

Purina Accu-Line feed available

ST. LOUIS, Mo. — Ralston Purina Company has announced its Accu-Line brand chicken feed — a comprehensive new line of complete starting, growing and laying rations and companion concentrate line — is now available to Pennsylvania egg producers.

"The Accu-Line feed line will be available nationwide," said David

Snetsinger, Purina's Director of Poultry Research and Marketing. "Accu-Line is based on accurate determination of nutrient requirements of today's high-producing hens and the available nutrients in today's feed ingredients," he said. "This up-to-date nutritional accuracy has

enabled us to develop precise Accu-Line laying feeds which maximize the rate of egg production while either predictably increasing or decreasing egg size," said Snetsinger.

The unique feature of the Accu-Line feeding program — the ability to increase or decrease egg size as market conditions dictate — will

increase many egg producers' profits. Increasing egg size of young layers, or during hot weather when premium prices are paid for large eggs, would increase egg income. However, when egg size is larger than necessary, as is the case with older or molted hens, decreasing egg size is usually more profitable. Allowing hens to produce maximum egg size is inefficient and costly in many egg markets. Hens consume more feed to produce Extra-Large and Jumbo eggs than to produce Large eggs. Larger eggs tend to break more than smaller eggs. In many markets, producers are paid the same for Jumbo, Extra-Large and Large eggs.

Decreasing egg size saves feed and reduces egg breakage. In most egg markets, decreasing egg size

does not reduce the producer's egg income, but rather lowers production costs and thereby increases profits.

"This new line of feeds also includes Accu-Line Pullet Feeds which are seasonally fortified and formulated to optimize efficient pullet growth and skeletal development. Feeding recommendations are flexible and designed to keep pullets' body weights uniform and on target with breeders' recommendations," said Dr. Bill Ragland, Purina's Manager of Poultry Marketing.

All Accu-Line feed products are specifically designed to complement egg size control benefits. Other Accu-Line programs available include Molting, Bio-Mittent Lighting, Winter Ventilation and Limited Feeding.

Meat packer is charged

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Jacob Dressler, III, doing business as Clover Lane Farms, at Evans City, has been charged with operating as a livestock dealer and order buyer without a bond, a U.S. Department of Agriculture official said today.

B.H. (Bill) Jones, head of USDA's Packers and Stockyards

Administration, said Dressler buys livestock in western Pennsylvania, eastern Ohio, and western Maryland.

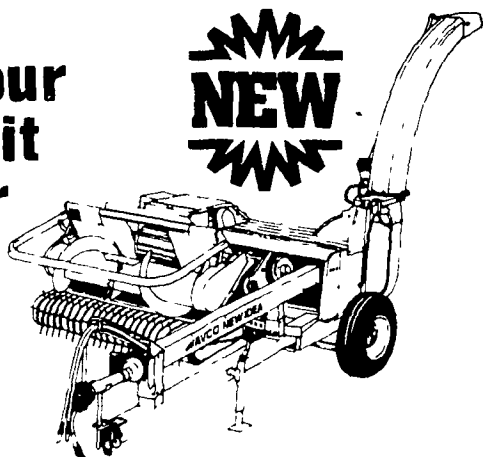
Dressler has a right to a hearing on the charge which was filed by USDA under authority of the Packers and Stockyards Act.

If the charge is proven, he will be placed under a cease and desist

order, similar to a permanent injunction. He could also be ordered to pay a civil penalty and his registration could be suspended.

Livestock dealers and order buyers are required to maintain a reasonable bond as a measure of financial protection for the sellers of livestock.

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