

# LT alert

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that while LT is highly contagious in broiler and laying chickens it does not affect other poultry, such as waterfowl or turkeys. And the disease does not affect the 'health' of the eggs produced by the chickens.

Since the severe outbreak in 1978, producers have been encouraged to vaccinate for LT using an eyedrop-vaccination when the birds are 7-8 weeks old, followed by a booster vaccine which can be administered through a spray or in the water when the birds are between 16-18 weeks old.

VanBuskirk pointed out that most commercial operations are aware of LT and how to deal with the problem, but noted most "backyard" chicken producers would not recognize the disease.

"These backyard flocks of 50 birds could lose 2 or 3 that seemed to be sneezing before they died and never suspect LT. These flocks harbor the disease and the birds become carriers," said VanBuskirk. "That's when it can get to a commercial flock."

Irwin pointed out that "for some time, small producers were given free vaccine to protect their flocks."

LT is easily spread by rodents,

wild birds and people. To safeguard an operation from possible exposure, producers should follow these recommendations:

- ✓ Do not visit other poultry farms;
- ✓ Insist that salesmen, feed deliverymen, egg customers, and pickup people stay out of the

house;

- ✓ Use all-in, all-out operations where possible;
- ✓ Lock all poultry houses;
- ✓ Provide obvious, outside receptacles for feed slips, invoices and other messages;
- ✓ Know your pullet source and its vaccination program.

- ✓ Consider starting a vaccination program for LT;
- ✓ Submit any suspicious birds to a diagnostic laboratory;
- ✓ Control rodents, and any stray dogs or cats; and
- ✓ Contact the flock supervisor or Extension agent in the county.

## Sports and Outdoor show coming Feb 6

HARRISBURG — One of the largest sports and outdoor shows to be displayed inside comes to the Pennsylvania State Farm Show Arena on Saturday, February 6 through Sunday, February 14 when

the 27th Annual Eastern Sports and Outdoor Show arrives.

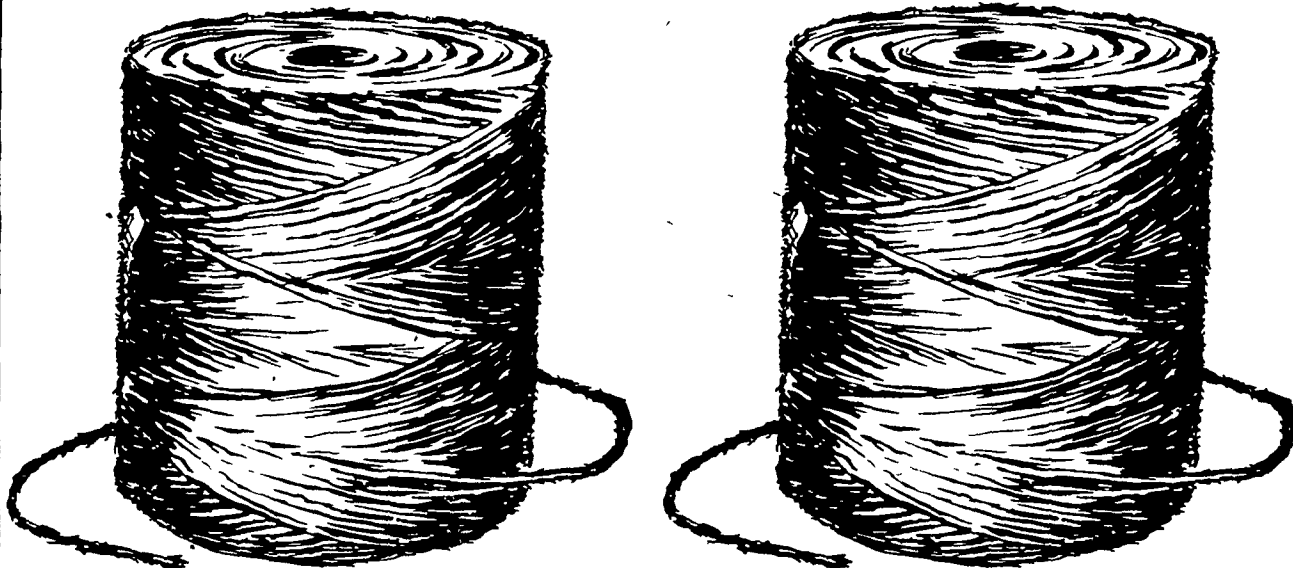
"The show attracts thousands of outdoors enthusiasts from across the United States and Canada," said Show Director Richard

Libertine. "Over 400 displays feature everything from fishing tackle and hunting equipment to recreational vehicles, boats and travel."

Again, this year as in previous years, many and varied competitions will be held throughout the week. They include duck decoy carving and painting on opening Saturday, February 6; Pa. Fish Commission awards and fly-tying contest on Monday, February 8; turkey calling on Tuesday, February 9; duck calling on Wednesday, February 10; and a week-long archery tournament and Jaycee/Daisey BB gun competitions.

Show hours are: Saturday, February 6 - 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Sunday, February 7 - 12 noon to 7 p.m.; Monday, February 8 through Thursday, February 11 - 12 noon to 10 p.m.; Friday, February 12 (President's Day) - 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Saturday, February 13 - 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Sunday, February 14 - 12 noon to 7 p.m.

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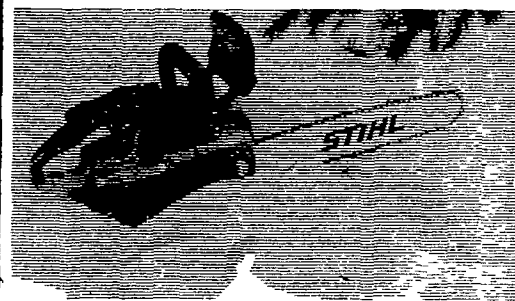


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