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Charles and Henry Mallory chi with corn fertilized with

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chicken litter.

## **Chickens benefit farmers**

Henry and Charles Mallory, who farm and raise broilers in the New Hope Community, are receiving an added benefit from their chicken houses. This benefit is in the form of nutrients that the chickens produce, which the Mallory's use as fertilizer for corn production. Mallory's two housed each contain 21,000 birds per flock and usually about six flocks are fed out yearly. The manure from these chickens contain about 10,500 pounds of nitrogen. 50 percent or 5,250 pounds of this nitrogen is available for plant production. This is enough nitrogen to grow about 38 acres of corn with no additional commercial fertilizer. "We are saving \$55-\$60 per acre on land where we utilize our chicken litter and we are adding organic matter to the soil" stated Mallory. Charles applies the correct amount of nitrogen to the land by spreading the litter at a rate of 4-5 tons per acre. "The houses have to be cleaned out annually and by applying the litter at this rate is the most effi-

cient and environmentally sound way



There are a number of steps that can improve America's scientific approach to food processing. That can mean the U.S. can better compete with foreign food producers and remain strong.

## Special hay deliveries planned

A Forsyth County farmer Saturday became one of the first North Carolina dairymen to receive special deliveries of feed hay hauled into the state at reduced rates by Burlington Industries. R. Edgar Miller, coowner of GEM Farms near Winston-Salem took delivery on a load of Burlington-shipped feed hay from Wharton, Ohio, Saturday.

Burlington announced July 11 that it would haul feed hay at or near cost on the return legs of its Northeastern and Midwestern delivery routes. The company also said it would give priority to feed hay loads—bumping other miscellaneous cargos ordinarily carried on backhaul arrangements.

In other drought-related efforts, the state Department of Commerce

and the North Carolina Agricultural Extension Servive have begun a cooperative effort to match needy North Carolina farmers to volunteer trucking operations and fresh sources of hay outside the drought area.

"Over the last four days, we've been inundated by calls from farmers and feed suppliers across the United States who have excess hay and want to get it to North Carolina farmers," said Commerce Department Agribusiness Specialist Jim Oliver. "Many are even offering hay at greatly reduced prices as a gesture of support for dairymen and cattle farmers in our drought area.

"We dare forwarding names and other key information about these out-of-state sources to the Extension



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## NOTICE OF BID FOR HOUSING REHABILITATION WORK TOWN OF HERTFORD

Notice is hereby given that bid packages may be obtained on or after Thursday, July 24, 1986, during normal office hours at the Hertford Town Hall for the rehabilitation of approximately three (3) dwelling units.

Bids will be received and opened on Thursday, August 7, 1986, at 3:00 P.M. at the Hertford Town Hall This work is funded through the State of Nerro Carolina, FY 1984, Small Cities and Community Development Black Grant Program.

The Town of Hertford is an Equal Opportunity Employer and encourages bidding by Small and Minority Contractors. Inquiries should be directed to the Town of Hertford at 426-5311. Service for compilation in an up-todate directory of feed hay sources. This directory is being mailed to county extension agents today and farmers should be able to contact their local extension office next week for assistance."

Oliver siad that once farmers have completed arrangements to purchase feed hay outside the droughtstricken Piedmont, they ncan contact trucking operation officials at Burlington Industries and Charlottebased Harris Teeter Supermarkets, which have volunteered to truck feed hay into the state at reduced rates.

"Burlington Industries and Harris Teeter Supermarkets have both agreed to haul feed hay into the drought-affected areas at or near cost," Oliver said. "Farmers or farm cooperatives that have arranged feed hay purchases can cal these companies to arrange hauling at reduced rates."

Burlington has announced it will haul feed hay on a top priority basis from out-of state. Harris Teeter will haul from locations in Eastern North Carolina to the parched Piedmont.

The Commerce Department, is presently working to identify more Tar Heel corporations willing to provide low-cost hauling services to the emergency effort.

Farmers interested in the special trucking services should call Burlington Industries at 1-800-672-5859 or harris Teeter Supermarkets' Dan Price at 1-800-331-2542. Both numbers are for North Carolina callers only.





