

PDA Modifies

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tion and safe marketing of live poultry.

"The quarantine was imposed to control possible spread of avian influenza," Wolff said, "and while there is continuing evidence of exposure to poultry in Mid-Atlantic states, we believe marketing and exhibitions can resume under appropriate safeguards."

"To date, out control efforts have been very successful, thanks in large part to the outstanding cooperation and understanding of flock owners and the poultry industry."

Avian influenza does not affect human health — even the strain that is highly pathogenic and caused the slaughter of 17 million birds in Pennsylvania, Maryland, New Jersey and Virginia in 1983 and 1984.

Under the new amended order in Pennsylvania, poultry more than one week old may be transported within the state provided three conditions are met.

Of those conditions, the live poultry must originate from a flock that is monitored for avian influenza; the live poultry must be accompanied by an approved health certificate showing the birds originate from a flock that has been blood tested for avian influenza; and all trucks, coops, cages, crates or other conveyances used to transport eggs or poultry must be cleaned and disinfected prior to farm pickup.

Special quarantine restrictions still apply to poultry from flocks that are suspected to be exposed to avian influenza. Flock subjected to the special quarantine require a permit prior to moving birds.

State and federal regulators have conducted field visits to nearly 500 locations in Pennsylvania since the avian influenza virus was isolated in live bird markets in three Northeastern states.

To date, testing found evidence that birds have been exposed to the virus, but no live virus has been found in any Pennsylvania poultry flocks.

The amended order, by law, is to be published in newspapers which effectively reach the majority of those affected by the order. According to the order, it is to be published in full in both the Harrisburg Patriot News and Lancaster Farming.

It appears in this issue of Lancaster Farming in full on page A-18.

Safety Seminar

LEBANON (Lebanon Co.) — A seminar designed to teach life-saving techniques to emergency personnel and farmers when acci-

dents occur on the farm will be held Monday, April 5 at the Lebanon Fairgrounds.

Sponsored by the North Jackson Grange of Myerstown, the purpose is to instruct emergency medical technicians (EMT's), paramedics, and firefighters how to save a life when heavy machinery is involved. The seminar should also be of interest to far-

mers who may be liable for damages from accidents on their farms.

The seminar is running in two sessions from 9 a.m. until noon and from 7-10 p.m. The sessions are being sponsored by the North Jackson Grange as part of a community service project for the farming community and emergency personnel.

Donated equipment includes a manure pit and silo, forage box, regular baler, haybine, corn picker, combine, round baler and manure spreader. Representatives from the equipment dealers will identify their machinery, how it operates, how it handles the crop, how the crop moves through the machinery, and what steps to take to shut down the equipment.

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