

# Egg Producers Face Challenges Over Long, Hot Summer

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Also, the Haas family was challenged to make sure your water's there, and make sure you have plenty of water and feed, said Steve.

"From then on, Mother Nature's got to take care of the rest," Willard said.

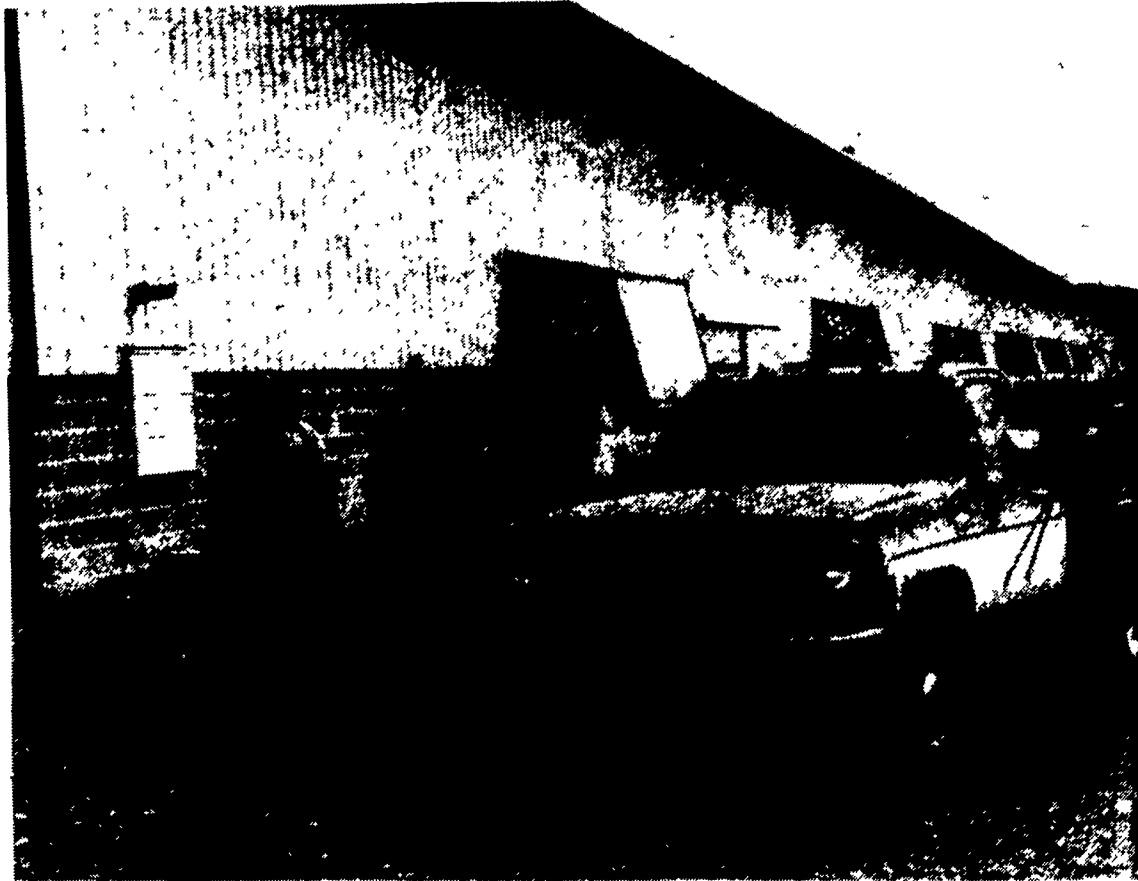
For the past three years, the Haas family has been raising birds and shipping eggs to Quaker State, in Klingerstown, owned by Papetti's Hygrade Egg Products, Inc.,

Elizabeth, N.J. The eggs are shipped for further processing to meet the demands of the processed egg market, growing year by year.

Using Deltas has proved beneficial, according to Willard, because they are a fairly good egg maker, provide a good case weight, and hold up "real good" during heat.

"Some producers lost lots of birds to the heat, where we lost very few," said Haas.

The eggs are large, with good shell quality and case weight.



The Haas father and son team take care of two houses, one built in the spring of 1992 to house 110,000 hens and the other finished in late 1993 to house 125,000 hens. At left is Willard, and at right is Steven.



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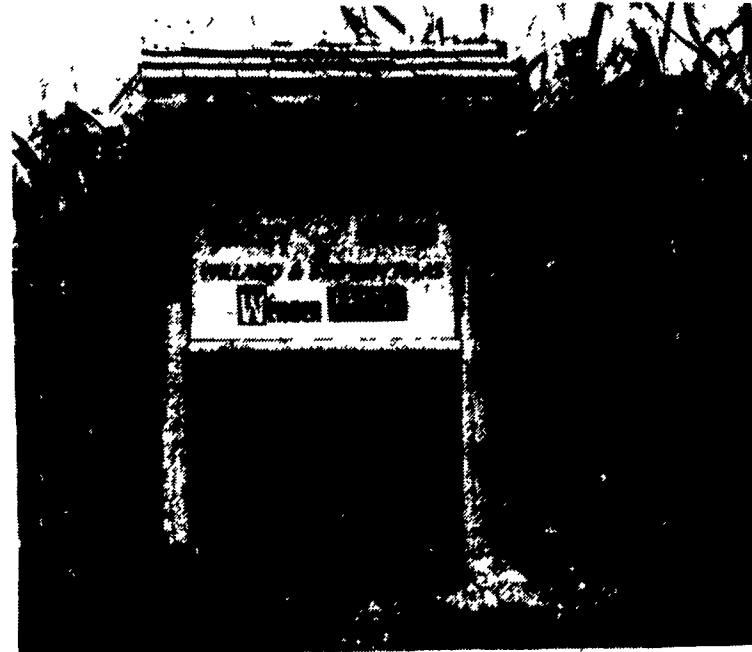
The Haas family farms about 1,300 acres total — about 40 percent owned and the rest on rented ground. All feed and birds are supplied by Wengers.

Of the 1,300 acres, the Haas family farms in Schuylkill, Northumberland, and Dauphin counties. They manage 730 acres of corn, 350

acres of beans, and 180 acres of wheat. They employ one full-time worker, Scott Hoffman. Also, help (Turn to Page 13)



The eggs are stored here, ready for shipping. Here, Willard, left and Steve inspect the 1,000-square foot refrigerator.



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