

COMMERCIAL EGG PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA  
SOUTH BENDIGO BRANCH  
c/o Symonds Street, Golden Square. 3555.

12th November 1980

The Minister of Agriculture,  
c/o Department of Agriculture,  
166 Wellington Parade,  
East Melbourne.

Dear Sir.

At a meeting of the Bendigo and South Bendigo branches of the C.E.P.A. on Monday 10th November 1980, members expressed concern about the current situation with the two main ingredients of poultry rations. We were informed that on the 29th of October the Poultry Advisory Committee recommended that limited export of meatmeal be allowed as there was reported to be a surplus of between 4000 and 6000 tonnes to local requirements.

Within two weeks there now is a shortage with stocks unavailable from the regular suppliers to this area, ie. Borthwicks, Mayfair and Huttons, and all prices quoted are up from \$5-\$15 /tonne. Stocks can still be obtained from Pridhams, but at a price around \$50 higher. The reason given for the shortage is that export orders are taking all their supplies.

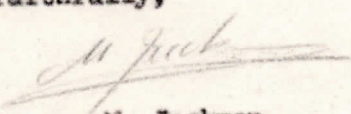
Our meeting came to the conclusion that either the information supplied to the P.A.C. was false or that export is occurring at a rate considerably more than limited.

The other item concerning members is the current and projected increases in the price of wheat in relation to the return from eggs and egg products. We feel that the continued large increases in feed prices must force a rise in egg prices before the new year.

This letter is intended to inform you of the situation as of this date to enable you to take appropriate action if and when necessary.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

  
M. Jackman.  
Secretary, South Bendigo Branch.