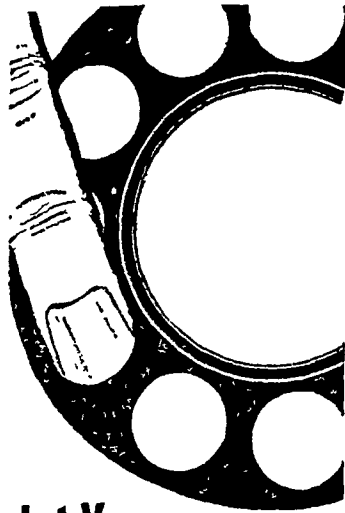


**Poultrymen**  
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 Poultrymen are finding, he said, that the program that will help control leucosis will also help control Chronic Respiratory Disease and other diseases. Dr. Gentry has initiated a



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sanitation. "The Program," he said, "Provides a service to the hatcheryman who wants to evaluate how good a job he is doing, and let him know what changes to make if he is not satisfied with his results."

Dr. John V. Shutze, extension poultry specialist, said continuous lights on growing pullets, even very dim lights, during the 10 to 20 week growing period is very detrimental to subsequent production.

Continuous lights on layers can also cut production, he said. Even very dim night lights can cut production by 10-15 per cent.

But the lighting on pullets is by far the most important part of the lighting program.

"If you never expose a pullet to an increasing day length, from 10 to 20 weeks of age, you will avoid the problem of pullets developing unevenly," he said. He explained that increasing day length will push the more mature pullets into production at an early age and a lighter body weight. The result will be smaller egg size and

less uniform hens. On the other hand, he said, hens should never be exposed to a decreasing day length. If natural light is to be supplemented with lights it is important to begin using lights, both morning and evening as soon as the days begin to shorten. Additional lights will not help a bit if the day length begins to shorten before the lights are used.

Dr. Gentry suggested using a program of a 14 hour day for the first 16 weeks, dropping to eight hour days to 20 weeks and then stepping back up to 14 hours a day in the laying house. In controlled environment houses, he said, the hens should be kept on a constant 14 hour day during the laying year.

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Apr 1 — 10 a.m. — Grand Opening of the auction pavilion at the Lancaster Union Stock Yards

7 p.m. — County FFA parliamentary procedure and public speaking contest at the New Holland High School

8 p.m. — Red Rose Baby Beef and Lamb club meets in the Milton Brecht School, Litz Pike, Lancaster.

Apr 2 — Noon — Red Rose D.H.I.A. supervisors meet at the home of Jacob Houser, Lampeter. Herbert Galmoie to be speaker.

4:30 p.m. — Lancaster County Teachers of vocational agriculture meet at Lampeter-Strasburg High School

8 p.m. — County Senior Extension club meets at the Farm Bureau Cooperative building

Apr 3 — 7 p.m. — County Fruit Growers and Honey Producers banquet at Hostetter's, Mount Joy

6:30 p.m. — Manor FFA parent and son banquet at Penn Manor High School, Millersville

Apr 4 — 1:30 p.m. — Farm Women 1 hosts Society 4 at Salem Lutheran Church, Lancaster.



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