

## Poultry people to discuss energy

LANCASTER - A symposium on the conservation of energy in the poultry industry will be held here at the Farm and Home Center next Wednesday. \$10 registration fee is required. The meeting will cover practical talks on insulation, ventilation, building con-

struction, intermittent lighting, nutritional aspects of energy, improved methods of management of energy in broiler raising, pullets, layers and poultry processing plants. Lancaster County Extension Agent Jay Irwin will be in charge of the day-long

proceedings, which begin at 9 a.m. and end at 5 p.m. Following is a complete schedule of the program. 9:00 a.m.-Registration-\$10 per person; includes lunch: send name and business address to Jay Irwin, Farm and Home Center, Lancaster.

9:25 a.m.-Welcome by Dr. Kenneth Goodwin, Head, Department of Poultry Science, The Pennsylvania State University. 9:35 a.m.-Current & Future Use in the Poultry Industry, Dr. Tony Stemberger, Agricultural Economics, PSU.

10:05 a.m.-A Checklist for Energy Use on a Poultry Farm, Dr. Floyd Hicks, Chairman, Science Extension, PSU.

10:35 a.m.-Nutritional Aspects of Energy Conservation, Dr. Richard Peacock, Pennfield Corporation, Lancaster.

11:10 a.m.-Question and Answer Period

11:30 a.m.-Break for LUNCH Special free time in this symposium to get acquainted.

11:40 to 12:55 p.m.-Lunch in Farm and Home Center (Included in Registration fee)

1:00 p.m.-Intermittent Light for Layers, Prof. Charles Ostrander, Poultry Extension, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY.

1:30 p.m.-Improved House Construction and Insulation, Dr. Joe McCurdy, Prof. of

## Drought committee formed

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Four heads of executive departments and agencies involved in handling aid to drought areas met April 26 at the White House and formed

a Drought Emergency Coordinating Committee.

Signing the memorandum of agreement forming the committee were Secretary of Agriculture Bob Bergland, Secretary of the Interior Cecil D. Andrus, Secretary of Commerce Juanita M. Kreps, and Administrator A. Vernon Weaver, Small Business Administration (SBA). The committee consists of a representative designated by each of the four principals. Representing Secretary Bergland and serving as committee chairman will be Dr. M. Rupert Cutler, assistant secretary for conservation, research and education. The committee executive secretary will be the administrator of the Federal Disaster Assistance Administration (FDAA) or his designee.

The memo established a uniform procedure for designating Emergency Drought Impact Areas (EDIA). The governor of a state may request that the committee designate all or part of his state as an emergency drought impact area, the committee secretary will record it and publish it in the Federal Register. Designation of an area will make it immediately eligible for available aid from SBA and the three departments. If a committee member objects to such a designation, the committee will forward the request for designation to each individual agency for independent action.

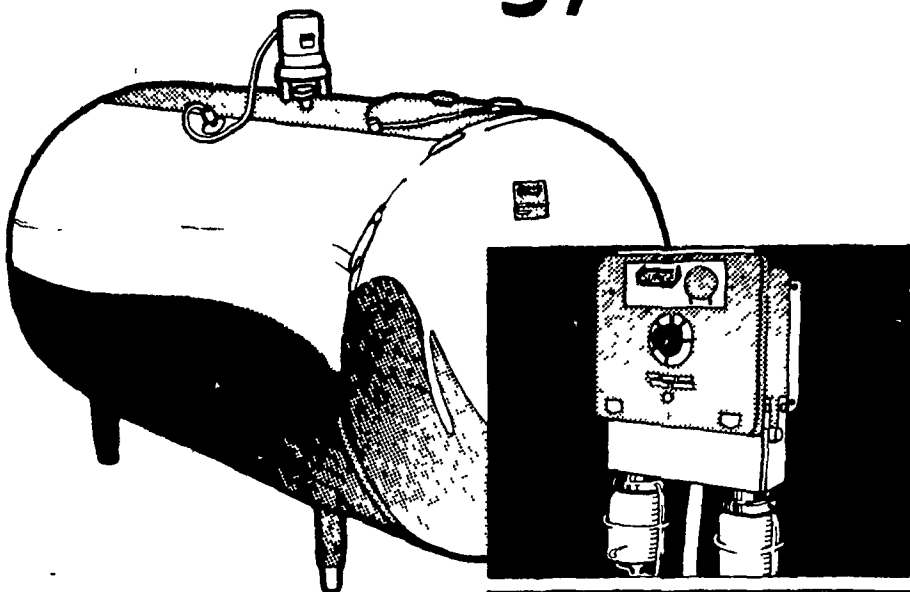
One of the first actions by the committee was to publish a list of 24 states and some 1,200 counties that are potentially eligible for emergency drought assistance.

The listing of eligible areas includes all areas previously designated for drought assistance by FDAA, SBA, the Farmers Home Administration and Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and areas in which Interior Department Bureau of Reclamation projects are located.

The committee stressed that designation of a county at this preliminary stage does not confer automatic entitlement to drought aid. Individuals or communities still must meet separate eligibility requirements established by each agency.

The new procedure will reduce the time required by state and local governments to obtain an emergency designation from each of the separate federal departments or agencies. A single request-if approved-can clear the way for emergency assistance from all affected agencies.

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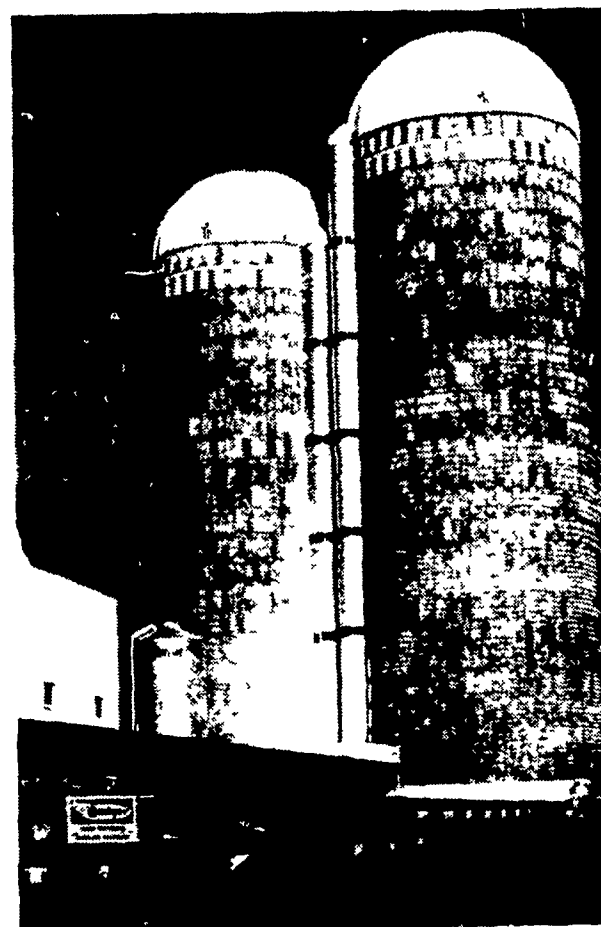
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