Grubb thanks legislature for quick disease action

HARRISBURG - State Agriculture Secretary Richard E. Grubb has commended for Pennsylvania House and Senate Appropriations Committees for quickly approving funds sought by the Department and Thornburgh administration to aid poultry and swine industries.

Requested was a \$1.125 million supplemental appropriation to eradicated avian influenza in poultry flocks and control pseudorabies in swine herds. The diseases can kill poultry and livestock but do not harm humans.

"The funding we requested is sufficient to cover all appropriate expenses, to pay for the actions we've taken and have planned," Grubb said.

The money will be used to indemnify owners of poultry flocks and products destroyed to stop the latest outbreak of influenza and to offer hog producers incentives to voluntarily slaughter infected

Luke Bowser

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believes some of the milk surplus may be caused by distribution problems.

But promotion is helping alleviate the surplus, he noted. "It works for pop and it will work for milk.

Luke said that if the opportunity had not been open for him to farm with his father, he would probably be a herdsman. He did not get a college education, but believes the experience he has will be more beneficial. To continue his education, Luke is attending computer classes and will travel to

Graham School later this year.

Luke's wife, Julia, is another asset to his farming career. She was an exchange student from Peru and they met in high school.

Although she had no farming experience, she likes the farm and all that goes with it. One of her favorite jobs is naming the calves.

She also helped Luke prepare his winning scrapbook for the state contest. Both were surprised that Luke was named distinguished junior member, but they were quite pleased and hope to do as well on the national level.

Quick action by the Department and administration in dealing with the latest avian influenza flareup "has put an early stop to its spread," Grubb said. "We have not found an infected flock in Pennsylvania in more than a month.'

The disease has been contained in Pennsylvania at an estimated cost to date of about \$520,000. This does not include cleaning and disinfecting poultry buildings and equipment after flocks are destroyed.

"Cleaning and disinfecting outlays are part of the ongoing cost of doing business," Grubb said. "Such sanitary measures are essential in trying to prevent influenza outbreaks. It is ap-

propriate that these expenses be designed to prevent outbreaks of borne by the poultry owners and animal diseases. industry as part of our cooperative effort.

With quick approval of the funding by the General Assembly, The Department proposes to tie "we can further protect two imfuture indemnity payments to portant segments of the state's strict adherence to regulations number one industry," Grubb said.

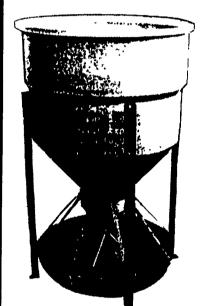
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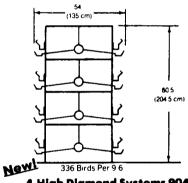
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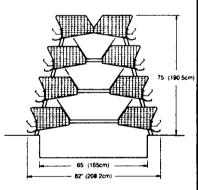
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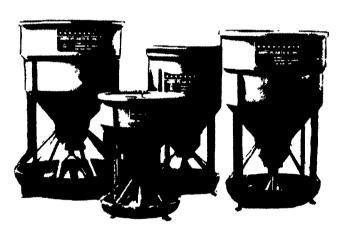
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