

# Four State Poultry Agreement

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will develop a model plan for the prevention, control and eradication of poultry diseases. Each state will develop laws and regulations to implement the model plan and the Council and industry will develop a model bio-security plan. DPI will continue to act as a coordinating body in case of a disease problem.

Work on the agreement endorsed by the governors began about two years ago as an effort of DPI and the departments of agriculture in Delaware, Maryland and Virginia. Pennsylvania, upon hearing of this work, asked to join and was made part of the group. Other states in the area are invited to become a part of the agreement.

Two driving forces behind this have been Dr. Arch Park, Maryland State Veterinarian, and Dr. Frank R. Craig, retired Senior Vice President of Technical Services for PerdueFarms, Inc. and Chairman of DPI's Emergency Poultry Disease Task Force. The poultry industries are major employers and significant economic contributors to the four states. They are highly integrated and inter-related and a disease problem in one could lead to problems in the others. It was because of these factors that the states decided to work together.

The signing ceremony in Salisbury was attended by: from Maryland - Governor William Donald Schaefer, Secretary of Agriculture Wayne A. Cawley and State Veterinarian Dr. Arch Park; from Dela-

ware - Ott Brown, representing Governor Michael N. Castle, Secretary of Agriculture William B. Chandler, Jr. and State Veterinarian Dr. Wesley Towers; from Pennsylvania - Secretary of Agriculture Boyd Wolf and State Veterinarian Dr. Van Buskirk; from Virginia - Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services S. Mason Carbaugh, Deputy Secretary of Economic Development Currey Roberts and State Veterinarian Dr. William Miller. Also attending were U.S.D.A. Secretary Richard Lyng, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Karen Darling, DPI President David VanHoose, legislators and others within the industry, university and government communities. About 150 attended the ceremony.



Four states and the U.S. Department of Agriculture were represented by their ag department leaders at the Mid-Atlantic Poultry Health Management Plan signing ceremony in Salisbury, Md. The plan calls for cooperation among Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania and Virginia in preventing and monitoring poultry diseases, particularly avian influenza. Shown, left to right, are Secretary Richard Lyng, U.S.D.A.; Commissioner S. Mason Carbaugh, Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; Maryland Agriculture Secretary Wayne A. Cawley; Delaware Agriculture Secretary William B. Chandler, Jr.; and Pennsylvania Agriculture Secretary Boyd Wolff.

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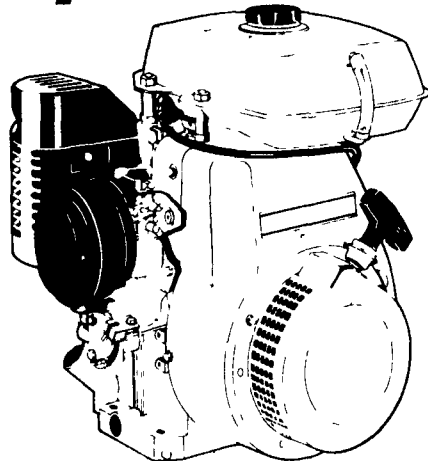
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