

Avian flu

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Route 100, which it follows south to the Maryland state line and west along the border back to Interstate 81 in Franklin County.

In response to the infected turkey flock near East Berlin, a satellite office in Gettysburg has been proposed. The office is to be staffed with permit and diagnostic specialists, Nielson said.

With the large number of poultry flocks in the area, Nielson added, the satellite office will be service oriented by issuing permits and providing diagnosis of flocks.

In an up-date on the avian flu epidemic, 208 flocks, representing 8.4 million birds, were diagnosed with the hot avian virus. As of Thursday, 192 flocks, including 8.2

million birds, were depopulated.

A breakdown of flock numbers by type and by county follows:

By type - 4,782,433 layers; 3,205,645 broilers; 53,980 turkeys; and 381,914 "others" for a total of 8,423,972 birds.

By flock - 121 layer flocks; 51 broiler flocks; 3 turkey flocks and 33 "others" for a total of 208 flocks.

By county - 192 flocks in Lancaster County; seven flocks in Lebanon County; five flocks in York County; three flocks in Chester County; and one flock in New Jersey.

In other related avian up-dates, 15 poultry farms were approved for cleaning and disinfecting. Seven farms had previously been cleared.

Milk plan

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regardless of how much a dairyman might reduce production.

State officials from across the country will meet in Texas Jan. 4-6 to learn the specifics involved with administering the program.

In Pennsylvania, state ASCS officials will conduct two meetings Jan. 10 and 11 to train county ASCS officers.

ASCS officials in Delaware, Maryland and Pennsylvania are encouraging dairymen to establish their bases with ASCS now, to avoid the rush that will undoubtedly come at the end of the month.

To establish an ASCS Base, a dairyman needs to provide ASCS with monthly sales receipts or check stubs for the months of January through December of 1981 and/or 1982. This is important! If all sales receipts are not available, additional documentation will be needed.

Participants may select either the total milk marketed in calendar year 1982 or the average of their marketings in calendar years 1981 and 1982. The ASCS Base is computed by using two times the first quarter production plus that of the second, third, and fourth quarter.

To complete the 15-month contract participants will need, in addition to the above, their marketings for the first 11 months in 1983. Additionally participants will need the number of dairy cows milked in each quarter in 1983.

Past year in ag

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And there was good reaction to the dairy bill that was signed in December at the same time that the National Milk Producers Federation held their meeting in California.

But getting back to the unexpected, as the hot, dry weather was covering the area, a new problem arose.

Toward the end of June, it was reported that a rare flu had hit some Lancaster County poultry flocks. By the end of July, 10 cases of Avian influenza had been diagnosed. The United States Department of Agriculture was called into the influenza outbreak toward the end of October. By November a quarantine area was mapped out, and by mid-

November the area had been expanded. By mid-December chickens affected by the influenza were numbering six million.

Avian flu was not the only disease that hit the state, causing problems to animals. In May, Lancaster Farming reported that rabies was continuing to spread through the state. And, in that same issue, it was announced that a blue mold alert had been issued in Pennsylvania, causing alarm for tobacco growers.

And then the farmers up in McKean County had another problem to contend with. Bears, too many of them, were damaging the corn crops.

All in all, 1983 was indeed a year that farmers, and all Pennsylvanians, will remember.

NJ poultrymen contribute to AI fund

TRENTON, NJ — In a gesture of assistance to distressed fellow poultrymen, members of the New Jersey State Poultry Association have approved a donation of \$1059 by their organization to the Pennsylvania Poultry Federation, Avian Influenza Fund.

The contribution is based on one dollar for each thousand birds shown in the current hen population of the Garden State.

In approving the donation, Richard Osborn, Cream Ridge, NJ, president of NJSPA, said "We cannot ignore the efforts of our Pennsylvania neighbors in combating a situation that levels a threat against the entire national egg production network. We hope that our action will encourage other individuals and organizations to help the Pennsylvania poultrymen."

Lancaster no-till

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College, Heistand first worked for the district in 1975.

At that time, he worked as an assistant district administrator for the erosion and sedimentation monitoring program. He was hired again in 1979 to work with a farmland study project on farmland preservation.

From 1976 to 1979, Heistand worked as a volunteer agriculturist in Chad, South Africa, under the Mennonite Central Committee. Under the same committee, he worked in the Somalia refugee camps from 1980 to 1983.

Heistand's responsibilities as a tillage specialist are to educate farmers in no-till corn and soybean planting. He will also be in charge of scheduling and maintaining the corn planters in the field.

