

by \$6,000. We also propose that operating expenses of the Bureau of Milk Control be reduced by \$10,000 to cover reductions in printing and traveling.

#### *Equipment*

\$75,325 of the \$122,213 proposed for equipment is for new automobiles. In 1946-47, \$62,800 was spent for this purpose.

#### *Recommendations*

*We recommend that Item 39 be reduced by \$29,660 to cover elimination of the two positions mentioned above, a reduction in seasonal help where new positions have been added, and \$5,000 in equipment. Likewise, proposed setting up of Item 37.1 establishing separate control over the budgeted increase in the Division of Economics from both the General and Special Fund, will correspondingly reduce Item 39 by \$121,701, the amount of such increase which will be paid out of the Department of Agriculture Fund. This will include budgeted increases in the Bureaus of General Marketing Service, Market News, Agricultural Statistics, Fruit and Vegetable Standardization and Weights and Measures. These proposed reductions will cut Item 39 to \$2,709,118, a total reduction of 5.6 percent.*

### **Poultry Improvement Commission**

#### **For Support of the Poultry Improvement Commission, From the Poultry Testing Project Fund**

Item 40, page 6 of the Budget Bill and pages 91 to 93, inclusive, of the Budget. Amount budgeted \$9,546 for support, payable from the Poultry Testing Project Fund.

This represents an increase of \$124 or 1.3 percent over expenditures of \$9,422 for the 1945-46 Fiscal Year; and an increase of \$1,799 or 23.2 percent over the amount of \$7,747 allowed for expenditure in the 1946-47 Fiscal Year.

#### *Recommendation*

*In view of the recognized value of these expenditures to the poultry industry, we recommend the approval of Item 40 as requested.*

#### **For Additional Support of Poultry Improvement Commission, From Fair and Exposition Fund**

Item 41, pages 6-7 of the Budget Bill and pages 91 to 93, inclusive, of the Budget. Amount requested \$8,760 from the Fair and Exposition Fund, an increase of \$3,816 or 77.2 percent over expenditures in the 1945-46 Fiscal Year and \$280 or 3.3 percent over the amount of \$8,480 allowed for expenditure in the 1946-47 Fiscal Year.

#### *Recommendation*

*We recommend approval of Item 41 as requested.*

#### **For Construction, From the Poultry Improvement Commission**

Item 42, page 7 of the Budget Bill and pages 91-92 of the Budget. Amount requested is \$2,650 for construction, improvements and equip-

ment, Poultry Improvement Commission payable from the Fair and Exposition Fund. \$2,150 of this proposed appropriation is for painting exteriors of buildings, and \$500 for paving roadways.

*Recommendation*

*We recommend approval of Item 42 for \$2,650.*

**Poultry Industry Request**

Representatives of the poultry industry at a meeting December 13, 1946, proposed that the activities represented in this budget should be expanded to include a random sampling test of egg production and a test of fryer meat production. These new activities would require additional grants of funds. *If this is allowed it should come from the Fair and Exposition Fund, to provide additional equipment and operating expense.* Subsequent to this meeting the Poultry Improvement Commission formulated a schedule of the amounts which would be necessary to carry out the program recommended by the industry. These amounts are itemized as follows:

Capital Outlay	
5 poultry houses.....	\$25,000
40 fryer batteries .....	4,500
50 electric brooders and brooding equipment.....	1,500
1 superintendent's residence.....	15,000
Alteration to present residence.....	1,000
All steel boundary fence for grounds.....	3,500
Sewers, roads, extension of present water system.....	2,000
3 acres additional land.....	5,000
Garage .....	1,000
<b>Total Capital Outlay.....</b>	<b>\$58,500</b>
Annual Support:	
Assistant General Manager and Additional Personnel.....	\$10,000
Compensation for Commission Members.....	2,000
Miscellaneous Supplies and Equipment.....	3,000
Operating Expenses .....	10,000
	<b>\$25,000</b>

In addition it was proposed to request that \$5,000 annually be made available from the Fair and Exposition Fund for cash awards to entrants in the three tests to encourage wider participation. This would increase total additional annual support proposed to \$30,000.

*This is a question of policy which must be determined by the Legislature. If the program recommended by the poultry industry is approved, the amounts requested appear necessary to put into effect the proposed program.*

**Soil Conservation Commission**

**For Support of Soil Conservation Commission**

Item 43, page 7 of the Budget Bill, and page 94 of the Budget. Amount requested, \$10,300 for support—from the General Fund.

*This represents a decrease of \$2,200 or 17.6 percent from the amount of \$12,500 allowed for expenditure in the 1946-47 Fiscal Year.*