

## UEP president Harry Muller predicts conglomerates will dominate egg production

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—United Egg Products (UEP) President Harry Muller was among the livestock industry leaders on hand May 8 at the annual meeting of the American Feed Manufacturers Association in St. Louis. Muller, along with representatives from the beef, broiler, dairy, swine, and turkey industries, participated in a program focusing on the 10-year future of animal agriculture.

In his remarks, Muller predicted increasing ownership of egg production units by agricultural conglomerates. Ten years from now, he said, about 60 per cent of U.S. production could be in the hands of fewer than 50 companies. Foreign investment in egg production, Muller ventured,



Harry Muller will likely increase, unless prohibited by government. Muller cited energy shortages and losses of cheap labor supplies as

major factors in relocation of production centers over the next decade. He foresees shifts toward grain centers close to major markets and feels that "facilities isolated from both grain producing centers and markets will no longer remain in production."

A common concern among the speakers was the

potential threat to agricultural industries posed by government regulations. William C. Buller, president of the National Pork Producers Association, suggested that the various segments "establish a liaison to coordinate legislative efforts." (From "United Voices," UEP, May 11, 1979)

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After taking home their copy of the rules those students interested in participating in the contest should return the entry form to their teacher who will then provide them with seed. All participating students must use seed provided by the FFA. All elementary students (kindergarten through grade five) in the Twin Valley School District are involved as well as District personnel.



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