

Sales - increase 2 - 3% because of general marketing system and also large sales to N.S.W. Producers over 1,000 birds will receive 12 1/2% increase in Quotas for next season. This will take us up to the State maximum. The Board is in a very good financial position, because of surplus from new hen levy approximately 30 cents per bird will be paid to Producers at the end of June.

Equalisation position very sound, Producers will need a price increase which should be tied to the C.P.I.

A.C.T. - lot of pressure put on V.E.B., we have put our price up to Barter's. Barter is now on quota and will remain so, A.C.T. has applied for extra quota.

A.E.B., no carry over so no surplus.

Research, general survey on egg consumption to find out number of eggs eaten per person.

18 egg pack now operating - sales good.

McDonalds commence next year with their egg muffin product, also the pavalova mix will be on the market in January.

F.C.P.F.A. REPORT:-

J. Scott reported on meeting in Tasmania on 28th September, 1979. He said they were totally disorganised, stock feed wheat - submission to be drawn up. Yolk colour - N.S.W. pushing for higher grade.

R. ROBINS reported on meatmeal prices - Mayfair \$306.50; Pridhams \$350.50; Borthwick \$335.00; South Australian Meatmeal \$246.00.

Harley \$104.00 per tonne. Wheat - prepaid \$130.00, actual price \$124.40 on farm. Late Accounts at Co-op will be charged 1% interest.

D.Oakes - Stock Feed Wheat - contract for 4 months, not much cheaper than domestic price, adjustment every 4 weeks.

BRANCH RESOLUTIONS:-

(1) "D.S.M. - discuss legislation in progress"

Moved M. Jackman, seconded R. Robins that we write to Mr. Burgin (Convenor of Liberal Party Agricultural Committee) thanking him for his letter, showing concern in relation to the conditions of the enquiry into the V.E.B., ask what the terms of reference will be, and suggest that great consideration should be given to the selection of the men on the enquiry. Carried.

(copies of letter to Mr. Burgin to be sent to J. Radford, B. Reid, W. Ebery and A. Wood)

Moved H. Webb, seconded J. Scott that Secretary write to Mr. D. Foster, Chairman of F.C.P.F.A. thanking him for his efforts towards the continuation of D.S.M. in this State, also for his work in the A.C.T. case. Carried.

(2) "Stock Feed Wheat - discuss outcome of new legislation"
Decision - nothing could be done at this stage.

(3) "Meatmeal - discuss means of controlling and monitoring price changes",
Moved A. Hudson, seconded M. Jackman that Secretary write to Poultry Research Council offering our support to their organisation and suggest that a Committee be set up to control and monitor the supply of meatmeal and price changes. Carried.

(4) "Egg price, when and how much should prices move, and could they perhaps be tied to C.P.I."

Moved M. Jackman, seconded J. Scott that Secretary write to V.E.B. and suggest that the advance price to Producers should include an increase comparable to the C.P.I. index, over and above increase related to cost of production. Carried.

(5) "Exotic Diseases, compensation for loss of income while under quarantine and until operation can recommence."

Moved J. Scott, seconded H. Webb that Secretary write to Dr. Brian Rushford Division of Animal Health and suggest that the compensation should be in three parts - (1) replacement value of buildings and equipment.

(2) stock loss.

(3) loss of income while farm is out of action.

Carried.

(6) "What do Members feel on future of Burnley Random Sample Laying Test." Moved M. Jackman, seconded R. Robins that Secretary write to Minister of Agriculture and inform him that we support the maintaining of the facilities at Burnley for the Random Sample Laying Test.

Carried.

GENERAL BUSINESS:-

Moved J. Scott, seconded J. Moncrieff that Secretary write to V.E.B. congratulating the move of the A.E.B. and C.E.M.A.A. to reduce the number of meetings they hold to two per year.

Carried.

Meeting closed at 6.20 p.m.

Chairman,

Date