

PA Poultry Annual Conference Set

The Pennsylvania Poultry Federation has set their annual conference for September 24-25 at the Holiday Inn in Grantville.

Slated for the second day of the conference, the commodity sessions offer attendees the opportunity to hear speakers address problems specifically related to the species with which they are associated. All commodity sessions begin at 9:30 a.m. and feature two forty-five minute presentations. This year's featured speaker, NBC economic correspondent, Irving R. Levine, will speak after the commodity sessions.

The turkey session features Dr. Frank Chermis of Nicholas Enterprises in Sonoma, California. Dr. Chermis will address "Altering Carcass Composition Through Lighting," a relatively new concept which has been successful for Nicholas, one of the world's largest turkey breeders. Dr. Chermis has been a Reproductive Physiologist for Nicholas since 1969.

The Broiler Conference features a speaker on perhaps one of the most controversial topics within the entire poultry industry in the

last few years, the Federal Meat Inspection Program. Dr. Donald Houston, administrator of the Food Safety Inspection Service (FSIS), which operates the inspection program, will discuss the future of the services and what it will mean to poultry processors all over the country.

A session on new product development is one of the highlights of the Egg Conference. That discussion will be led by Dr. Frank Cunningham, a Professor in the Department of Animal Science and Industry at Kansas State University. Dr. Cunningham has spent his entire career working on the development of egg products, and is one of the field's leading experts. His research has included studies on the factors affecting coatings on foods, the biochemistry of eggs and poultry meat and the preservation of foods.

Sharing the podium at the Turkey Conference will be Dr. Arun Bahl of Stoult Enterprises, Monroe, North Carolina. Dr. Bahl will address the problem of enteritis in turkeys and discuss ways to prevent this costly disease

through management techniques and medications. Dr. Bahl's career has taken him to the University of Minnesota, where he served in the research department and on the teaching faculty and to Cuddy Farms, where he was the Director of Veterinary Medicine at that company's Marshville, North Carolina operation.

The Broiler Conference will also feature Dr. William D. Weaver, an Extension Professor in Poultry Science at Virginia Tech University. Dr. Weaver will discuss the differences between

curtain sided and closed environmental housing for broilers and the advantages and disadvantages of each. Dr. Weaver's work has been recognized by the Poultry Science Association, Virginia Poultry Federation and the Rockingham Poultry Servicemen's Organization for outstanding achievement. His research and extension efforts have involved the study of various environmental factors on broiler performance.

Rounding out the Egg Conference is Dr. Roland M. Leach,

Jr., Professor Poultry Science at Penn State University. Dr. Leach will address "Influencing Early Egg Shell Formation," a topic on which he has performed extensive research. Dr. Leach is recognized nationally for his research in trace mineral nutrition, skeletal development, and eggshell formation. He has authored several papers on each of these subjects. In 1980, he was the recipient of Poultry Science Association's Research Award, which was sponsored by the American Feed Manufacturers Association.

Horse Plowing Contest At Schaefferstown

SCHAEFFERSTOWN — Historic Schaefferstown's 16th Annual Horse Plowing Contest begins at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 13.

The Annual Horse Pull will begin on Sunday, Sept. 14, at 1 p.m.

Both days will see a new feature in 1986, a covered wagon pulled by 20 Belgian Draft Horses. At 2:30 p.m. on both days visitors may see this unique demonstration of horsemanship.

Housed in a large circular pavilion, the horse power driven by four horses will provide a new threshing demonstration using one of Pennsylvania's first threshing machines. A smaller one-horse treadmill will demonstrate sawing slab wood.

The 100-year-old Frick sawmill will saw logs and there will be demonstrations of log jumping, baling, stone crushing, a team of oxen and a large display of old farm implements.

On Saturday the new plowing class for young girls will compete for prizes and on Sunday the young boys class will demonstrate. There will be a new driving class competition with wagons.

The Fall Harvest season will be marked by cider making, apple butter cooking, roasted corn meal for mush making, and the new dry houses drying apples, string beans, corn and fruit. Great tasting sausage sandwiches will be available at the sausage stand.

Harvest pies at the tasting table will include apple, grape, schnitz and raisin custard. Other pies will

be available at the Dutch Kitchen and other demonstration areas. Samples of the old favorite, dried string beans and ham, will be available to visitors. Samples of Schaefferstown's traditional breakfast gschmoke warscht and schnitz boi, or smoked sausage and schnitz pie, will be offered.

There will be craft demonstrations, including rye-straw roof thatching, tours of the house, the log house over the spring, the blacksmith shop and the garden.

The two large fireplaces in the Schaeffer House will be cooking old-time foods and the 1771 bake oven will bake bread and pies.

Weekend entertainment will be provided by Al Shade's orchestra on Saturday and by the Rohrerstown Band on Sunday.

Hours on Saturday, September 13 are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Sunday, September 14 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission is \$2.50 for adults, children free. Historic Schaefferstown is located north of Lancaster at the intersection of Routes 501 and 897.

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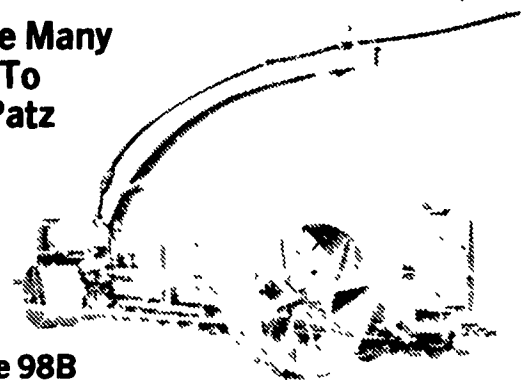
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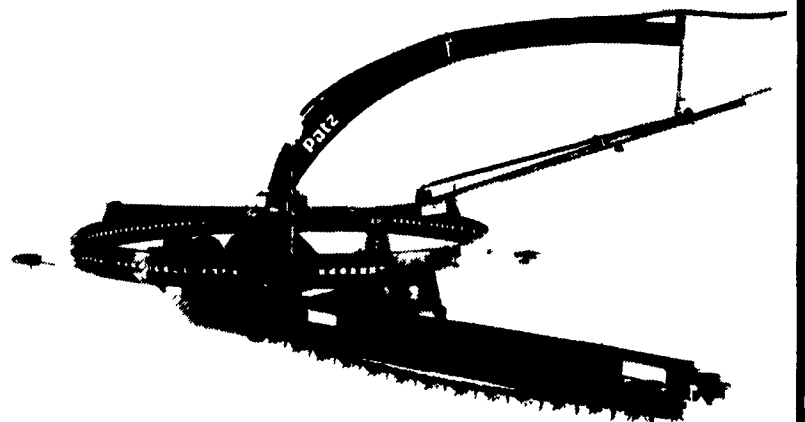
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