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Mrs. J. Vipadi,
Secretary,
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Dear Jean,

I write on behalf of the members of our Association requesting the installation of a washing machine at Crystal Grading Floor in Bendigo. It was deemed necessary that all producers contribute to the purchase of the machine at Keysborough and country producers request the same privilege as their Metropolitan counterparts.

We also wish to bring to your attention the new three grade system which has meant a decrease in returns to producers. It seems ridiculous to have 61 and 62 gram eggs being included in the medium grade. 61 gram and upwards is the top grade in N.S.W., and this seems to be a more reasonable division of grade sizing. We suggest that the Board review the three grade system by dropping the grade sizes, this way you will have a bigger supply of larger eggs and Producers may gain a little extra profit.

At a time when the State Boards are trying to operate uniformly - the Victorian decision on grade division seems to have been introduced without a lot of consideration of the implications.

The Whole Meal Egg Promotion is another poorly planned innovation, we have a situation where the Board is expecting this type of egg to take over 10% of sales. But unfortunately the colour chart to be adhered to is not feasible, the strains of hens available today cannot produce a large number of eggs of the required colour. The Board needs to reassess their shell colour requirements, if the consumer demand for this product is to be met.

Hoping these matters will be discussed at your next meeting,

Yours sincerely,

K. Fitzgibbon,
SECRETARY

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