

LT outbreaks, flock owners beware

HARRISBURG - The cool weather of Fall and Winter favors a return of trouble from LT (laryngotracheitis) and backyard flocks can be especially vulnerable, according to Pennsylvania Agriculture Secretary Kent Shelhamer.

"The fact that we have no confirmed LT outbreaks since May is encouraging, but we cannot allow ourselves to be lulled into thinking the disease has gone away," said Shelhamer. "Our poultry

industry is extremely important to the region, and a few precautions can save us a lot of time, trouble and expense down the road."

A costly outbreak of LT last year in southcentral and southeastern Pennsylvania was traced through backyard flocks. Shelhamer is urging backyard owners to take measures to protect their own birds while also acting through poultry farmers, servicemen and commercial flock owners to eliminate the possibility of

outbreak in their much larger flocks.

He cautioned backyard flock owners to take special care with crates and other implements coming to the farm via travelling poultry buyers or salesmen. He urged that all such materials be cleaned and disinfected before being allowed to remain on the property. Further, anyone working with these backyard birds must follow personal and clothing security procedures before coming into contact

with other flocks and commercial poultry operations.

The Agriculture Department is continuing to urge immunization against LT as the simplest means to prevent another outbreak. The expense of the vaccine is quite small when compared to the economic consequences of an outbreak of LT.

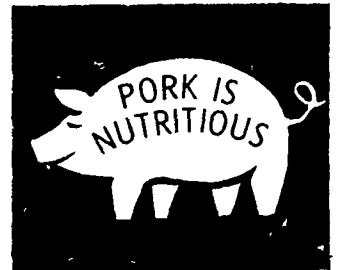
A bottle of vaccine enough to save from one to 500 chickens usually costs about \$4. Shelhamer urged flock Department's Bureau of Animal Industry, their local feedmen, or local poultry

veterinarians for more information.

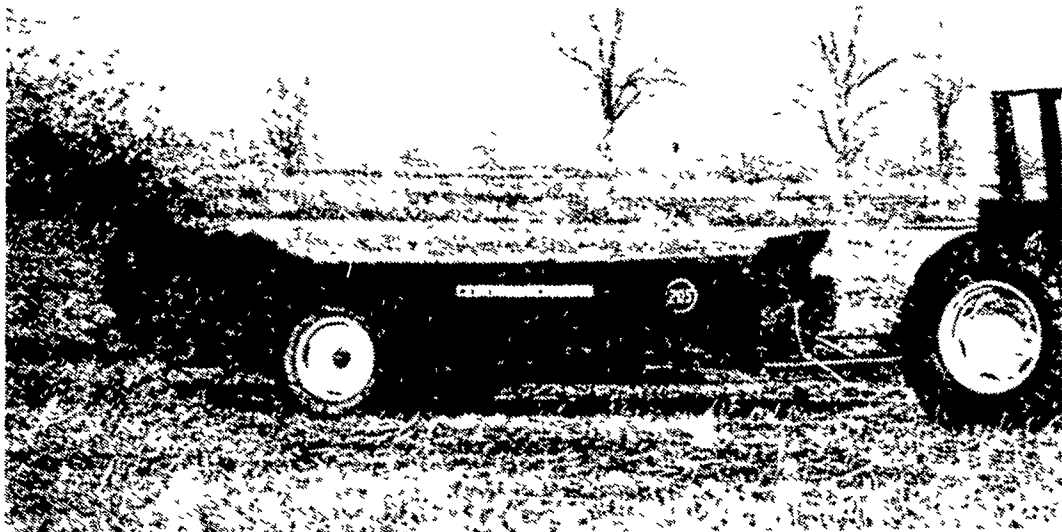
LT vaccination on an annual basis can significantly blunt the spread of disease to all layer, breeder and broiler flocks. Due to the many ways that LT can be carried, no flock can be considered completely isolated from another flock. Under these conditions, immunization becomes essential.

LT is a lethal respiratory virus infection of chickens which does not affect humans. Small flocks infected with LT have been

found in all parts of the state. In unvaccinated flocks, death losses have ranged from 10 to 70 per cent, sometimes ruining an entire small operation.

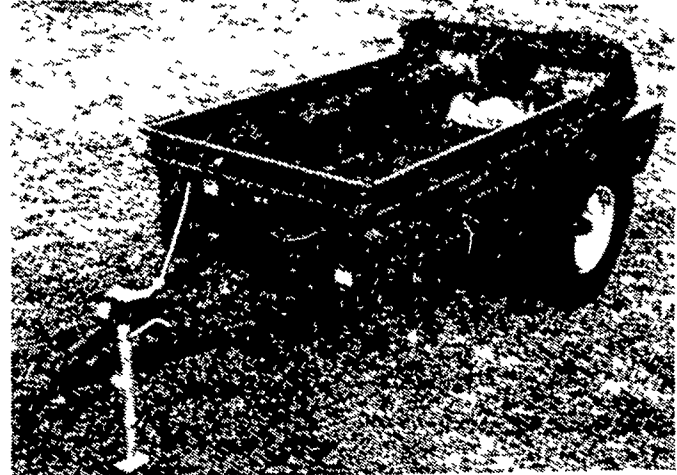


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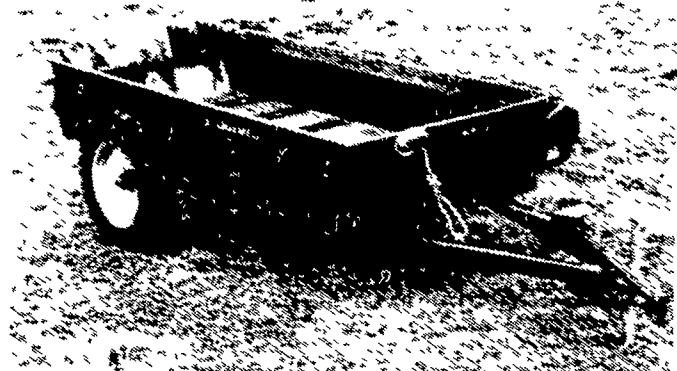
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