

Ag authority work continues

HARRISBURG — The Committee on Agriculture and Rural Affairs of the Pa. House of Representatives is scheduled to continue work this week on a proposed bill to create an Agricultural Development Authority in the Commonwealth. The Committee is scheduled to meet Tuesday to consider some

amendments in the proposed bill which establish net worth figures and livestock-equipment and operating loan limits as proposed under the bill.

As an example, livestock and equipment loan limits would be set at \$150,000 and annual operating loans at \$50,000.

The overall appropriation under the Authority Bill totals some \$3

million, which would be designed to provide loans to farmers for a number of reasons, such as helping in the transfer of farms to a younger generation, helping in the transition of a farm from one type of operation to a more viable type or even in unusual situations, like the Avian flu disaster.

Also, in addition to making loans the proposed Authority could guarantee loans of commercial

lending institutions and thus make the bill's fiscal scope even more far-reaching.

Favorable action by the Com-

mittee on the amendments could clear it for reporting out to the House floor.

Enemy

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How about cage confinement and lack of exercise? We have come a long way from when birds ranged freely outside in the sunlight in touch with mother earth but has it all been for the betterment of industry and the consumer? The writer will be glad to send copies of data and articles supporting the viewpoints expressed for a SASE.

Also will be willing to meet with anyone in the industry to help develop specific preventive programs.

A famous military quote says. "We have found the enemy and it is us!" Does this apply to the poultry industry?

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