

Operations At Turkalina Plant Smooth And Rapid

The new Turkalina plant on the Fayetteville highway is one of the most efficient of its type in North Carolina and is also the newest one. Their employees number close to 100 and each is drilled and is proficient in one operation so that the entire assembly line processing runs smoothly and quickly. The operation is set up so that from 8 to 10 birds per minute are processed. This begins as the turkeys are first put on the hooks and killed till the time they are packed in boxes for the storage rooms.

The turkeys are unloaded from the trucks at the rear and put directly on the conveyor hooks which carry them to the man who kills them quickly and painlessly with an electric knife. They are stunned by the knife and their throat is cut so they may bleed freely. They next enter a vat of boiling water which tends to loosen the feathers from the body, next they go to a defeathering machine whose whirling rubber fingers strip the majority of the feathers from the birds body.

Several defeathering machines are stationed along the line intermingled with women who serve to remove all the remaining fea-

thers. The fowl is then turned upside down preparatory to more de feathering machines. Now the birds move into the main part of the plant where they are run through a gas burner which singes all the hairs and small minute pin feathers.

The birds are at this point switched to another conveyor line where the head and feet are removed and the drawing of the bird begins. A government inspector is stationed at this point where he quickly and efficiently examines each fowl for disease or other disqualifying factors. After the intestines are removed and the birds are washed thoroughly inside they are run through abin of hot steaming water.

They are then placed in hand-trucks and covered by layers of ice for a few hours. This is done in order that the body heat of the birds is completely removed. After a few hours in the iced trucks they are placed on a conveyor to drain and then their wings and short thighs are removed and placed inside the fowl. They are now placed in cellophane bags, weighed, marked and packed in a box. The boxes contain from five to twelve birds depending upon the type and size of the birds.

They are then removed to the first freezing room and left for a minimum of 18 hours at a tem-

perature of 35 degrees below zero. Then they are placed in one of the remaining two freezing rooms, temperature 0 degrees, until they are sold and removed.

Turkalina is so well planned that they have their own ice making equipment which is capable of producing 28 tons each day.

Turkeys Head November List Of Plentiful Foods

Abundant supplies of turkeys will be on hand for November food markets, the local county agent for the State College Extension Service, said this week.

This year's record-breaking crop of turkeys gives them a top spot on the U. S. Department of Agriculture plentiful foods list for November, he explained.

Other foods on the November plentiful foods list are raisins, frozen fish, canned tuna, table grapes, figs, carrots, dry baby lima beans, tree nuts, salad oils, vegetable shortening and, table fats, nonfat dry milk, cottage cheese, butter-milk, and honey.

He said that raisin production this year is expected to exceed 290,000 tons, compared with 242,000 tons last season, and a 5-year average production of 232,000 tons.

California, chief source of fresh table grapes in November, is harvesting a crop about a fourth larger than average. The state also has the largest carrot crop since the war years, the county agent said.

The aggregate production of tree nuts is larger than the 1941-50 average, though smaller than last year. Georgia, which grows most of the crop of improved varieties of pecans, has an estimated crop of 30,504,000 pounds, compared to 42,300,000 pounds last year, and an average of 25,008,000 pounds.

IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE

Farmers To Consider '53 Economic Outlook

Teams of specialists from State College will meet with farmers, home agents and county agents in some 95 counties next month to consider the economic outlook for 1953, Dorris D. Brown, farm management specialist for the State College Extension Service, and Miss Mamie Whisnant, home management extension specialist, has announced.

The outlook meeting will be held in Hoke County on November 14 at 2:00 p. m. in the County Office Building, according to

John Potter, county agent for the State College Extension Service. Specials here for the meeting will be John Curtis and Charles Williams.

The meetings, most of which start at 10 a. m. and 2 p. m. each week day from November 5 through November 21, are being conducted to provide farm families with "an increased amount of timely economic information," Mr. Potter said.

Five teams of State College extension specialists will cover the State, devoting two hours to each meeting. The programs will consider four topics:

Factors that influence future

prices; likely commodity prices in 1953; the outlook for consumers; and application of the outlook to the farm and home business. Mr. Potter pointed out that the meetings are being held now to make economic information available before farmers plans their 1953 programs. The outlook meetings will supplement rather than take the place of farm management schools held in many counties each year.

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