

# Pa. Poultry Processors Discuss Inspection and Safety Laws

President Gene Bailey reported that he had attended a number of meetings in Washington, D.C., recently relating to changes in inspection.

Following a careful review of changes, a request was made for a 60 day extension of time, before rules become effective, and it was granted. Processors should take a careful look at the proposed changes and make any suggestions they may have to improve them.

The Associated Poultry and Egg Industries, representing several organizations, will probably make recommendations to the USDA.

Gene Bailey, chairman of the Institute's poultry processing committee, heads a committee appointed by Tom Reese, president of Associated, to review the proposed regulations and coordinate the work of developing comments.

Hermon Miller, National Tur-

key Federation's Washington representative, was appointed secretary of the committee. Other members include W. V. Smith, Chairman of the National Broiler Council's processing committee, and Henry Holler who heads the processing council of the Southeastern Poultry & Egg Association.

The next meeting of the industry group studying standards will be held August 18. Any suggestions on new proposals or present standards should be made available to this committee on or before that date. Following a review of proposals, the committee will probably make recommendations to the USDA.

Apparently there will be some reorganization of the inspection service. The eight regional offices will probably remain where they are now. There will be 35 area offices probably located in capitols of the various states.

There will be area supervisors to cover the inspection services.

Along with the reorganization, it has been intimated that an Inspector-In-Charge will be given more supervision responsibilities and will do more decision making. This should reduce the number of people to go through to get results, and therefore make it easier. Everything, including further processing will go thru the Inspector-In-Charge.

There seems to be some differences of opinion about rotation of inspectors. The Union is not exactly opposing it, and it appears that top offices are highly in favor of it.

It has been reported that there are many instances where reworking birds is taking place. When the Acceptable Quality (feathers, tissue, etc.) is too low and costly, reworking is required. There may be instances when birds will leave one plant to go to another and upon arrival at second plant the A.Q.L. may require reworking. Along with this, it was stated that when the pressure of 215 becomes unbearable, the committee should be advised and given an opportunity to work on the problem.

Reports have been received that broilers vaccinated for Mareks are showing up in the form of better quality.

It was reported that the matter had been investigated and the New York City dating law apparently does not apply to poultry.

The group seemed to agree that on check weighing—if 10 boxes are not short over ¼ lb. there should be acceptability.

A discussion on the new Health and Safety Legislation revealed that the enforcement agencies are very prone to be real tough. Plants can do a great deal to help themselves by checking areas for safety and making corrections before being forced to do so. The enforcement in Pennsylvania will probably be done by the Department of Labor and Industry in cooperation with the Federal Government.

The group was advised that a booklet on safety will be purchased and mailed to each member, and each plant should set up a safety committee to keep things in order.

Regarding Environmental Control, each plant not using sewage systems must apply to Army Engineers for clearance on their procedures on waste disposal.

It was suggested that if any processor runs in to any special inspection problem, he should contact Gene Bailey, so others can be alerted to avoid similar difficulties.

Just in case plants are not aware of regulations, their attention is called to the fact that "Every Pressure Vessel" in the plant should be insured and be state inspected. The plant insurance company can arrange for inspection.

The USDA has requested NBC, Turkey Federation and the Institution to set up a committee to work with them.

There appears to be considerable thinking on work schedules, especially as it relates to four -10-hour days a week. Management should give this matter some consideration to be prepared when an approach is made.

Should any processor wish to obtain more information on Health and Safety regulations, he should contact Joseph S. Perzella, Regional Administrator, OSHA, Penn Square Building, Room 413, Juniper and Filbert Streets, Philadelphia, Pa., 19107, Telephone 215-597-4102, 3, 4.

House Bill 1220, To prohibit phosphorus and other environmentally harmful substances in cleaning agents, is set up for a third reading in the House and then will go to the Senate.

E. J. Lawless Jr.,  
Secretary

## PP&L Sets Farm Workshop

PP&L's Farm Leaders Workshop has been announced for 4 p.m. Thursday, July 22 at Pine Grove.

The program includes a discussion period, buffet supper, and recreation.

Jerry B. Shaffer, PP&L farm specialist, will speak on "Electric Energy and Our Environment."

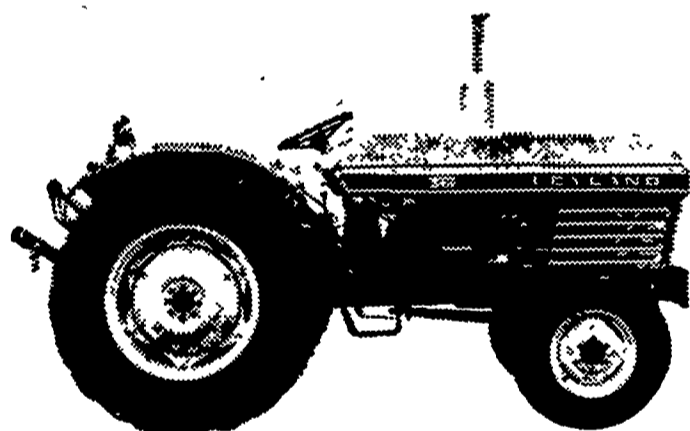
Merrill L. Phillips, PP&L farm specialist, will speak on

"What's New." He will cover heating and ventilating calf barns, distribution of manure through an irrigation system, a manure handling system for free stall barns, poultry manure drying, all electric poultry structures research, and dimmer control for laying houses.

An unannounced speaker will cover "The Electric Utility in Today's Economy."

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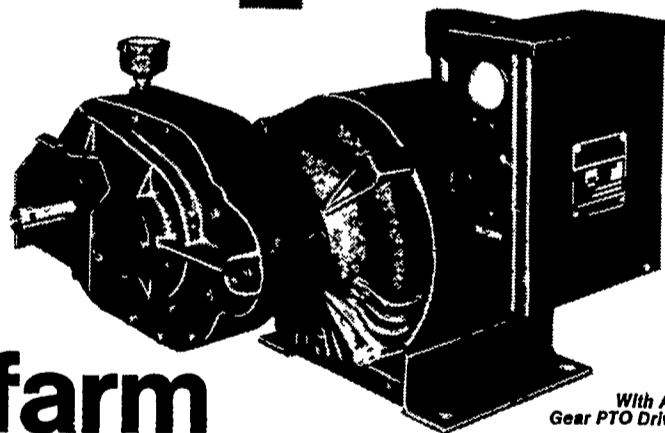
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