

Egg marketing order

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rolling before the national election, rather than after.

The overall process of working with the USDA to formulate an Order and holding hearings around the country would take 12 to 18 months before a producer referendum could be held.

But those attending Tuesday's session felt that any vote, if it comes, should be based on the property or house, just the way any possible quotas should be based.

The producer list receiving the survey includes some 2,465 producer entities. A three-way contract, for example, is one entity.

Weber listed four alternatives possible in an Egg Marketing Order if producers want one. They include production allotments, promotional program, surplus removal and quality control. Allotments received the primary attention at the meeting.

Allotments

Options here include quotas on the number of eggs marketed or the number of hens. While reservations were expressed quite openly about allotments, the hen quotas were thought to be more workable.

Exemptions from quotas would include broiler-breeders, exports or imports, flocks of 3,000 or under and on-farm sales.

Allotments would be established on a historical production base, such as 1983-84. They would be established a year ahead and follow the individual if moving or the business if sold. There would be a two-year limit on the temporary sale of an allotment while someone replaces a destroyed building, for example.

If subsequent larger quotas are

established, 10 percent of the increase could be set aside for free entry by lottery into the system.

June 1 would be the beginning of a new year in case egg numbers dictated the early removal of hens late in a fiscal year.

Quick action is needed if an and any allotments are upon to prevent last-minute expansion from disrupting the system.

Promotional Program

Such a program would replace the American Egg Board program, but would be mandatory with no refunds. An assessment of one cent per dozen would yield \$45 million to \$49 million a year, largely to restore network TV advertising.

A minimum would be retained for diet and health research and each state would receive a basic share for its promotion.

An assessment escalation clause of one-tenth of a cent to cover inflation would be built in, but the total assessment could not exceed one and one-half cents per dozen.

Surplus Removal

Producers would be assessed to provide a kitty for product surplus removal, if it becomes necessary.

Possible assessment would be one-quarter cent per dozen to yield some \$11 million a year. Surplus would be removed from the market either by subsidizing exports of eggs from the fund or paying incentives to producers to remove hens early.

It is thought this system could work occasionally in emergency situations but overuse would make it ineffective by depleting the fund.

Quality Control

Here, quality standards are used to attempt to control the market flow.

NAAB honors David Yoder

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MADISON, WISC. — David J. Yoder, general manager of Atlantic Breeders Cooperative, Lancaster, was honored with the Distinguished Service Award at the 38th annual convention banquet of the National Association of Animal Breeders in Madison, Wisc.

The highest award given by the A.I. industry, Yoder was recognized by NAAB president Herb Behnke for his work beginning in 1944 as a technician for the Southeastern Pennsylvania Artificial Breeding Cooperative. Yoder was named manager of SPABC later that same year, and, after 20 years became manager of Atlantic when SPABC merged with Western Pennsylvania Artificial Breeding Cooperative.

Yoder served as a member of the Board of Directors of NAAB for six years and was its vice-president and president from 1964-1968. Behnke cited Yoder's work in "leading and educating farmers" and "detailing the benefits possible with cooperatives and developing guideposts."

The recognition plaque reads, in part, "as an expression of the respect and gratitude for distinguished service and outstanding contributions to the development of the AI industry."

Yoder's wife Lou, daughter Connie and son Randy were on hand for the presentation.

A native of Bluffton, Ohio, Yoder worked his way through Bluffton College earning a degree in 1942 with a major in biological science.

He was named a "Pennsylvania

AI Pioneer" by The Pennsylvania State University and was honored by the Pennsylvania Association of Farmer Cooperatives with its Distinguished Service Award in 1978.

Locally, Yoder is a member of (Turn to Page A29)



David J. Yoder, left, general manager of Atlantic Breeders Cooperative, receives the Distinguished Service Award from Herb Behnke, president of the National Association of Animal Breeders.

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