



Following washing, steady flow of eggs are candled under the watchful eye of Pat Crnkovich.

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Thus, the market exists in the populous Northeast for microwave sales to mushroom in coming years.

The recent area poultry house expansions are situated right in the center of this large potential market for prepared convenience foods suitable for microwave ovens.

"We have the environmental housing here and the close proximity to markets will save transportation energy costs," Patterson explained.

"Other plus factors in our area are the diversification of the farming operations and more local young people wanting to stay on the farm."

"We've had producers who have specifically expanded because of sons or daughters who want to remain on the farm."

Weaver's Quality Eggs, a subsidiary of Victor F.

Blazes herbicide registered

PHILADELPHIA — Blazer herbicide has received EPA registration for postemergence weed control in soybeans, according to the manufacturer, Rohm and Haas Company.

The registration of Blazer herbicide has been anticipated in the soybean belt because of the advantages the product offers to growers.

According to market manager Tom MacIver, "Blazer herbicide has the broadest weed spectrum of any postemergence broadleaf herbicide on the market. But even more importantly, it controls many of the weeds that soybean growers have the most problems with, such as annual morningglory, cocklebur, jimsonweed, pigweed, smartweed and hemp sesbania."

Morningglory control is generally considered the hallmark of the newly registered herbicide. "When application and rate guidelines are followed, Blazer herbicide will control all major species of annual morningglory found in the soybean belt," MacIver said.

Weaver, Inc., New Holland, is the largest processor in Pennsylvania that combines both shell and liquid operations.

Nearly 5½ million eggs are processed weekly through the shell operation for sale under Weaver brand names or under contract to many markets and supermarket chains.

Additionally, nearly two million eggs are handled weekly in the liquid operation. Packaged in four or eight-pound cartons and 30 or 45-pound containers, the frozen liquid eggs are utilized by restaurants, schools or hospitals. Tank truck loads also are used by large bakeries.

"We've found the liquid operation to be very compatible with the shell eggs," Patterson said.

"For example, if a grower develops problems with something like rough shells, the eggs can still be processed for liquid and full use of the birds is achieved."

Weaver's receives eggs from approximately 55 producers within a 60-mile radius of Lancaster. Eggs from about 1,300,000 birds are processed.

"Our facilities are all on one floor and have been built for future expansion," Patterson said.

Already the company has achieved quite a record for

prepared food innovations in their chicken products.

These began with fried chicken in the early-1940's and continued with other products, such as chicken hot dogs, croquettes and turnovers.

The age-old question of what came first, the chicken or the egg, definitely has been decided up to now in favor of the bird in so far as prepared foods have been concerned.

But now, it appears that the era of the egg may be arriving in the 1980's.

DHIA supervisors discuss milking systems, test lab

MIFFLINTOWN — Milking systems, herd identification and expansion of the Central Milk Testing Laboratory were topics for discussion when the Dairy Herd Improvement Association supervisors met for their spring workshop last Friday, at Mifflintown.

Donald Messinger, Adams County DHIA Supervisor, Chairman of the Regional Supervisors organization, presided at the meeting. Messinger was accompanied to the meeting by Supervisor Jean Barnhill and County Agent Thomas E. Piper.

Alternate AM/PM production records are accepted as official if a time recording device is connected to the milk pump, explained Stephen Spencer, Extension Dairy Specialist from Penn State, opening speaker at the workshop. He demonstrated a digital unit available for this purpose.

"Air flow at the receiving jar should be 90 percent of pump capacity" said Spencer as he reviewed the necessary qualities of a milking system for proper milking. He recommended a sensitive vacuum regulator to maintain proper vacuum level.

Turning to somatic cell counts, Spencer stated that dairymen should strive to

maintain a count of 300,000 or less.

"When the count exceeds 700,000, a program of routine dry cow treatment and teat dipping should be followed". In response to questions, Spencer said that iodine-based dips are satisfactory for use.

Ray Pruss, DHIA Executive, outlined improvements in medical insurance coverage and rates on coverage provided to Supervisors.

Pruss also reported that rising costs of processing records will necessitate a rate increase to DHIA members. This is expected about Jan. 1, 1981.

Dexter Putnam, extension dairy specialist from Penn State, explained the factors which are now applied to production records to adjust these for greater accuracy. He also described steps for improving animal identification.

"Success of the production testing program in Pennsylvania has caused an overcrowding of space at the Central Testing Laboratory", said Herbert Gilmore, extension dairy specialist in charge of the DHIA program.

"A committee of the state board is exploring the cost of a two-story 40 by 40 foot addition to the laboratory" he added.

Earl Baum, DHIA Fieldman, announced that a Short Course for the training of Supervisors will be held on the main campus of the Penn State University during the period of May 19 to 23, 1980. Application blanks are available at local county extension offices.

Noon meal for the supervisors was sponsored by Sire Power, Inc. The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m. after members selected Friday, October 10, 1980 for the fall workshop.

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