

York Firm gets Governor's Award

HERSHEY — Charles G. Summers, Jr., Inc., a New Freedom, York Co., vegetable canning firm, has been presented with the Governor's Export Award. The award was presented on Sunday, May 4 at the Pennsylvania International Trade Conference.

Award, a new award, is presented to Pennsylvania companies which have demonstrated excellence in the development of international trade through exporting.

"Charles G. Summers, Jr., Inc. deserves recognition for increased exports of canned vegetables by 1,285 percent since 1974," said Penrose Hallowell, Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture. "They have shown the value

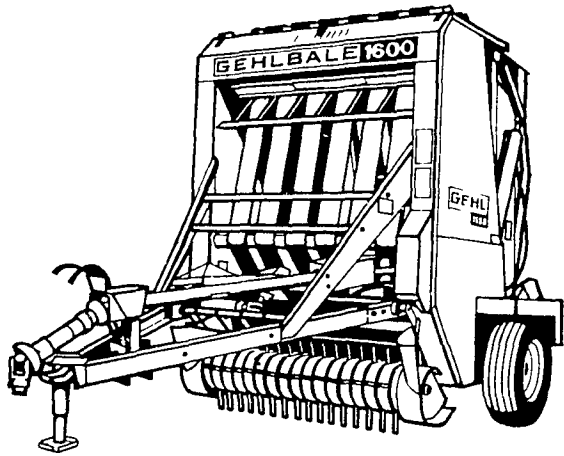
of actively pursuing overseas markets."

In 1974 the New Freedom firm exported 1.27 percent of their gross sales. In just five years they raised their exports to 10.23 percent of their gross sales. Exports for the firm have grown from \$120,613 in 1974 to \$1,059,428 in 1979.

Company representatives said they believe their success is due in large part to personal contacts made in export countries. Visits to

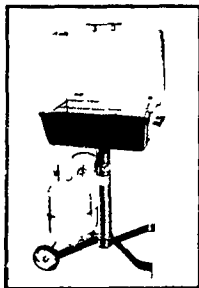
the export countries gave them a better understanding of the consumers, marketing habits, label requirements and the development of a successful promotion campaign aimed at their export customers, they added.

Charles G. Summer, Jr., Inc. exports canned vegetables to Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Oman, Liberia and the Bahamas.

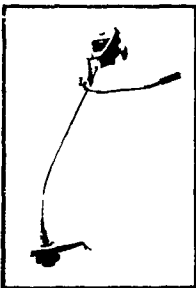


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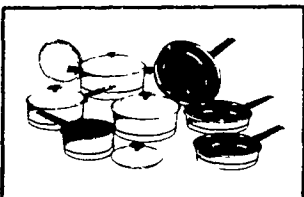
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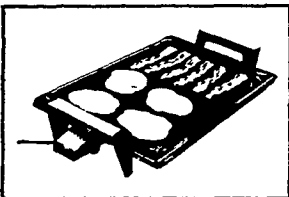
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VVND task force ends alert

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — USDA officials have removed the federal quarantine on a commercial aviary in Alexandria, Va., and have ended the task force set up last month to eradicate an outbreak of exotic Newcastle disease, VVND.

Richard Rissler, director of the task force for USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, said state and federal veterinarians have almost completed eradication activities that began early in April, when exotic Newcastle disease was diagnosed in a young yellow-naped Amazon parrot that had died in a Camp Hill, Pa., residence shortly after purchase from the commercial aviary of Kevin Smith in Alexandria, Va.

Investigations by federal and state veterinarians showed many birds exposed to the diseases, as well as

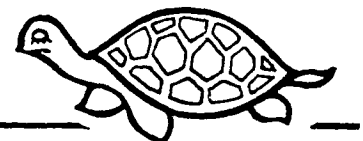
additional infection at the Smith aviary.

Rissler said the federal quarantine is being lifted from the Smith aviary as it has now been 15 days since all birds in the aviary were destroyed and the premises thoroughly cleaned and disinfected. It is now considered safe for the facility to resume operation without danger from the original disease outbreak, he said.

Since confirmation of the

disease by laboratory diagnosis on April 7, federal and state veterinarians have traced the movement of infected or exposed birds. Nearly 2,100 birds at 120 different locations in 13 states and the District of Columbia have been destroyed to prevent the spread of this potentially disastrous disease into commercial poultry operations. Owners of these birds were paid \$87,000 in indemnities to compensate them for their losses.

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