

Court hears Milk Marketing testimony

HARRISBURG — A hearing between the Pa. Milk Marketing Board (PMMB) and state milk dealers was held May 2 to further review a federal restraining order blocking the Milk Marketing Board's decision to temporarily suspend minimum prices for lowfat and skim milk.

At the request of milk dealers throughout the state, U.S. Judge Sylvia Rambo issued a 10-day restraining order to allow time to schedule a hearing on the Board's decision. PMMB approved April 16 the temporary deregulation of lowfat and skim milk prices, stemming from a petition filed by the cities of Pittsburgh and Erie and the Lawson Company, an Ohio dairy firm, to end minimum price setting.

According to Gene Veno, PMMB executive secretary, both the milk dealers and PMMB presented their testimony at Tuesday's meeting and are now awaiting the court's decision. A decision, which PMMB will abide, should be made by May 9, Veno said.

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Egg pick-up begins Monday

Low path depopulation continues

BY JACK HUBLEY

LANCASTER — Depopulation of poultry flocks known to have contracted the less virulent, or "low path", avian influenza continued this week, with 13 flocks containing 350,671 birds, being depopulated by Thursday, according to USDA assistant information officer, Katie McGlumphrey. Included in this count were 328,949 layers and 23,722 breeders.

To date, 25 flocks have been declared, meaning that farmers have granted permission to proceed with depopulation. Of this number, 16 flocks, containing a total of 511,386 birds, have been appraised by Task Force officials, and approved for depopulation.

In addition to those flocks classified as high path or low path, a third group of birds must be considered in the effort to eradicate avian flu. This group

includes all birds with positive serology, (those birds showing the presence of flu antibodies) but with no verified history of high or low path infection.

McGlumphrey stresses that no across-the-board decision will be made to depopulate flocks based solely on the presence of antibodies. These birds will be subjected to further testing, and only birds showing the presence of the active flu virus will be considered eligible for depopulation.

A recent Pa. Poultry Federation newsletter reports that, with the onset of warmer weather, the USDA will replace its dead bird surveillance program with an egg pick-up program based on collecting 30 eggs (equivalent to one flat) each week from each farm in the quarantine zone, preferably at the processor level. This weekly program will be

mandatory in order to ship eggs across state lines.

While dead birds were actually sampled for the virus, the testing of eggs can only determine the presence of antibodies. The USDA contends that both bird and egg testing programs were not, and will not, be the determining factors in a decision to depopulate. The purpose of the pick-up programs is to identify potential problem flocks for further investigation.

According to McGlumphrey, permission forms giving consent to proceed with the egg pick-up were sent to farmers this past Monday. The signed forms are then to be returned to the Task Force which forwards them to the appropriate processors. Egg pick-up is slated to begin on Monday.



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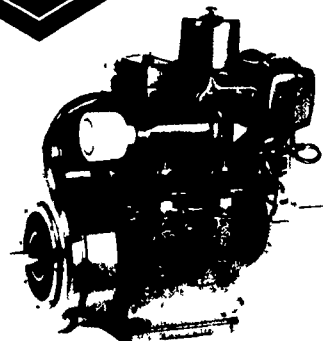
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