Guest speaker for the meeting was Jim Gerhart of the U.S.

Geological Service. A hydrologist, Gerhart explained the purpose of the Conestoga Headwaters Project which is jointly sponsored by the Soil Conservation Service, the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, and the Lancaster Conservation District.

A 10-year project, Gerhart said the three conservation services hope to find better management practices to improve water quality within the Conestoga River area in Lancaster County.

Through monitoring water quality by sampling streams and ground water for sedimentation, nitrogen, phosphorus and herbicides, the best management practices for the area can be determined, Gerhart said.

Columbia reports top dairy producers

BLOOMSBURG — The Columbia County Dairy Herd Improvement Association completed its 45th year with 39 herds on official test and seven herds on owner-sampler programs. The average production for the Association was 15,109 pounds of milk and 569 pounds of butterfat, both figures down slightly from the previous year. There were 2,398 cows enrolled in the program, representing about 60 percent of all milk cows in the county.

Fra-Jan Farms, owned by Frank and Jan Jurbala, Rohrsburg, again had the highest herd average in the Association with an average of 21,474 pounds of milk and 798 pounds of butterfat. The Jurbala herd is made up of 45 registered Holsteins.

The second ranking herd in the county was the Holstein herd of Richard Kriebel, Benton, with 46

cows. This herd averaged 19,565 pounds of milk and 740 pounds of butterfat. Third ranking herd was Circle C Farms, R.D. #1, Bloomsburg, with 25 Holstein cows, they averaged 18,662 pounds of milk and 704 pounds of butterfat. Richard Kriebel also had the highest ranking Guernsey herd in the county with 20 cows averaging 13,320 pounds of milk and 656 pounds of butterfat. Other herds in the county with averages of over 650 pounds of butterfat were: Shultz Brothers, Jerseytown 70 cows with an average of 701 pounds of butterfat; John Turofski, R.D. #1, Catawissa, 33 cows with 693 pounds of butterfat; Robert Bronson, Mainville, 55 cows with 681 pounds of butterfat; Richard Yule, Millville, 43 cows with 662 pounds of butterfat; and Barry Wise, R.D. #1, Benton, 50 cows with 653 pounds of butterfat.

In recognition of life time production, top honors went to a Holstein cow owned by Pen Col Farms, Millville, their cow, Angie produced 196,425 pounds of milk and 8,146 pounds of butterfat in nine lactations. Pen-Col Farms had 25 cows with lifetime production of over 4,000 pounds of butterfat. Second honor for lifetime production went to a Holstein cow owned by Shultz Brothers that produced 183,704 lbs of milk and 7,763 pounds of butterfat in nine lactations. Shultz Brothers had 10 cows with lifetime records of more than 4,000 pounds of butterfat.

Other herds in the association with cows producing more than 4,000 pounds of butterfat in their lifetime were: Fairwood Farms, Berwick, 10 cows; George Duncan, Millville, 8 cows; Lyon Den Dairy, R.D. #1, Millville, 10 cows; Richard Kriebel, 3 cows; Jack Dent, Summerhill, 4 cows; Dan Walk, R.D. #1, Bloomsburg, 6 cows; Robert Bronson, 2 cows; Frank Jurbala, 6 cows; Glen Bowman, Millertown, 2 cows; William Bissinger, Orangeville, 3 cows; Robert Schlichter, Benton, 1 cow; James Hunter, R.D. #1, Orangeville, 3 cows; Robbins Farms R.D. #4, Bloomsburg, 3 cows; Kenneth Hackett, Bloomsburg, 2 cows; Albert Hack, Berwick, 2 cows; Thunderbird Farm, Benton, 1 cow; John Turofski, 2 cows.

Also receiving recognition at the Annual Meeting of the Association on December 28th was Robert Bronson for having the lowest average Somatic Cell Count for the year with a count of 92,000. Awards for largest increases over the previous year went to Hooser Brothers, Berwick for an increase of 91 pounds of butterfat and to Jay Wise, Benton for an increase of 2,832 pounds of milk.

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Revolving Fund Self-Sufficiency Act of 1983, introduced by Senator Huddleston, the ranking minority member of the committee.

"Our overriding goal must be to provide farmers with necessary protections while making our farm programs fiscally responsible," said Helms. "We simply must control the cost of farm programs if we are to have broad-based public support of them, and also because of the large budget deficit."

"While there are only a few major programs to be reauthorized this year, the committee may be asked to examine some farm programs for possible

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