

Feathers, Skin Condition Of Birds Reveal Problems

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Feathers are frequently forgotten in health planning by most flock managers. All birds have several thousand feathers growing from follicles; each feather in its own follicle is controlled by many small muscles. Bird health can be predicted by skin or feather condition on the live bird but most flock managers do not use this.

Let's assume each feather grows one to five inches long in five to 15 weeks time, depending on bird health, or its environment, nutrition, or the genetics of the bird. Therefore we see a possible equation: if 9,000 feathers on a turkey grow to an average length of three inches in seven weeks, we

have 27,000 inches of feather growth in 49 days or 22.95 inches of feather growth per bird per hour for the entire seven weeks. This requires considerable nutrition and energy.

This feather growth can be stunted, slowed, distorted or stopped if the bird is sick or poorly cared for. If feathers look too short, dirty, twisted, and not complete, look for one or more of the following factors contributing to the problem:

- Too many birds in one pen so that each bird does not have enough space.
- Lighting too intense and too long a light day length so light becomes a stress.
- Not enough litter or litter too dirty or not dry enough. Wet or dirty litter causes toxic gas to be generated to slow feather growth as the bird breathes the gas.

• Cannibalism (where birds peck each other to death) can be made worse by inadequate nutrition, failure to feed boiled oats, or some other cannibalism retardant or birds that feel miserable and kill each other because air in the pen is too hot, humid, and stale. We must give birds more room and more fresh air. Adequate amounts of fresh, cool drinking water helps prevent cannibalism. Feather picking or pulling can cause skin or feathers to be severely damaged.

• Inadequate quality of feed for the particular breed or strain of bird, age of bird, or rate of bird performance. Low quality protein, fat in the feed, or inadequate or excessive vitamins, minerals, electrolytes, or fiber in the feed can cause abnormal feather growth.

• Poisoning birds from a misused coccidiostat or other medicine or careless use of pesticide or herbicide or heavy metal. A mineral or metal that has to be present for bird health at a low level, but which at high level is toxic, can cause feathers to break. Copper at

500 ppm in the ration appears to cause this condition. Be careful not to overfeed copper sulfate.

Observe feathers every day and expect feathers to be normal. Normal feathers harvested without damage can sometimes be sold for a reasonably high price.

Farm Family Wins Conservation Award

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — Maynard and Jane Grossnickle of Myersville in Frederick County recently received a Good Earth Family Award.

This is for outstanding achievement in conserving soil and water resources and is presented by the National Endowment of Soil and Water Conservation.

The award was presented at the annual meeting of the Agricultural Communicators in Education in St. Paul, Minnesota. The Grossnickles were also honored at the Maryland Association of Soil Conservation Districts' annual summer meeting. One winner was named from each state in this nationwide competition.

The Grossnickles were cited for the comprehensive resource management system they implement on their farm. This includes cropland conservation tillage methods,

cover crop and crop residue usage, contour stripcropping to reduce erosion, grassed waterways in drainage areas to control runoff, a buffer area along the streambank, an animal waste management system, and pastureland laid out to maximize use and regrowth of forage. In addition, the Grossnickles have woodland and areas on their farm for wildlife.

The state winners were selected from among several nominees by agricultural and conservation leaders.

The awards program, created and run by the National Endowment for Soil and Water Conservation as an activity of its Good Earth Council, honors Good Earth Families who do an especially effective job of:

- Managing soil and water resources
- Preventing or reducing air and

water pollution from agriculture

• Helping other producers and the public learn how and why to protect natural resources

"In this year of the 20th anniversary of Earth Day, I congratulate the Grossnickles for winning this very prestigious award," said Maryland Secretary of Agriculture Wayne A. Cawley Jr.

"The Grossnickles prove that farmers understand the land and the value of using it wisely," Cawley said.

The Grossnickles, along with the other state winners, will vie for further national honors. Their accomplishments will be evaluated by a technical advisory committee. Ten national finalists selected from the 50 will receive special recognition this fall. From the 10 finalists, three national winners will be honored in Washington in December.

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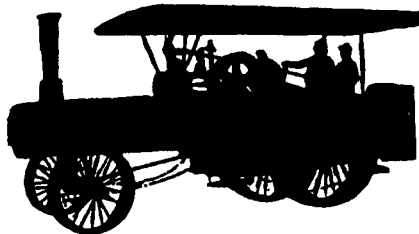
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