

Georgia offers \$1,000 Avian flu reward

GAINESVILLE, Ga. — Georgia Poultry Federation is offering a \$1,000 reward to any person who reports information regarding the illegal movement of live poultry or birds into Georgia from the avian

influenza quarantine areas in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland and Virginia.

Both federal and state Departments of Agriculture regulations prohibit the movement of any live

birds into Georgia from the quarantine areas, and the reward is being offered as an incentive to those who may have knowledge of possible violations.

"We are very concerned about

the risk of introducing the avian influenza disease into Georgia, and we hope this reward will encourage those with information about the movement of birds from the quarantine area into our state to come forward," said Abit Massey, Executive Director of Georgia Poultry Federation.

The reward would be paid after Georgia Department of Agriculture and federal officials — acting on information provided by the informant — locate birds and determine that there has been a violation. Officials or employees with responsibilities in the area of poultry regulation would not be eligible to receive a reward. If more than one person furnishes

information which would entitle them to receive the reward, it will be paid to the first person providing information.

Commission of Agriculture Tommy Irvin said he supported the reward offering and again emphasized his commitment and that of his Department to continue to do everything possible to ensure that the disease is not introduced in Georgia.

Persons with information may contact the Georgia Poultry Federation in Gainesville, 404/532-0473; the Georgia Department of Agriculture in Atlanta, 404/656-3671; or the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Conyers, 404/922-7860.

Quarantine area expanded

HARRISBURG — The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture has expanded the area under state quarantine for avian influenza to include all of Lebanon County and an additional portion of Berks County north of Interstate Route 78 east to Route 61.

Deputy State Agriculture Secretary J. Luther Snyder said the expansion would "provide a buffer zone with natural barriers around all known flocks infected with lethal avian influenza." The quarantine expansion had been considered after one flock was found in Lebanon County outside the area previously regulated by the state.

"The geography of these counties helped dictate the ex-

pansion," Snyder explained. "We want to insure that a buffer zone is in place around infected flocks, but at the same time, we do not plan to take actions which would unnecessarily restrict movement of poultry and birds in areas not now affected by the virus.

"The northern boundaries of

Lebanon and Berks Counties follow mountain ridges, which form a natural barrier to spread of the disease," Snyder said. "The terrain of the area is such that any further expansion of the state quarantine to regulate intrastate movement of birds could not be justified."



AVIAN INFLUENZA QUARANTINE RESTRICTIONS

Pursuant to the authority granted to the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture by the Act of 1929 April 17 P L 533, the Act of 1913, July 22 P L 928, the Act of 1929, March 28 P L 110 and appropriate amendments to said Acts and the Administrative Code of 1929 April 9 P L 177 No 175 Section XVII and in conjunction with the determination by the United States Department of Agriculture that an emergency situation exists (9CFR Part 81) The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture imposes the following quarantine and rules and regulations to help prevent the further spread of Avian Influenza and imposes a general quarantine upon that portion of Pennsylvania beginning at the intersection of Interstate Highway 81 with the Pennsylvania-Maryland State Line then northeasterly along Interstate Highway 81 to its intersection with the Lebanon County Line then North and East along the Lebanon County Line to its intersection with the Berks County Line then East along the Berks County Line to its intersection with Rt 61, then South along Rt 61 to its intersection with U S 78 then northeasterly along Interstate Highway 78 to its intersection with the Berks Lehigh County Line, then southeasterly along the Berks Lehigh County Line to its intersection with the Berks Montgomery County Line then southwesterly along the Berks Montgomery County Line to its intersection with U S Highway 422, then southeasterly along U S Highway 422 to its intersection with PA Highway 100 then southerly along PA Highway 100 to its intersection with PA Highway 100 then southerly along PA Highway 100 to its intersection with the Pennsylvania Delaware State Line then south westerly along the Pennsylvania Delaware State Line to its intersection with the Pennsylvania Maryland State Line, then westerly along the Pennsylvania Maryland State Line to its intersection with Interstate Highway 81

In addition to conditions imposed by the general quarantine all flocks and premises located within the Commonwealth known to be infected with Avian Influenza shall be placed under special quarantine After a special quarantine is established, it shall be unlawful for any owner or person without a special permit in writing from an officer or agent of the Department of Agriculture to sell exchange lease lend give away allow to stay remove or allow to be removed any animal or animals or any products goods materials containers vehicles cars conveyances or other articles on property named or described in an order of special quarantine (1929 April 17 P L 533 5)

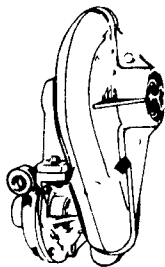
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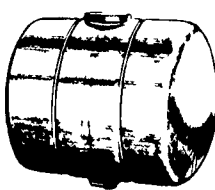
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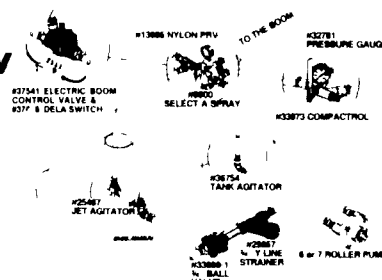


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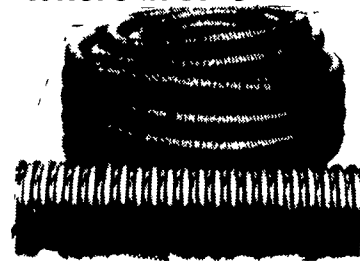
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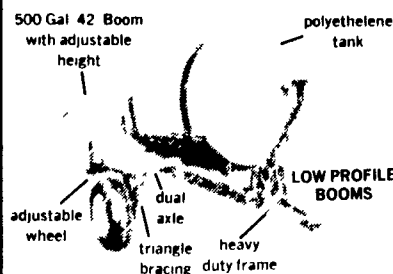
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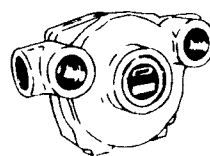
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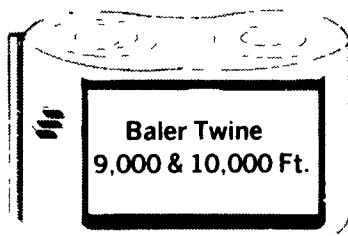
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