

Birth retires after 36 years with Penn State

UNIVERSITY PARK — A. Kermit Birth retired Jan. 1 as professor emeritus of Agricultural Economics Extension at Penn State University. After 36 years as a poultry and egg marketing specialist, Birth plans to stay active and continue to write articles for the industry. "My most frustrating experience during retirement will be what not to do," Birth says.

During his career, Birth has developed and conducted numerous educational programs for poultry producers, wholesalers, retailers and consumers. He has studied the marketing of eggs and poultry products with an emphasis on improving quality, such as reducing shell damage. Birth has been instrumental in developing a classification system for identifying causes of egg shell damage.

He has also assisted in developing a computerized broiler



Kermit Birth

management information system for integrated broiler production and marketing businesses to help management in the changing poultry industry.

Early in his career, Birth created a poultry merchandising program for retail meat managers. For 36 years, he has helped develop educational poultry exhibits for the Pennsylvania Farm Show. Birth has published a Poultry Marketing Information newsletter for 35 years, emphasizing economics in the in-

dustry. He has had articles published in industry magazines in the United States, South America and Central America.

Birth is active in the Extension Professors Association, Epsilon Sigma Phi, American Agricultural Economics Association, the Poultry Science Association and the Pennsylvania Poultry

Federation. He has served as advisor to the Pennsylvania Egg Marketing Association and is a member of Gamma Sigma Delta.

Birth received his bachelor of science degree in agricultural education from Penn State. He earned a master of science degree in agricultural economics, also from Penn State.

ASCS offers land measurement services

LEESPORT — To assure farmers that they are in compliance with the 1985 acreage reduction requirements and eligible for farm program benefits, the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service provides pre-measurement and other land measurement services.

At the request of the producer, the agency will stake and measure any type of acreage, or portions thereof. "To be certain that program requirements are met, farmers are required to plant within the stakes that are placed when the land is pre-measured," said county ASCS official Donald

Lutz, "and report their crop acreages to our office after planting."

He said pre-measurement is important in helping farmers plan the amount of land to devote to the acreage conservation reserve (ACR) and planted acreages of the program crops. The ACR is cropland removed from production and put into conserving uses under the 1985 acreage reduction programs. The programs require farmers to reduce their 1985 feed grain and extra long staple cotton acres by 10 percent; wheat and upland cotton by 30 percent; and

rice by 35 percent, according to Lutz.

To be eligible for price support loans, target prices and other program benefits, Lutz said producers must certify actual planted acreages.

Other ASCS producer services include measuring total cropland, field or subdivisions to be planted and land areas for other purposes. Fees vary, based on the type of service rendered.

In order to schedule pre-measurement service requests on a timely basis, farmers are encouraged to apply early.

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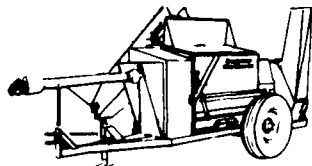
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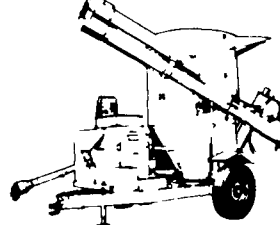


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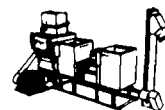
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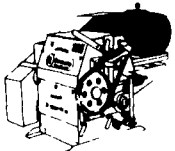
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