

Time bombs

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workshop of the Pa. Grange were Drs. Cy Card, head of Penn State Department of Veterinary Science; Richard McFeely, associate dean of Penn's New Bolton Center; and Robert Eckroade, poultry pathologist at New Bolton Center.

Dr. Card, outlining the John's situation, said that "we got a real problem" with it.

"Fecal culture is the only good way to diagnose it and we don't have the space or the people to do them."

Turning to pseudorabies, Dr.

Card cited the lack of regulatory funds to handle testing and control.

"For rabies, there is not enough diagnostic capabilities in Pennsylvania to test farm animal exposure.

"Here are three diseases we don't have facilities to handle. Funds are needed for diagnostic work, regulation and field investigating personnel to work with farmers on management and cleanup programs."

Dr. Eckroade, whose prompt diagnosis first identified Avian influenza just about a year ago, termed the disease "the most disastrous in livestock in this century."

"All labs in the state are not

adequately funded to handle a disease such as Avian influenza," he said.

"The labs live on shoe-string budgets and have fallen into difficult times.

"We need to upgrade our facilities and personnel."

Both Drs. Card and Eckroade cited the specific need for isolation containment lab facilities in which disease and virus studies can be safely conducted.

In addition to limiting the scope of work that can be done on the diseases, the veterinarians cited the federal grants and other monies that are lost to Pennsylvania because of the lack of such a facility.

Adams sheep producers to meet

GETTYSBURG — The Adams County Sheep Producers will hold their annual meeting on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Extension Office, located on U.S. 30 west of Gettysburg.

Dr. Pat Whittaker, area veterinarian, will provide updated information on new medications available to treat diseases and parasites and will answer questions on flock health and problems which may occur because of the current rabies epidemic.

Extension agent Bill Murray and sheep producer Bill Harrison will report on the lamb grading workshop held recently in

Greencastle and will explain techniques for on-farm market lamb grading which can be done by the individual producer.

Scott Murdoch, Adams county representative to the Cumberland Wool Pool, will report on the recent meeting of the Pennsylvania Sheep and Wool Growers Association and the sale of the Cumberland pool which took place at that time. He will also report on the arrangements being made for the 1984 pool and will have dates and details at the meeting.

Also, elections will be held to choose officers for the 1984-86 period.



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