



The giraffe has a maximum life span of 30 years — approximately the same as the Neanderthal man during the early Stone Age.

## Pa. broiler, egg, and turkey meeting set

HARRISBURG — The 1978 Pennsylvania Poultry Conference scheduled for June 22, at the Host Farm in Lancaster, Pennsylvania will again feature three separate conferences for broilermen, eggmen, and turkeymen with prominent speakers from throughout the United States. The conference has grown in attendance every year for the last five years and nearly doubled last year when the separate conference for each commodity was instituted. A nationally known figure is also selected each year to address all three conferences in a joint session.

The Broiler Conference will include the following presentations: John Halladay, Russell Research Center, Athens, Georgia, "New Mechanical Handling Systems for Live Broilers"; Dr. Robert Eckroade, University of Pennsylvania, "Avian Infectious Bronchitis"; Charles H. Stevens, Spotts Stevens and McCoy, Inc., Engineering Consultants, "Pollution Management;" and Dr. Joseph MacNeil, Penn State "The Hidden Value of Taste Panels."

The Egg Conference includes Robert Fischer, Publications Editor, Hy-Line International, "New

Breakthroughs in Cholesterol Research"; Dr. Roland Leach, Penn State, "Nutritional Effects on Egg Shell Quality"; Linda Fithugh, Executive Vice President, California Egg Marketing and Research Agreement, "Egg Promotion California Style"; and Fred Adams, President, Cal-Maine Foods, Jackson, Mississippi, "Problems in Egg Marketing".

The Turkey Conference includes Ted Wasden, President of the National Turkey Federation, "What the Consumer Really Wants"; Dr. D.L. Cross, Clemson University, "Turning Waste (Litter) Into Profit"; Dr. Michael Humphrey, USDA, "Changes in Processing Regulations"; and Jack Merritt, Vice-President of Operations, Nicholas Turkey Breeding Farms, Inc., California, "Turkey Leg Problems".

The Educational Session of the day will come to a close with a price-outlook session for broilers, eggs, turkey, and feed. Speculating on these future prices will be John Pedersen of Poultry and Egg Fax, Stone Mountain, Georgia. In the

evening, the Pennsylvania Poultry Federation holds its Annual Banquet featuring entertainment and announcement of the broiler, egg, and turkey industry men of the year.

The conference and

banquet are open to everyone and advance registration can be made by writing to the Pennsylvania Poultry Federation, 500 N. Progress Ave., Harrisburg, Pa. 17109 or telephoning 717-652-7530.

## Grain reserve reported

WASHINGTON, — A telephone report by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) field offices shows that 324.9 million bushels of wheat and 77.3 million bushels of feed grain had been placed in the farmer-held grain reserve through May 9, according to Stewart Smith, associate administrator of USDA's Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS).


The figures cited by Smith were based on a telephone survey by ASCS. Feed grain in the reserve includes 21.3

million bushels of barley, 28.0 million bushels of corn, 24.2 million bushels of oats and 3.8 million bushels of sorghum.

The grain reserve takes grain off the market for a period of up to three years or until market prices reach certain rates specified by formulas in farm program regulations.

Beginning May 15, weekly telephone survey results will be included with the weekly report of price support loan activity which is usually issued each Monday.

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