

Biological disease prevention seminar held

LANCASTER — A seminar outlining ways to prevent biological disease in poultry and livestock was held on Friday, April 13, at the Lancaster Farm and Home Center.

Principal speakers at the seminar were Keith Ault, professor of chemistry at Ball State University, Muncie, Ind.; Lee Davis, representative of TransAgra Corporation, Memphis, Tenn.; and John H. Albright, of Environmental Systems, Lancaster.

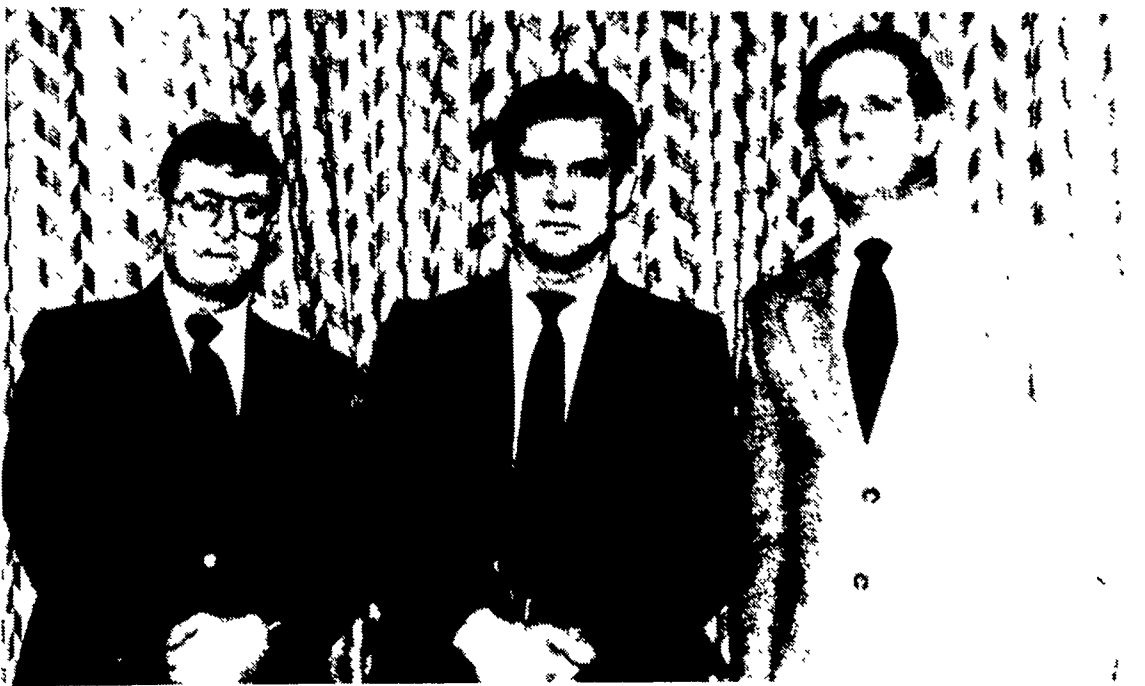
Ault spoke to the attending livestock and poultry producers and outlined a program of preventative maintenance to guard against biological disease, including pure water, ionized air

and support of the natural immune system with Vitamin C as an antioxidant.

Albright directed his comments particularly at poultry farmers and explained the advantages of full spectrum light, which duplicates an atmosphere similar to natural sunlight. He said the process has raised egg production by some 8.5 percent with no side effects of trauma.

Davis spoke on the topic of Proper Intestinal Flora for Good Health.

Organizer of the seminar, Richard Dunkelberger said that the program was arranged to attempt to assist the economics of small farm operations as they fill the role of producers of quality food.



Dr. Lee Davis (left), Dr. Keith Ault (center) and John H. Albright spoke about biological disease prevention at the Farm and Home Center last week.

Potato referendum approved

DENVER, Col. — U.S. potato growers have passed the referendum to increase funds for The National Potato Promotion Board, according to USDA officials who conducted the referendum.


Based on the volume of production of the 2796 growers who voted, the referendum passed with 74.1 percent. The volume of total votes (175,973,707 million cwt.) represents over one-half of the total U.S. production. By number of growers, 68.5 percent voted for the assessment increase. A two-thirds majority of either volume or number of growers was needed to pass the referendum.

Passage of the referendum authorized an assessment rate based on a maximum of one-half of one percent of the USDA reported 10-year average price of potatoes. Although the assessment figure could not be 2.3 cents, the Board members set 2 cents as the beginning assessment rate during their recent annual meeting. The assessment rate has been one cent since the Board's inception in 1971. With the two-cent assessment rate, the Board's budget would increase to \$4.5 million.

"We, naturally, are very pleased


with these results," said Roy Reed, president of the Board and potato grower from Idaho Falls, Idaho.

"The Board's promotion efforts have been severely hampered by lack of funds over the past several years. This increase will allow the potato industry to promote its product more effectively."




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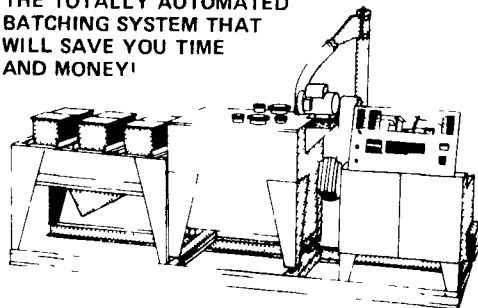
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