

Del. Extension Offers Broiler Computer Programs

NEWARK, Del. — Approximately 200 new broiler houses were constructed on Delmarva in 1985. Most growout companies are anxious to see an equal or greater number constructed this year. The future looks good indeed for the chicken meat industry.

"When viewed from a broad perspective, new broiler housing is definitely a good decision for Delmarva," says University of Delaware extension poultry specialist Dan Palmer. However, he cautions individual growers to examine their own special set of circumstances before deciding to build. First-time growers have even more homework to do than existing producers who wish to expand. It can sometimes be hard to assemble and analyze all the information which must be collected before the construction crew arrives. This is where a computer can help.

University of Delaware extension farm management specialist Dr. Don Tilmon has developed computer programs designed to help people interested in putting up new poultry housing.

The programs are for broiler, roaster and cornish production. The Grower Committee of Delmarva Poultry Industry, Inc. (DPI) assisted Tilmon with the basic input information and will continue to update this information each year.

This summer during the Delaware State Fair, July 18-26, University of Delaware extension personnel will be on hand in a special tent on the fairgrounds to meet with anyone interested in new poultry house construction.

Those interested in new poultry house construction will have a second opportunity to see how the computer program works during Agricultural Resources Day (formerly Farm and Home Field Day), Saturday, August 9, at the university's Research and Education Center (formerly the Substation) near Georgetown.

For additional information on Delaware Extension's broiler house decision-making program, contact: Dan Palmer at the University of Delaware Research and Education Center, RD 2, Box 48, Georgetown, DE 19947 (302-856-7303).

Pa. Conservation Districts Honored by Goodyear

AKRON, Ohio — Northumberland Conservation District and Washington Conservation District are grand award winners in the 39th annual Goodyear Conservation Awards Program.

The Pennsylvania districts were among the 106 top prize winners nationwide in the competitions sponsored by The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company in cooperation with the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD).

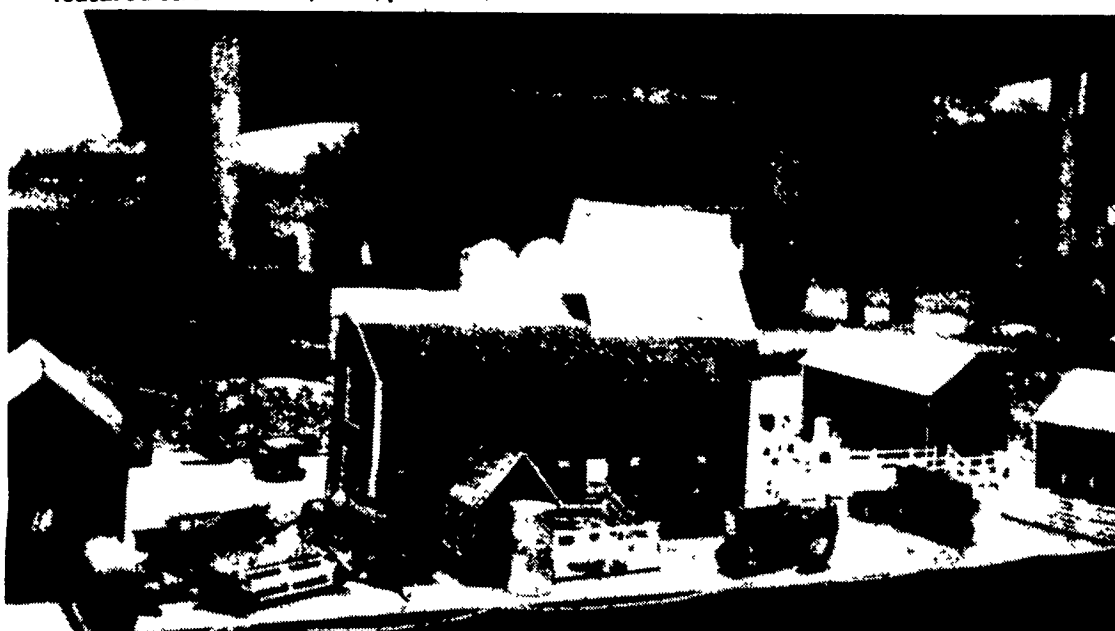
An independent judging committee of state agricultural leaders selected the winners on the basis of the districts' accomplishments in soil and water conservation, according to Ray Oviatt, awards program director.

Bradford CD, Butler CD and Cambria CD, grand award winners within the past five years and hence ineligible to repeat, were named Honor Districts in recognition of their continued excellence.



Carroll County, Maryland, needs its agriculture just like every other county in Lancaster Farming Territory. To celebrate the annual Farm Show last Sunday at the farm museum in Westminster, a spread of farm products was assembled in front of the sign. Lancaster Farming's Maryland staff correspondent Sharon Schuster who won a fun trip to the fair took the photo.

The Farm Bureau had an attractive display of crops native to Carroll County and featured strawberries, corn, peaches, wheat and wine as well as others.



A model farm taken to area Carroll County schools was on display at the annual fair. The farm is used for demonstrations to school students. In the background is the Carroll County agricultural preservation information booth.

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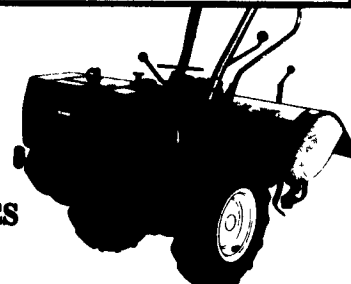
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