

## Falklands Bull Cited by Polled Hereford Assoc.

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The naming of the first "Gold Trophy-Plus Sire" highlighted the announcement of this year's American Polled Hereford Association Gold Trophy Award winners.

Enforcer 107H became the first Polled Hereford to qualify for the Gold Trophy-Plus award since the 1983 announcement of the new recognition category. He is owned by Falklands Farm, Schellsburg,

Pa.; Wests Polled Herefords, Spanish Fork, Utah; Cen-Cal Polled Herefords, Napa, Calif.; and Pudding River Polled Herefords, Salem, Ore. The Gold Trophy-Plus award honors Gold Trophy sires and dams for their daughters' achievements in cow calf classes at APHA Standard of Perfection (SOP) Shows and the annual National Polled Hereford Show.

In addition, three bulls and 13

females qualified for the Gold Trophy Award during the 1985-86 show season, based on the showing performances of their progeny this year and in recent years.

To earn the Gold Trophy title, a bull must accumulate 100 points, based on the performance of his calves at SOP shows. A cow must earn 35 points through her offspring's showing winnings to win

Gold Trophy Dam status.

In the overall Gold Trophy Sire rankings, WSF PRL Justa Banner held on to his number one ranking for a record seventh year. He has a total of 3,068 points and is owned by Wooden Shoe Farms, Othello, Wash.; Wingert Bros., Ottawa, Kan.; Woelfel Polled Hereford Farm, Banner Elk, N.C.; and Ponderosa Ranch Ltd., Lloydminster, Sask. Moving up on the

front-runner though is Enforcer 107H with 2,826 points. He gained 173 of those points during the just-completed show season.

On top of the Gold Trophy Dam roster for her fifth consecutive year is Coppertone F Sara, owned by Beartooth and Split Butte Ranch, Rupert, Idaho. With 309 points, she has more than double the points of the second-ranking Gold Trophy Dam.

## Delmarva Reports Record Fundraising Effort

GEORGETOWN, Del. — Attendance reached 2,500 at the Wicomico Youth and Civic Center in Salisbury, Maryland, for the 31st Delmarva Poultry Booster Banquet held on Apr. 29. The event is sponsored by Delmarva Poultry Industry, Inc., the regional trade

group representing Delmarva's billion dollar broiler industry.

David VanHoose, fund drive chairman, unveiled the plaque announcing the new record of \$348,693. This year's goal was \$330,000, which was the highest ever set in the association's 39-

year history.

An annual highlight of the event is the recognition of outstanding poultry and hatching egg producers. Those honored from the three states comprising Delmarva were:

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Brown, Camden; Gary & Connie Carmean, Laurel; James L. Carpenter, Jr., Milton; Francis Reed Dunlap, Lewes; Bruce & Jean Ensen, Felton; Laura & Roland Hill, Jr., Lewes; Leroy & Barbara James, Seaford; David & Lois Peterman, Wyoming; and Francis & Betty Toomey, Georgetown.

Maryland- Bonnie M. & Paul Adkins, Allen; Mark A. Eck, Henderson; Gary & Terri Griffin, Parsonsburg; Wesley & Millie Parker, Salisbury; Hance J. Pepper, Nanticoke; Mr. & Mrs. John R. Rue, Cambridge; James & Carole Spicer, Vienna; Jackie Ward, Marion; and Mr. & Mrs. Edward Warren, Berlin.

Each year DPI presents the Medal of Achievement to a public servant for outstanding accomplishment and service on behalf of the poultry industry. This year's recipient was Dr. Cecil E.

Howes, former professor and head of the Department of Poultry Science at Virginia Tech.

He established the first U.S. poultry industry/university cooperative education program which continues today. He has been honored over the years with the Poultry Science Resident Teaching Award, was made a Poultry Science Fellow, and received both the Meritorious Service Award and Distinguished Service Award from the Virginia State Poultry Federation.

Delmarva's Distinguished Citizen Award for 1986 was presented to W. Simpson Dunahoo of Hebron — poultry grower, farmer and part time poultry company employee. This is the association's highest honor and recognizes the individual's contributions not only to the poultry industry but also to community affairs.

