

# WHAT IF...

- WHAT IF....** the poultry nightmare of 1983 occurred again?
- WHAT IF....** Pennsylvania's poultry industry could not act quickly enough to protect itself?
- WHAT IF....** the poultry industry asked the government again for help and it wanted to know what we're doing to help ourselves?

Dear Poultry Industry:

When Pennsylvania Poultry Federation officials asked a second time for financial assistance in order to combat the effects of avian influenza in 1986, several Pennsylvania legislators wanted to know what we were doing to help ourselves.

It was a fair question.

Obviously, we can't finance the eradication of an epidemic which could destroy Pennsylvania Agriculture's second largest industry, BUT we can finance a prevention effort that may reduce the risk of an epidemic.

That's why the Federation's board of directors, councils, and general membership have favored a Voluntary Indemnity Program.

In many cases, the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture cannot take action against certain types of flocks, or the time delays required to obtain the proper authority to do so only increase the risk of spreading avian disease. The industry's Voluntary Indemnity Fund would provide a private means to contract with owners of these hazardous flocks for the flock's disposal.

Admittedly, the fund will never be enough to dispose of a larger flock, but it will allow us a means to deal with the greatest risk in our environment... back yard flocks.

Our goal for this fund is \$250,000 and with your help, we can achieve it. Our schedule for contributions is based upon individual industry levels which were agreed upon by the membership of our Broiler, Egg and Turkey councils. The amounts are not arbitrary, but rather determined after lengthy discussion by industry people like yourself.... people who recognize that the risk continues in our environment... people who know that in order to ask others for their help, we must be willing to try and help ourselves... industry people who believe that the contribution amounts are fair to everyone.

ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION LEVEL		ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION LEVEL	
Bird Owners		Others	
TURKEYS .....	\$1.00 per thousand	FEED	
BROILERS.....	\$ .10 per thousand	Under 50,000 tons .....	\$200.00
LAYERS.....	\$1.00 per thousand	Over 50,000 tons .....	\$400.00
BREEDERS.....	\$1.50 per thousand	HATCHERIES	
PULLETS.....	\$ .20 per thousand	Under 300,000 hatching capacity .....	\$200.00
		Over 300,000 hatching capacity .....	\$400.00
		ALLIED INDUSTRIES (Equipment, Supplies and Service)	
		Under one million gross sales .....	\$200.00
		Over one million gross sales .....	\$400.00

Contributions can be made quarterly, semi-annually, or annually, and can be mailed directly to:

The Pennsylvania Poultry Federation  
 500 North Progress Avenue  
 Harrisburg, Pa. 17109  
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The fund will be managed by the Federation's Board of Directors and a list of contributors will be published annually in our industry publication THE POULTRY POST. However, contribution amounts will be kept strictly confidential.

Help us keep our growing industry's future strong. Every individual who owns birds or makes a living from the poultry industry has an obligation to contribute to this fund.

Together, we can keep our poultry industry alive.

Sincerely,

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 Chairman, Board of Directors  
 Pennsylvania Poultry Federation