

National Egg Producers

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leaders. Paul Wolgemuth Jr., an Elizabethtown egg producer, chaired the meeting.

After discussion, the representatives decided that the next step is to approach two national organizations, United Egg Producers and the American Egg Board, and ask their help. Specifically the Egg Board will be asked to consider promotion on the aspects of the program and, it is hoped, that the United Egg Producers will give input in drawing up a supply management plan.

Wenger stressed, "The meeting was strictly discussion. Proposals were not drawn up."

Some discussion centered on methods of financing a possible supply management plan and promotion. Also, a follow-up survey was suggested. But, at this point, no additional steps will be taken in that direction until the committee meets with the national organizations.

Since egg producers suffered losses totaling \$26 million last year, they are scrambling to gain control of a declining market and spiraling prices.

Wolgemuth with a committee composed of concerned producers from Lancaster County, the largest egg producing county in the nation, met with Dr. Madison and drew up the questionnaire that was

mailed to 2,100 producers nationwide. The survey elicited responses from producers who supply 70 percent of the eggs nationwide. It showed an overwhelming belief that some type of supply management and marketing order should be sought for the egg industry.

To pursue further direction, the committee planned the Chicago meeting to gather additional insight from nationwide egg producers.

Representatives from eastern Pennsylvania included Dale King, egg producer; Mel Gehman, Heritage Poultry Management Service, Inc.; Al Wenger of Wenger Feeds of Rheems, and Paul Wolgemuth Jr., chairman of the committee and an egg producer.

Begins Second Year In RULE

MT. HOLLY SPRINGS (Cumberland) — Larry Gurreri, Mt. Holly Springs, is participating in the Pennsylvania Rural Leadership (RULE) program, which is being sponsored by Penn State University to train rural community leaders.

Gurreri, an employee of Holly Milk Cooperative, began his second year on Nov. 18. Participants were selected from rural areas statewide based on demonstrated commitment to public problem-solving.

The first year of the program centered on rural issues, such as environmental concerns, rural

economic development and health care/promotion. The second year will be devoted to regional problems in a national context and will include a trip to Washington, D.C., to observe the legislative process.

Gurreri is a maintenance mechanic at Holly Milk, a subsidiary of Atlantic Dairy Cooperative. He will graduate from the RULE program in April 1989, after completing a series of nine workshops.

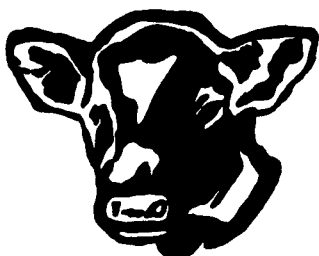
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