

Lancaster Co. Poultry Assn. to assert position on 'Dietary Goals'

LANCASTER, Pa. - On August 9 a five member delegation from the Lancaster County Poultry Association will be traveling to Washington D.C. to meet with Paul Cooksey, administrative assistant for Senator Richard Schweiker, R. Pennsylvania. The group, representing an 80 million dollar poultry industry in

Lancaster County, will be presenting their views on the controversial government booklet "Dietary Goals for the United States," recently issued by the Senate Select Committee on Nutrition and Human Needs.

The poultry industry, on a whole, has united in opposing In recent testimony before the Senate Select Committee

on Nutrition and Human Needs on July 26, Dr. Robert E. Olson, professor and chairman of the department this publication which cracks down on cholesterol in general, and guidelines the reduction of eggs in the diet, in particular.

of biochemistry and professor of medicine at St. Louis University School of

Medicine said;

"I cannot support adoption of these dietary goals as published. I don't agree that diet is a chronic problem, and we can't prove that adoption of these dietary goals will achieve the stated

objectives. I recommend you make major changes in these goals or that they be withdrawn."

According to Ed Moshier, Lititz, the president of the Lancaster County Poultry Association, "Dietary Goals," is scheduled for reprint on August 15 and for final edition on September 15.

"Time is of the essence," he stated. "We're going to go to Washington with specific

goals. We need to gain the Senator's ear because he's not listening to us, and that's our main purpose."

The five member group representing the Poultry Association will be Ron Meck, Denver; Jack Huber, Lititz; Martin Pflieger, Manheim; Vernon Leininger, Denver; and Ed Moshier, Lititz.

cool throughout the day. To be really good and tasty, the ears should go from "field to belly" in three hours, he affirmed.

Tips on the thinning of strawberry patches were also given. Such renovation is known to give the remaining plants additional vigor. The thinning procedure can be done by tearing out the center portions of each row, thus removing the oldest plants, or narrowing the rows on the edges until they're about eight inches wide. With this method, it's also advisable that the rows be thinned crosswise as well.

Vegetable crops in southeastern Pennsylvania look generally good, depending on how much rain fell in given areas. Dry regions, as would be expected, don't have the crops that other areas have where rainfall was adequate. Potato fields which weren't irrigated were especially hard hit and just about "cooked" in the soil.

Lancaster County Extension Agent Arnold Lueck and his counterpart in Lebanon County, Dennis Hoke, agree that the vegetable outlook this year is pretty good. Good yields are being harvested or are being expected, with predictions being that ample supplies of good quality vegetables will be available. Cantaloupes look especially promising, according to Lueck.



Robert Marvel, right, points out some of his management practices on Frey's farm market near Campbelltown. Lebanon and Lancaster County vegetable growers toured the Risser farm, as well as the Harold Frey vegetable farm south of Lebanon, during a recent twilight meeting.

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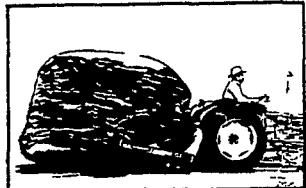
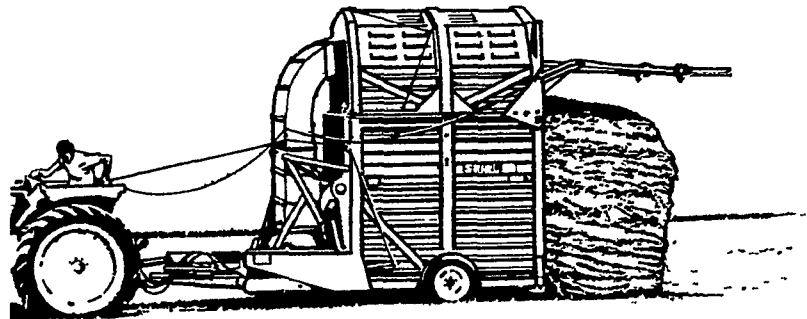
acquired "a good bit of resistance" to all insecticides which are eligible for use against it. Controlling the cabbage worm can also be difficult.

A pest which was especially strong this year, and is now fading out of the picture, is the Japanese beetle. Tetrault figured the beetle would be gone by the end of next week, although it

may still feed on corn silk and disturb pollination.

How a grower handles his sweet corn is really significant, according to Tetrault. The harvested crop loses sugar three times as rapidly at 50 degrees Fahrenheit as opposed to 32 degrees F. He suggests farmers harvest their sweet corn early in the morning and then keep it reasonably

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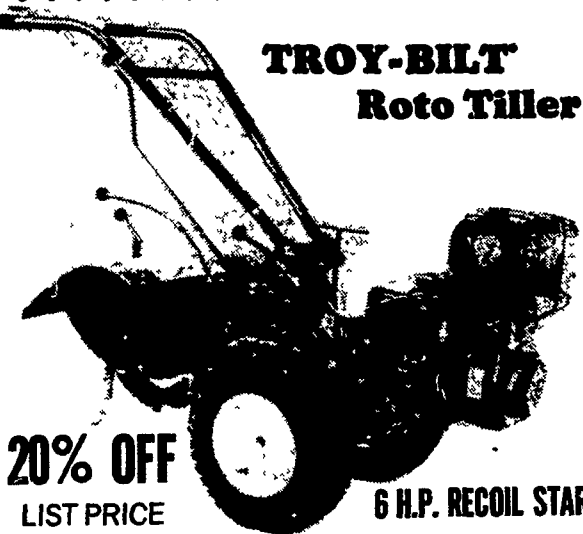
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