



Lancaster County Poultry Agent Jay Irwin points out the mechanical egg gathering equipment to County Commissioners James Huber and Robert Boyer, while farm owner John H. Hershey, far right, looks on.

Poultry month

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The poultry industry provides employment for 20,000 persons in the county.

To get a better handle on the industry, Commissioners James Huber and Robert Boyer took a guided tour of the Hershey's 46,000 bird confinement egg production facility.

The 52 by 305 foot house was built in 1977 and includes the most modern devices in egg production.

One outstanding feature is ceiling ribs which run across the house, from side vent to side vent, rather than lengthwise as is normal.

While it cost a bit more to build that way, Hershey noted the good airflow and coolness inside the house, even during the recent heat spell which killed thousands of birds in the county.

The commissioners saw Hershey's 1000 case cold storage and met the contestants in the county poultry contest scheduled for Friday night.

Concluded Commissioner Boyer, "It's amazing how little labor is involved in the poultry industry to provide such a good product for so many people."—CH



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