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Avian influenza quarantine area expanded

BY LAURA ENGLAND

LANCASTER — A new quarantine zone was mapped out this week as avian influenza continued to spread with cases now reported in parts of six counties.

The new quarantine went into effect Wednesday as cases of the avian flu were reported in parts of York and Chester counties, increasing the area covered under the federal-state quarantine to 2,375 square miles.

The original quarantine zone covered 1,500 square miles in northern Lancaster County and parts of Dauphin, Lebanon and Berks counties. On Wednesday afternoon, the previous zone was expanded to include all of Lancaster County and added parts of York and Chester counties.

According to Jim Nellis, public relations director for the Pennsylvania Poultry Federation, a total of 22 cases of the highly pathogenic or "hot" strain of the virus had been confirmed as of Thursday. The number of chickens involved in these cases is 1.5 million.

Through depopulation procedures which began last Saturday, 15 flocks, involving 600,000 birds, have been destroyed thus far. John Hoffman, director for the state Poultry Federation, said the industry task force hopes to have all the known flocks with the hot strain depopulated by Thanksgiving.

The task force, numbering 200 people, has formed three crews to depopulate about three flocks per day. Hoffman said Wednesday that plans were underway to equip four or five additional crews.

Through depopulation, the diseased chickens are placed in a bin where they are gassed with carbon dioxide. The birds are then transported by truck and buried in approved landfills.

Depopulation measures are aimed at those flocks marked with the hot strain of the virus. The strain was first noted in October when test birds, injected with the virus, died during experiments at the national veterinary lab in Ames, Iowa. Mild strain cases are still reported in the quarantine zone, and the total number of flocks affected with either the hot or mild strains stands at 150.

On Nov. 9, the avian flu situation in Pennsylvania was termed an "extraordinary emergency" by the federal government, and \$12.5 million was allocated for depopulation. Farmers are

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Notice

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, Lancaster Farming announces the following deadlines for the November 26 issue: sales register, mailbox market, public sale ads and display, 5 p.m. Monday, Nov. 21; Classified advertising: real estate and truck and trailers, 5 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 22; all other classified advertising, 9 a.m., Wednesday, Nov. 23; and news, 3 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 23.



Guest speaker Chares E. Jones, at podium, president of Life Management Services, addresses the 1200 members of the Inter-State Milk Producers Cooperative at its annual banquet Thursday night.

1200 attend annual Inter-State session

BY LAURA ENGLAND

LANCASTER — Inter-State Milk Producers Cooperative announced Thursday night its Young Cooperator program finalists during its annual banquet held at the Host Farm Resort, Lancaster.

Named as the first place finalists were John and Susan Howard, Willow Street. Second place finalist was Bev McKay, Elwood, Va. Young cooperators selected to attend the American Institute of Cooperatives meeting were David and Sharon Noss, Port Royal; John and Barbara Brubaker, Christiana; and Alfred and Sue Miller, Md.

The announcements of the

Young Cooperator program were made during Inter-State's 66th annual banquet which highlighted the cooperatives two-day annual meeting. Guest speaker for the program was Charles E. Jones, president of the Life Management Services.

The annual meeting began Thursday with reports given by Inter-State personnel. General manager Paul E. Hand reported that the "next two years will be the most difficult, from a financial standpoint, that many of our members will have ever faced."

Hand said that Inter-State will continue to provide a secure

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Little Dutchman receives top FFA proficiency award

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Daryl Balmer, R4 Lebanon, this week brought home the first national proficiency award ever from the FFA Convention to the Little Dutchman Chapter at Annville-Cleona High School.

Balmer, 1982 graduate and son of Mr. and Mrs. John Balmer won the proficiency award in the Placement in Agricultural Production category.

A non-farm FFA'er, Balmer has worked since he was 12 years old on the Gem-Rock Holstein farm of Kenneth Sellers. He has also built up a bit of a cow string of his own, winning the grand championship at the Lebanon Fair the past two years and the championship two



Daryl Balmer

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Leland and Helen Bull, State College, share distinguished service to ag honors bestowed by PFA Tuesday night.

PFA honors Lee Bull for his service to ag

BY DICK ANGLESTEIN

HERSHEY — Leland Bull, whose triumvirate career as a county agent, educator and state official featured many outstanding contributions to farming across the state, was honored this week with the "Distinguished Service to Agriculture Award" of the Pennsylvania Farmers' Association.

Bull and his wife, Helen, were honored before more than 700 ag and legislative leaders at PFA's annual banquet Tuesday night at the Hershey Convention Center.

Looking as fit and trim as during the days he tramped the fields of Centre and other counties counseling farmers, the retired

agricultural leader accepted PFA's top service award from president Keith Eckel.

In other activities during their annual session, PFA delegates:

—Honored six young farm couples and those county associations which have excelled in various programs during the past year.

—Elected some new members to the board of directors.

—Expressed various concerns with problems and issues facing agriculture.

—Heard an appeal from President Eckel for a change in federal farm policy direction.

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Mr. Farmland Preservation to get conservation award

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Amos H. Funk, owner and operator of a

Pennsylvania fruit and vegetable farm, has been selected to receive the 1984 National Association of Conservation Districts Special Service Award in recognition of his lifetime of service to the conservation movement on the local, state and national level. His efforts for preservation of agricultural land have brought national attention to Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, and enhanced the role of Conservation Districts in the protection of our natural resources. His own farm is a model for conservation, with terraces, waterways, and conservation tillage methods protecting his soils.

As a member of the Pennsylvania State Conservation

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Amos Funk