

Poultry Industry, Ag Department Work To Protect Public

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Partnerships and teamwork between government and food producers have provided an abundant supply of quality food for the people of Pennsylvania since Colonial times. That spirit of cooperation has been the foundation for new efforts to reduce the risk of egg-associated salmonellosis.

The state Agriculture Department and Pennsylvania's poultry industry have been working together to prevent contamination of chicken eggs by *Salmonella enteritidis*. Under agreements signed by producers, egg-laying flocks are checked to certify that only eggs from salmonella-negative birds are packed for the shell-egg market.

The Division of Avian Health has responsibility for these new programs that fall into two categories: reactive and preventive.

Tracing Salmonella

The Director of the Bureau of Animal Industry, Max Van Buskirk, VMD, explained that the Department conducts tracebacks in cooperation with the Health Department in Pennsylvania or in other states in order to identify table-egg producing flocks that could be infected with *Salmonella enteritidis* (SE). If an egg supply is linked to an outbreak of SE, the Department works with the egg producer so he can divert his eggs to proper channels until laboratory testing can identify the problem, if

one exists.

In one recent case, a traceback from another state led the Avian Health Division to a Pennsylvania flock. To protect consumers, the egg producer immediately diverted all suspect eggs to a processing plant for pasteurization while the flock was tested. Diagnostic work determined the suspect flock was okay and had not been the source of the *Salmonella* outbreak, but both the producer and the Department wanted to err on the side of consumer safety.

Assuring SE-free flocks

Van Buskirk also detailed how cooperation and teamwork can help egg producers avoid problems by building a laying flock free of SE. Through this prevention program, the Avian Health Division works with a farmer to help him acquire healthy pullets and then certify his laying flock SE-free.

"We have developed a program whereby our producers can assure consumers that their eggs are safe," said Van Buskirk, "and there's no doubt we've been a leader in terms of offering a program with which the industry can deal with the problem."

He added that the diagnostic work and laboratory testing needed for the prevention program is provided to producers free of charge. An egg producer's only testing costs are those required to collect samples from birds.

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