

# AI quarantine lifting proposals outlined

LANCASTER — At a meeting last Friday in Lancaster, Dr. Max Van Buskirk of the Pa. Department of Agriculture, outlined plans for lifting the quarantine zone west of the Susquehanna River.

According to Van Buskirk, none of the plans are final yet and industry comments are welcome. The key proposals are:

1. Hatching eggs, pullets and day-old chicks would be allowed to move to any area formerly under quarantine provided they move with a permit.

2. Nest run eggs would not be allowed to move outside of the quarantine zone. This regulation would remain unchanged.

3. Any mature birds (broilers for slaughter and spent fowl) which originated in the quarantine zone and were moved under permit across the river into formerly quarantined areas would be allowed to move back into the quarantine zone for processing at a plant under USDA inspection.

4. Game birds would be exempt

from all new regulations but surveillance activities on game birds would be maintained as is deemed necessary.

Dr. Van Buskirk said that the earliest date for lifting the quarantine zone west of the river would be June 1. While speaking only for the PDA, Van Buskirk added that the USDA and the state are thinking along the same lines.

In other related news, the Pa. Poultry Federation states that the new target date for completion of the eradication of flocks which were infected with the mild strain of avian influenza is June 21. The final flock will be depopulated on that date. In the meantime, 13 flocks totalling 1.1 million birds are scheduled for depopulation through May and early June.

As of Tuesday, May 15, 24 former low path flocks had been depopulated, totalling 762,000 birds. The USDA reports that two flocks in the former low path category have not yet been scheduled for depopulation.

# 'Extension Goat Handbook' now available

A second printing of the "Extension Goat Handbook" is now available. The publication was prepared by Dr. George Haenlein, extension dairy specialist at the University of Delaware, and professor Don Ace of Pennsylvania State University. It contains just about everything one would ever need to know about the production and management of goats.

The attractive 374-page book

consists of 70 chapters and many pictures, graphs and tables. It has been prepared in an easy-to-use, loose-leaf format with color-coded dividers and an all-weather ring binder. Cost of the handbook is \$15, including shipping and handling.

Included are sections on the goat industry and the role of goats in meeting world food needs; management and housing of various goat breeds for different production purposes; nutrition;

genetics and reproduction; milk and milk handling; anatomy and physiology; health and disease management.

The publication is available in the United States through each state extension dairy specialist. Individuals living outside the U.S. can obtain copies through AID, Agricultural Production Division, Washington, D.C. 20523, c/o Dr. Charles E. Haines (Phone: 202-235-8877).

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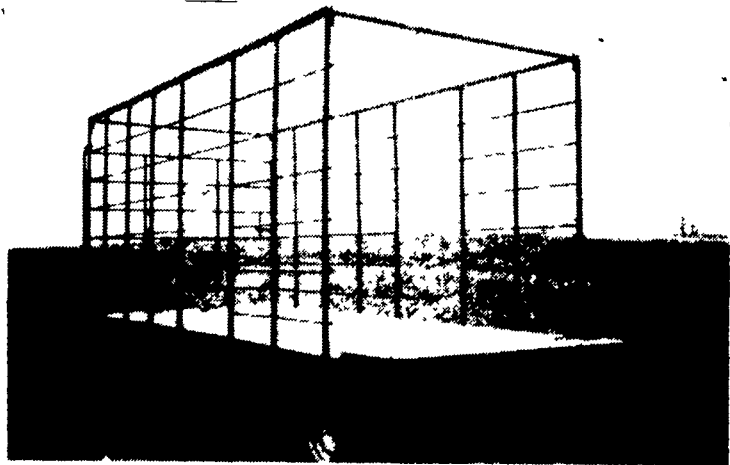
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charts provide specific recommendations for obtaining proper growth rate and maximum laying performance. Sample report forms are also included for flock managers to record and check body weights, egg production, hatchability and overall flock performance.

Persons interested in obtaining copies of this comprehensive poultry husbandry booklet should contact their Cobb representative or write: "Cobb Female Breeder Management Guide," Cobb, Incorporated, Subsidiary of The Upjohn Company, P.O. Box 5087, Kalamazoo, Michigan 49003.

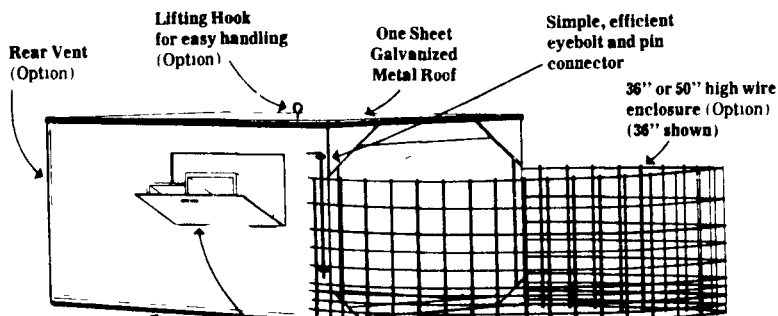
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