## Biosecurity Includes Segregating Species

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — This is the time of year when wild waterfowl get the nesting urge. And many of them — particularly mallard ducks — are not timid about where they place their nests. They'll crawl under chicken houses and other outbuildings, often a surprising distance from water, to hide their caches of hatching eggs.

No one knows exactly why Mother Nature arranged for ducks, other web-footed birds, and various seabirds to be some of nature's main carriers of avian influenza viruses. But we do know they are. They may not exhibit symptoms of the infection; but their infected droppings can carry high numbers of influenza viruses, which can under optimal conditions wreak havoc on chickens, turkeys and game birds.

So producers should keep two major points in mind, says Edward T. Mallinson, Extension poultry veterinarian at the University of Maryland in College Park.

1. Discourage wild waterfowl from nesting under or near poultry houses.

2. Keep all web-footed birds away from chickens, turkeys and game birds; even domestic waterfowl can be carriers of avian

influenza.

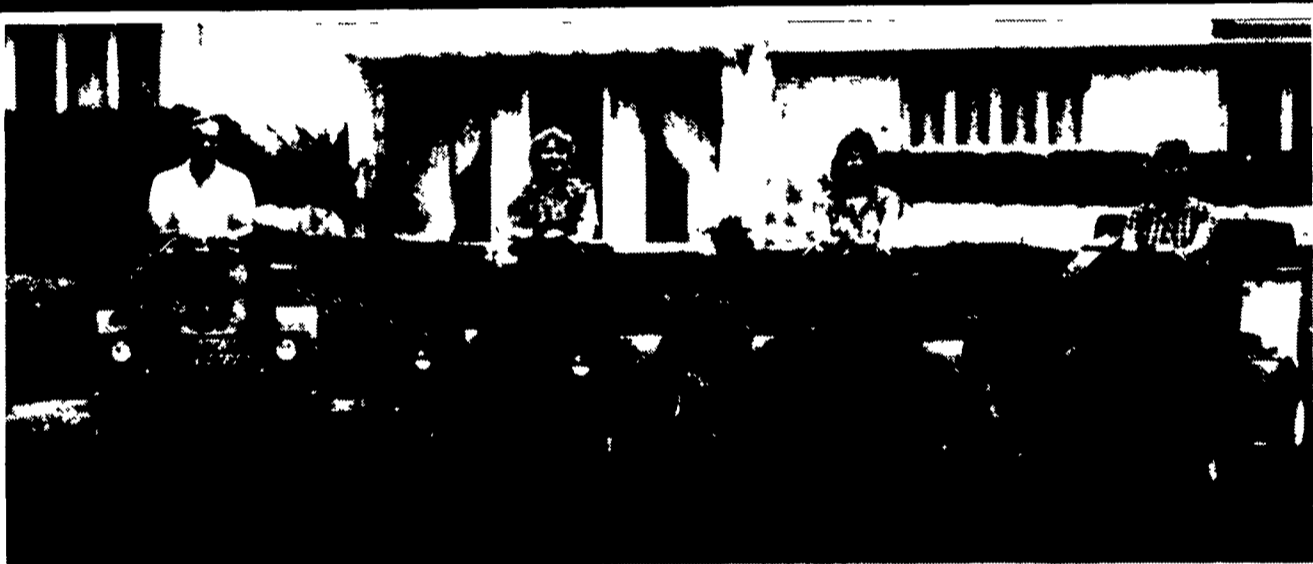
Dr. Mallinson theorizes that seabirds and waterfowl (web-footed birds) have reached a state of accommodation or compromise with avian influenza viruses over many generations. For reasons not fully known — perhaps different basic habitats or genetics — other kinds of birds, such as chickens, turkeys and game birds have not reached the same level or type of accommodation.

As a preventive measure against avian influenza, national and in-

ternational veterinary specialists alike are admonishing farmers these days to practice segregation in their poultry activities.

Keep web-footed birds away from those that aren't web-footed. Even better, make a choice on one type or the other.

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