

# Farm tour stresses business aspect

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whisked into one swift morning stint.

The busload of members toured four farms — each with a different concentration. Included were the beef operation of Darwin and Bernard Nissley; the dairy farm of Samuel and Della Conley; the poultry operation of Glenn and Mary Snyder, and the swine farm of Mark and Hazel Nestleroth, featured in the May issue of L.F.

Right from the start of the tour, the members were made aware of the price of machinery, cattle and land, as the Nissley brothers led the tour around their farm answering such questions as "How much would this tractor cost to replace today?" and "Could you afford to invest in this same building today?"

The Nissley farm has been in the family for five generations. The farm consists of 165 acres, with 160

being tillable. A recent expansion effort provided facilities for a capacity of 250 head of Angus and Angus-cross cattle.

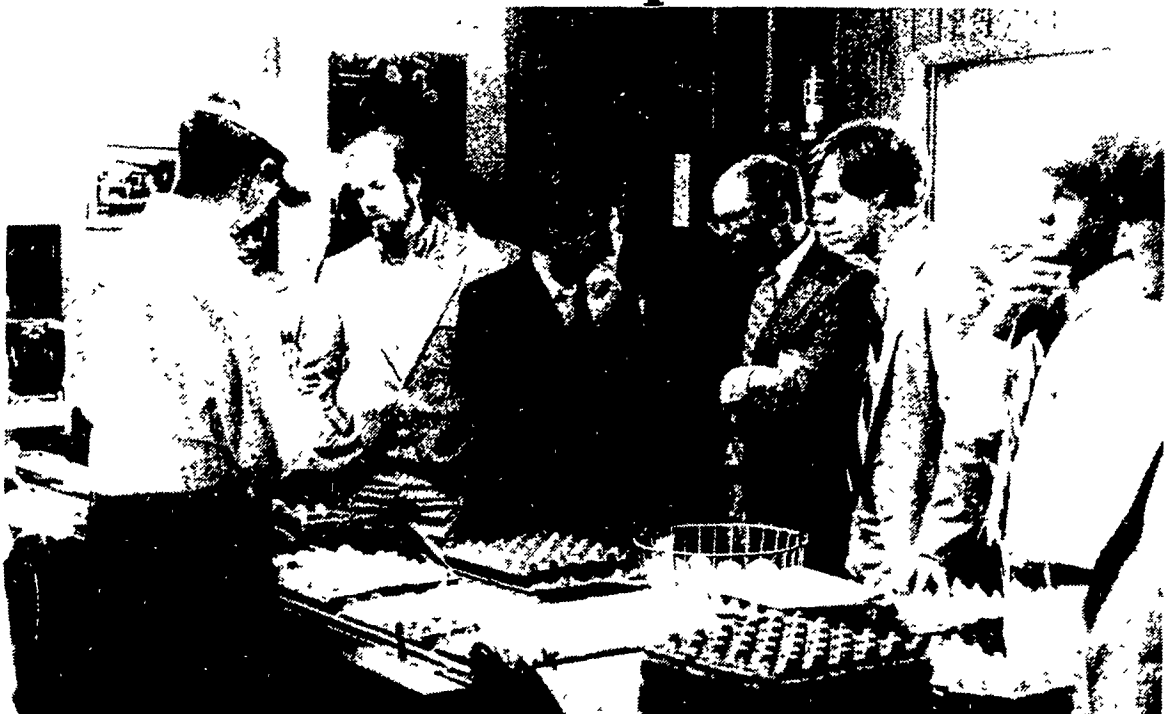
The brothers also produce 12 acres of processing tomatoes, five acres of canteloupes, and three acres tobacco.

Darwin suprised the group when he announced that, despite their already full schedule, they take the time to wash the machinery. "Because you find things that are wrong with it, saving expensive repairs later."

From the Nissley homestead, the tour journeyed to the Landisville farm of Samuel Conley.

Conley and his wife own 99 acres, of which 85 is tillable. The dairy barn, built in 1968, houses 40 Holstein cows.

At this stop the members were introduced to the registration system, DHIA papers, milk



The interest and confusion showed on their faces as the members of the Chamber of Commerce listened to Glenn Snyder, left, explain his operation.



The fact that these two young brothers together operate a successful 250-Angus cattle farm provided a novelty for the tour members. From left is Bernard Nissley and brother Darwin, and County Extension agent Jay Irwin.



The spacious farm of Samuel and Della Conley, above and below, provided a visit to a dairy farm complete with pipe line, 40 Holstein cows and - something new to many of the visitors - a bulk tank.



haulers and inspectors, and rolling herd averages.

The Snyder poultry farm provided perhaps the most eye-opening experience for the 40 novice farm visitors. It was at this stop they were able to see 40,000 caged layers under one roof.

Snyder and his son farm 93 acres and also raise hogs. The hogs are purchased from a breeder every three weeks and fat hogs are marketed to Hatfield on a weekly basis.

The final stop painted a pork picture as members witnessed an operation with the potential for handling 1500 pigs.

This hog farm, operated by Mark Nestleroth and John Chapman, consists of 146 acres.

Following the tour, Hazel Nestleroth treated the visitors to a pork luncheon at the Penryn Fire Hall, perhaps in an effort to instill in the minds of the visitors that,



Young feeder pigs gather around Mark Nestleroth in this newly remodeled barn. This facility originally had been a poultry house.

despite each farm's particular concentration, the end product is a staple for each one of them — namely food.



More than 40 businessmen, advertising representatives and bankers participated in the Businessman's Farm Tour sponsored by the county Chamber of Commerce.

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