the farmer literally millions of dollars. In the future, the IEP will continue to capitalize on this weakness probably with more price reductions to the farmer.

The IEP has always had a distinct advantage over the individual farmer in that he receives eggs from several independent, geographically isolated producers. Therefore, he is not dependent upon any one individual farmer for eggs. If one farmer complains about the prices he is receiving for his eggs, the IEP encourages him to find another outlet. The problem is that all IEP pay about the same! Therefore, as long as the farmer remains isolated and never organizes, he will not have the necessary bargaining leverage when it comes to influencing the

prices he receives for his eggs.

Unfortunately, the IEP does not really worry a great deal about egg prices. This is because he always has plenty of eggs from the producers and he makes a fixed amount per dozen eggs handled. In other words, the cheaper he can purchase the more for the farmers eggs. eggs, the greater his volume and the greater the profits

Because the IEP's profits are not related to the prices the farmers receives; and because the producers have never organized, several of the following trends have developed:

*Over the years, there has been absolutely no incentives for the IEP to pay The incentive is and has been, to pay less.

*Over the years, the

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become so dependent on the

IEP that he has now lost all

*Over the years, price

competition between the

many IEPs has led to an

erosion of all egg farmers

increased cost of egg

processing and marketing

*Over the years, all of the

income.

of his bargaining leverage.

unorganized farmer has farmer and not to the consumer.

> *Over the years, the farmer has sacrificed egg prices for security of egg removal.

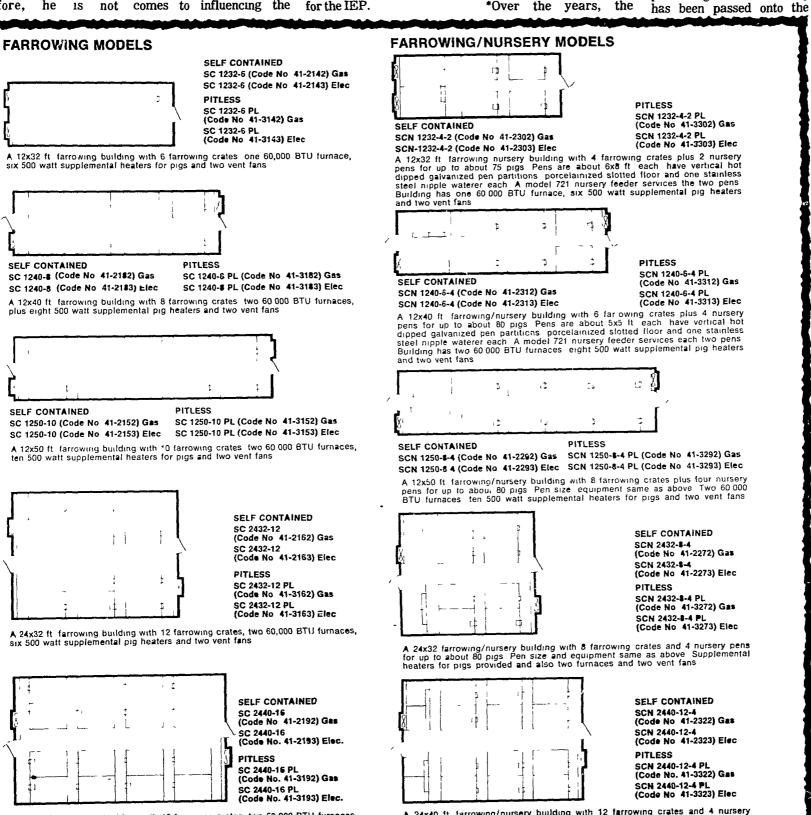
Clearly, the prices that many egg producers receive for their product is unfair. Yet, the farmer must accept his share of the blame for the predicament. For example, he could influence (control) the prices he receives from the consumers, by simply regulating production. Furthermore, he could establish a fair price for his eggs from the IEP, by working more closely with him. To accomplish this however, the farmers must first start talking to each other and then start forming local producer associations. The influence that the organized egg producer could have on every aspect of this enterprise would probably surprise us all. William E. Elzinga Simpsonville, Md.

Importance of exports stressed

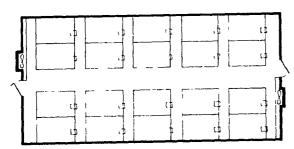
Dear Editor:

Cucrent international realities no longer permit Americans to be indifferent to the need to increase U.S. exports. Today, one out of every eight jobs in manufacturing is exportrelated; one out of every three acres of American farmland produces for export; one-third of corporate profits derives from international activities; yet exports account for only 7.6 per cent of this country's gross national product (GNP).

Although exports have never been more important to our economic health, recent years have witnessed a dramatic decline in the U.S. competitive position vis-a-vis Europe and Japan. In fact, a recent Commerce Department study shows that the U.S. export share dropped in 1977 in virtually all of our major export markets. Moreover, in 1976, the U.S. exported only 12% of its manufactured goods compared to about 30 per cent for Japan and 50 per cent for Germany. Clearly,they, understand that ex-

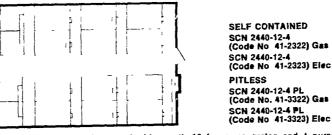


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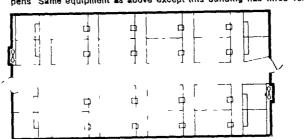


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A 24x40 ft farrowing/nursery building with 12 farrowing crates and 4 nursery pens. Same equipment as above except this building has three vent fans



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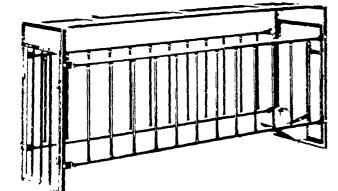
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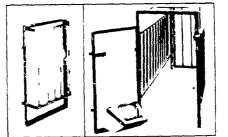
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An increase of U.S. exports as a percentage of GNP of only 1.5 per cent would over come our huge trade deficit, reverse the decline of the dollar, and create domestic employment as well. This goal is certainly attainable, but will require a concerted effort. Our foreign counterparts are motivated to export, as they benefit from a great number of export incentives and promotional devices. U.S. exporters work without similar incentives and have been hamstrung by government policies and regulations - all of which serve to make U.S products uncompetitive and discourage exports.

The results have been a soaring U.S. trade deficit, a plummeting dollar, unacceptable structural employment and strong resurgence of inflation. In response to these pressures, President Carter formed an interagency Export Policy Task Force in April to study

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