

# Delaware's poultry diagnostic

## lab undergoes changes

NEWARK, Del. — The University of Delaware has stepped up efforts to combat poultry disease with several important changes at its poultry diagnostic laboratory in Georgetown.

A full-time poultry pathologist and a senior research technician have joined the staff, filling two critical vacancies, and several key pieces of equipment have been added to the physical plant.

The pathologist, Dr. Edwin M. Odor, is a graduate of Auburn

University's veterinary college. After 13 years of private veterinary practice in Kentucky, he earned a special graduate degree in poultry diagnostic medicine at the University of Georgia.

The new research assistant, Helen A. Breeding, has an AAS degree in medical laboratory technology and over six years of laboratory experience.

A laminar flow biohazard safety cabinet, a refrigerated centrifuge, a pipet filler and dispenser, and two new microscopes are among

the laboratory additions. The new fluorescent antibody microscopes permits more rapid positive diagnoses, thus facilitating earlier treatment of infected flocks. The teaching microscope, which has a second set of eyepieces, helps Odor explain diagnostic methods to University personnel, local students, and poultry flock supervisors. In addition, two incubators have been donated to the lab by CEVA Laboratories, Inc.

Another addition is a holding room for birds brought in by poultry service workers. Birds are kept here until Odor can work on each individual case.

According to Ed Ralph, director of the Georgetown substation and executive secretary of the Delmarva Poultry Industry, Odor works closely with the nine Delmarva growout companies in maintaining flock health. He's also working with University poultry researchers in Newark.

"We are extremely proud of our University's poultry disease research team," Ralph says.



Poultry pathologist Dr. Ed Odor and research assistant Helen Breeding weigh chickens at the newly renovated poultry diagnostic laboratory at the University of Delaware's Georgetown substation.

### Franklin District meets

CHAMBERSBURG — Directors Glenn Dice, Ronald Allison, and Robert Woods were selected to serve on the Awards Committee in conjunction with the Franklin Co. District's Annual Banquet and Meeting to be held on Sept. 28 at Camp Joy El.

These appointments were made at May's monthly meeting of the Franklin County Conservation District Board of Directors.

At this meeting, more than 6,300 acres of land were approved for conservation planning assistance. Landowners requesting assistance are: Rosenberry Brothers Lumber Company and Carl Rosenberry, Metal Township; Borough of Shippensburg, Southampton Township; and John Garland, Arthur Fisher, and Glenn C. Miller, Peters Township.

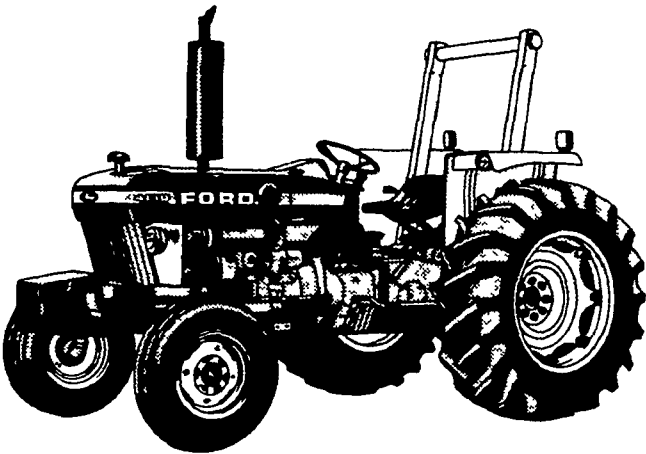
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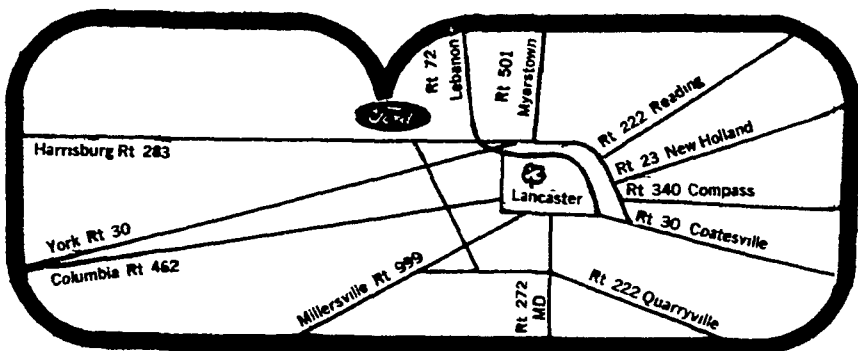


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