Stark.

It was reported that a floor plan and related information was being readied for distribution in January. It would be sent first to those who had already reserved space.

In other action, the

NEPPCO Board invited United Egg Producers to participate with it in co-sponsoring congressional and federal agency receptions in Washington next Spring. It also accepted with regret the resignation of its director from New Hampshire, Albert W. Spaulding, and named Daniel Jaskolka of Manchester, N.H. to fill Spaulding's unexpired term.

The NEPPCO Board voted to support the testimony of NCEN and UEP to be given at the FTC food advertising hearings in January and to present testimony of its own before the advisory committee on regulatory programs in February.

A series of recommendations by its Research, Education, Transportation and Membership Committees were approved, as

was the renewal of NEPPCO's membership in the Council for Agricultural Science and Technology (CAST). Also, the Board endorsed the action of its Pension Committee in deciding to terminate NEPPCO's Pension Plan as of Dec. 31, 1976. Regulations and the resulting sharp increase in the cost of administration were cited as principal reasons for this action.

Because of the impending retirement of Henry C. Schragger, Esq. who has been NEPPCO's chief counsel for over 30 years, the Board named his firm, Schragger, Schragger & Lavine, as its legal representatives and his son, Frederick J. Schragger, Esq. as chief counsel.

Potato stocks up

HARRISBURG, Pa. - Stocks of potatoes in Pennsylvania on December 1 were 4.5 million hundredweight according to the Crop Reporting Service. This was 23 per cent above the same date last year and represents two-thirds of the 1976 Pennsylvania fall potato crop.

Stocks of potatoes for all uses held in storage by growers, local dealers and processors in the fall production areas of the U.S. totaled 198.4 million hundredweight on December 1, 1976. This is eight per cent above the 183.3 million hundredweight on hand a year earlier, and is six per cent above 1974.

Stocks in the eight eastern states on December 1, 1976 totaled 31.7 million cwt., down one per cent from the 32.1 million cwt. on hand a year earlier. Maine's stocks of 20.6 million cwt. compare with 21.4 million on hand December 1, 1975.

The quantity of potatoes processed to December 1, 1976 in seven major states totaled 39.6 million hundredweight an increase of 8.1 million or 26 per cent from the quantity processed in the comparable period a year earlier.

Award given for no injuries

LEBANON, Pa. - The Lebanon Packing Corporation, Jonestown, will receive the Pennsylvania Manufacturers' Association Insurance Company's Safety Performance Plaque in recognition of accumulating 147,511 hours without a disabling injury. This record was achieved between November 11, 1975 and March 19, 1976.

Accidents surveyed

NEWARK, Del. - The University of Delaware Cooperative Extension Service, together with the Delaware Farm Bureau and the Delaware State Grange, is participating in a National Farm Accident Survey. The survey begins this month and continues for one year, according to Extension farm safety specialist, Ronald C. Jester.

The survey has two goals: (1) to learn the frequency, severity, types and causes of accidental injuries among Delaware farmers and (2) to stimulate interest in developing a more intensive, result-oriented farm and health education program.

Approximately 45 women from the Delaware Farm Bureau and Grange Women Committees will contact 10 percent of Delaware's farmers. The initial contact will be simply to determine the type and size of farms. Later contacts will be to collect accident-related information.

The study is expected to benefit Delaware in several areas, but primarily in that of accident reduction, explains Jester. If you are one of the farmers asked to participate in the survey, your cooperation will be appreciated. You will be helping Delaware farms become safer places to live and work.

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