

State Cracking Down on Migratory Beekeepers Health Law Violations

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Effective April 1 all bee hives and used beekeeping equipment entering Pennsylvania must be certified as free from diseases by the state of origin, the State Department of Agriculture said Monday.

Secretary of Agriculture William L. Henning said the action was taken at the request of the Assn in an effort to protect Pennsylvanians from migratory beekeepers in violation of sanitary and health practices.

The regulation is made under provisions of the Apiary Inspection Act of 1921. This act governs the keeping and movement of bees and used beekeeping equipment and provides for periodical inspection of bees and hives.

Henning said bees or used beekeeping equipment entering Pennsylvania after April 1 must be accompanied by a certificate indicating freedom from disease. Notice must be given to the Bureau of Plant Industry, Department of Agriculture, Harrisburg, within 10 days of the movement of bees or used equipment.

According to regulations, hives or other used equipment must be plainly marked with the name and address of the owner and the exact location where placed.

Packaged bees bearing a certificate of inspection from the state of origin are exempt from the new regulations.

The Bureau of Plant Industry each year inspects bee colonies for diseases. In 1957 field agents inspected 55,000 colonies, approximately 12,000 more than during the previous inspection period.

Exposition to Be One Day Longer; Pen Lots Added

The official date for the second annual Pennsylvania National Livestock Exposition has been set for next Nov 10-15 inclusive, according to announcement today by the executive committee headed by Leon Falk, Jr., Pittsburgh. This is one more day than the first exposition held last Nov 12-16. Moving the opening day from Tuesday to Monday will make the coming show a 6-day event.

However, exposition livestock entries will be released at 8 p. m. on Friday, Nov 15. L. H. Bull, Deputy Secretary of Agriculture and exposition secretary, said livestock to be used in the annual intercollegiate events at the Eastern Livestock Show, Timonium, Md., will be released earlier if requested by Eastern Livestock Show officials.

For the 1958 Pennsylvania National Livestock Exposition the committee today authorized premium awards for pen lots of steers, swine and sheep. This innovation is expected to attract feeders of livestock in showing their market type animals.

Provisions will be made for 15 pens of five fat cattle each, 15 pens of ten fat lambs and 15 pens of ten market type hogs.

Inspections are made to determine the presence of American Foul Brood, the number one killer of honey bees and European Foul Brood. All illegal hives and diseased colonies are destroyed when discovered by Department agents.

State Poultry Federation Backs Benson's Plans

HARRISBURG, Pa. — Secretary Benson's program of flexible price supports for agricultural commodities hasn't laid an egg, according to Pennsylvania poultrymen.

E. I. Robertson, Lancaster, Pa., President of the Pennsylvania Poultry Federation has announced that the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Poultry Federation, representing the poultry industry in the Keystone State, voted unanimous approval of a resolution commending U. S. Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson for his firm stand on agricultural policy in the face of determined opposition from both Democrats and members of his own party.

This telegram reporting the commendation was sent to Secretary Benson. "The Directors of the Pennsylvania Poultry Federation," representing the organized voice of the Poultry Industry in Pennsylvania, today in their regular meeting, by unanimous vote affirm and support your stand on flexible price supports. Notice of this action is being brought to the attention of the members of the Agricultural Committee in Congress."

Copies of the telegram went to all U. S. Senators and Congressmen from Pennsylvania, and to all members of the Agriculture Committees of both houses of Congress. A copy was also sent to President Eisenhower, whose Gettysburg farm operations, incidentally, include a small flock of Bantams.

Game Bird Management Book Offered

The ninth edition of "Profitable Game Bird Management" has just been published by The Beacon Milling Company, Cayuga, New York.

This new 56-page booklet, revised and edited by Philip T. Grant, Superintendent, New Jersey Game Farm at Forked River, presents practical information on the raising of game birds. There are new illustrations of equipment and plans for quail breeding and rearing pens.

Feeding programs for pheasant, quail, and chukar have been brought up to date. Adults, 4-H Club members, and F.F.A. students interested in raising birds for sportsmen's clubs will find the information of value. It is of particular interest to the beginner and tells what to do and how to do it.

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