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So far the fruit outlook is as bright as the blossoms.

Fruit looks good

By DIETER KRIEG

LITITZ, Pa.—Excellent pollinating weather and terrific blooming are giving rise to a feeling among central Pennsylvania fruit growers that a good crop will be forthcoming. That is both good and bad news since an abundance of fruits will make buyers happy. But the growers themselves will then be faced with more work and yet lower prices.

Reports gathered here late

this week from throughout southeastern Pennsylvania indicate that orchards survived the bitter Winter much better than was expected. "With the really rough weather we had, it's surprising," noted Mrs. Richard Haas of Cherry Hill Orchard, Lancaster, in reference to the blooming. She said the warm, dry weather has provided orchardmen with the best pollinating weather in years

and that apple blooms are possibly the best they've ever had. Specializing in cherries, the Haases are hopeful of continued mild weather so that a healthy crop of cherries might be available.

Cherries, however, are one of the most risky, if not the most risky fruit to grow. Sensitive to cold weather, the fruit producing buds are

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New dairy breaks ground

CARLISLE, Pa. - Ground was broken five miles south of here Thursday afternoon as construction started on an \$8.2 million reserve milk manufacturing facility.

Holly Milk Cooperative, a new farmer-cooperative, held ground-breaking ceremonies for the plant with Cumberland County and South Middletown Township officials participating.

Maryland Cooperative Milk Producers and Interstate Milk Producers' Cooperative jointly own the new cooperative which is expected to balance the market for about 2.5 billion pounds of milk annually produced by their 4,000 dairy farmers in the six-state area.

This facility, capable of processing 2 million pounds of milk daily, will be the most efficient plant of its kind in the world.

Crepacko, an international dairy industry equipment and construction firm, headquartered in Chicago, is the turnkey contractor.

Completion of the project is expected within a year. The facility is financed by the Baltimore Bank for Cooperatives and Commonwealth National Bank, Harrisburg.

Located just outside Mt. Holly Springs, Pa., the plant is expected to contribute significantly to the area, establishing 30 to 35 new jobs with an annual payroll approaching \$500,000.

The plant is equipped with

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Teachers partake of poultry

By JOANNE SPAHR

LANCASTER, Pa. - The best way to promote a product, they say, is to "just get 'em to try it." That's exactly what the Lancaster County Poultry Association did last Thursday evening with 68 home economics teachers and nutrition aides connected with the Lancaster-Lebanon Intermediate Unit 13. Home ec teachers from both city and country, public and private

schools were invited to share in a smorgasbord prepared by industry men of the Association and held at the Farm and Home Center, Arcadia Road, Lancaster. The purpose of the evening was to acquaint the ladies with new products and preparations and to pass on new information which they can relay to their students.

The Association also had specialists from Penn State on hand to demonstrate

cutting up broilers, deboning chicken breasts, and carving turkeys.

Dr. Morris Mast, associate professor of food science at Penn State, also spoke on food safety and food borne illnesses. To illustrate his points, he used a slide presentation.

Dr. Mast pointed out that although we think food additives are the main danger in foods, the fact is that the

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Law in pond management

By DIETER KRIEG

LANCASTER - Like most aspects of agriculture today, farm pond management isn't what it used to be. Aside from more scientific structural and biological considerations, the management of a pond even comes under various governmental regulations. It used to be, for example, that a farmer simply tossed fertilizer into his pond to control algae and that was the end of it. While that may still be a common practice,

it's not recommended, and it is in violation of water quality laws, if a permit hasn't been issued. What's more, even fishing rights at the "old swimming hole" are controlled now.

Pond construction and management was the subject of two meetings held Tuesday in Lancaster County by the Cooperative Extension Service. Both programs took place at area ponds and were coordinated by County Agent Max Smith. Farm pond problems such

as algae control, weeds, muskrats, and too many fish were also discussed by specialists from Penn State and Norman Sickles, district water patrolman.

Richard Maule hosted the first segment of the program at his farm below Quarryville. The afternoon portion was held at Russell Sauder's pond near Manheim.

It was stressed at both meetings that if a farm pond is drained into an area which

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