Gaymans process their own feed and add profits

CHAMBERSBURG - Livestock and egg producers who invest in on-the-farm feed processing systems do so for two primary reasons.

First, they are concerned with achieving a more uniform mix. They know that accurately

maximum productivity.

When this maximum productivity is achieved, they are better able to control costs and profits are higher. These higher profits are the second reason that many

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balanced rations result in producers opt for on-the-farm feed

mixing today. Ronald and Clifford Gayman, owners of Hillside Poultry Farm in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania are egg producers who have been milling their own feed with a volumetric automatic system for several years, and recently updated their system by installing a Prater Blue Streak Feed Processor.

"Our first system sold us on processing our own feed," says Ronald Gayman, general manager. "Almost immediately we could see the profitability in higher production. We saved time too, since the system was fully automated.'

Although the system was a definite plus to production, the Gaymans knew that a processor which could deliver a more accurate mix, measured by weight, would increase profits even more. "We had the best volumetric

system available to producers at the time," says Gayman. "The Prater Feed Processor was not available to the farmer when we first decided to mill our own feed."

The Gayman's new Prater feed processor was installed in September 1985. According to their records, the system is delivering a batch of more accuracy and consistency than the volumetric system.

Because the Prater Blue Streak Processor is compact, it could be fit into the same 12 foot-by-12-foot space the existing system occupied; so there was no need for extensive remodeling to accomodate the change. Parts for the old system could be adapted to the Prater system resulting in even more savings during the conversion.

According to Gayman, the decision to update was based on several features of the Prater system that would improve and expedite processing.

He noted Prater's mixing principle known to the industry as "Twin Spiral Mixing." This refers to the fact that two vertical spirals turning at different speeds within the mixing chamber create a differential mixing action.

The material being mixed is actually moving in three directions simultaneously: vertically downward, vertically upward, and horizontally between the spirals. Prater calls this the "H" action.

Maximum uniformity and accuracy were the main reasons the Gaymans chose the Prater system. First, it offered a hammermill powered by a 7½ HP motor with thirty-six heavy duty hammers, designed to run slowly. This provides a more uniform grind.

Secondly, the system's micro ingredient hopper, outfitted with vibratory feeders, dispensed micro ingredients such as antibiotics, into a high accuracy weigher for the most accurate on-the-farm batching available to date.

"We were also looking to conserve energy and save time," says Gayman. "We found that the Prater system is designed for energy efficiency, and that cleaning has been simplified with a drop bottom cleanout design. There is very little I need to do to keep the system operational." he continues. "The system runs with very little help from human hands. I simply push a button in the morning, and forget it the rest of

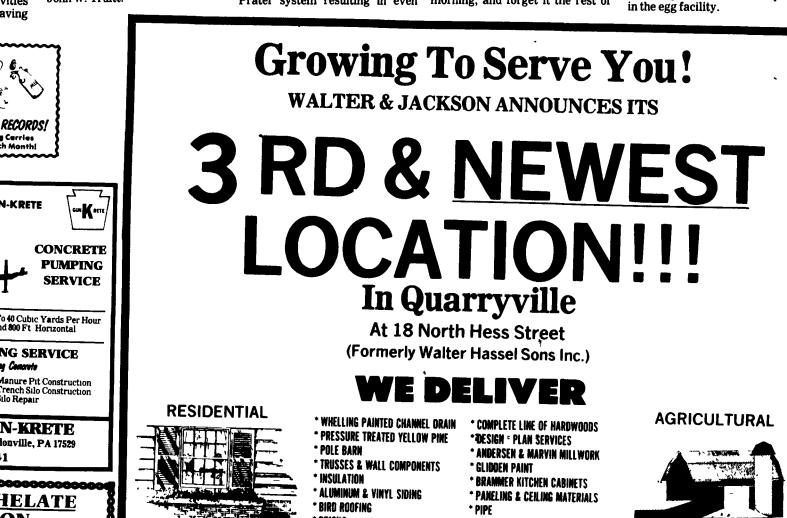
the day."

This particular system is programmed to mix twelve batches of feed per day. The unit is also advertised as being the easiest system on the market to service.

The new Prater Processor was installed at Hillside Poultry Farm by Tam Agri Corporation of Dillsburg, Pennsylvania. Tam Agri also installed and serviced the previous volumetric system. The company is well known to the industry for its reliable service and its "turn key" operation. This allows them to take a job from design through to a completed operating system, supplying grain bins, bucket elevators, dryers, and buildings as necessary.

Hillside Poultry Farm is an integrated egg processing operation which means that feed is manufactured on the site and some ot the produce is sold right on the premises in a "farm store." Other eggs from this computerized operation are distributed to markets for sale. The Gaymans feel that they are a large operation when measured on the familytype, independent producer scale They are currently feeding approximately 140,000 birds a day and gathering upwards of 3,000,000 dozen eggs per year.

The growing enterprise began in 1932 when Ronald and Clifford's grandfather, John Gayman, started with less than 500 chickens. Today, these third generation Gaymans operate the egg producing facility, the farm store, and they farm more than 500 acres of crops per year. Two full-time farm hands help with the work and several part-timers are employed



Lange heads Delmarva Poultry Assoc.

GEORGETOWN, Del. - Otto K. three children: Mark, Matthew, Lange, vice president and general manager of Buyers' Marketing Service, Inc., Salisbury, and April. Other officers serving with Lange are: 1st vice president -Maryland, is the 1986 president of David VanHoose, general manager, Paramount Poultry -

Delmarva Poultry Industry, Inc. (DPI), trade association for Delmarva's billion dollar broiler industry. Lange has been associated with Delmarva's poultry industry for the past 28 years.

Lange and his wife, Connie, live in Salisbury, Maryland. They have

DPI hires new executive assistant

GEORGETOWN, Del. - Effective, Jan. 1, Gerald B. Truitt, Jr. assumed the position of executive assistant of Delmarva Poultry Industry, Inc. (DPI), the poultry trade association representing all phases of the billion dollar broiler industry on the Delmarva Peninsula. He fills the vacancy created by the retirement of William R. Stephens who served in that capacity until December 31, 1985.

'We are extremely delighted that Jerry Truitt has accepted this position for which he is uniquely qualified," commented Ed Ralph, DPI executive director. "Jerry has been very active in DPI activities for the past 25 years - having

served as DPI president in 1984, an active director for many years plus effective committee chairman and member on numerous occasions.

"Jerry's work experiences with the Worcester Fertilizer Company, Maryland Farm Credit, Maryland National Bank and most recently with Equitable Bank have provided him with a great wealth of experience and a broad knowledge of the Shore and contacts with large numbers of people in all walks of life," Ralph said.

Truitt and his wife, Jean, live in Salisbury, Maryland. They have two sons: Gerald B. Truitt, III, and John W. Truitt.



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