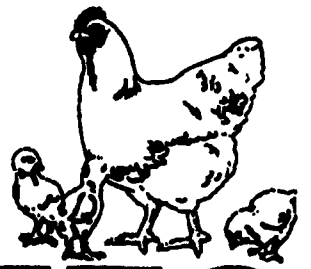


POULTRY NOTES



Poultry Ambassador Is Sister To Last Year's Poultry Queen



The Stauffer family stand in front of the poultry houses where they raise 22,000 broilers. The family is active in promoting the poultry industry. Michele is both Lancaster County and Pennsylvania Poultry Ambassador. Her sister Melissa was last year's Poultry Queen for both the county and state. Kneeling from left are Michele and Janelle. Standing are Melissa, Lucy, and Clark.

LOU ANN GOOD
Lancaster Farming Staff
EPHRATA (Lancaster Co.) — The Clark Stauffer farm is producing more than chickens, vegetables, pigs, and the innovative technology for which it has been noted. For two years in a row, the poultry spokesperson for the industry has been chosen from the Stauffer farm.

Michele Stauffer is the Pennsylvania Poultry Ambassador. Last year it was Melissa Stauffer who was named Pennsylvania Poultry Queen.

"It's a title change but the responsibilities are basically the same," said Guy Martin, committee chairperson for the Lancaster County Poultry Association. After years of crowning a queen to represent the industry, the poultry board decided to drop the pageant and the queen title because prospective

candidates had negative reactions to appearing in a pageant. Instead, the board annually will select an ambassador to represent the industry.

"By having an ambassador, males will have the opportunity to promote the industry," Martin said.

Seventeen-year-old Michele, a senior at Ephrata High School, will represent both county and state poultry industries. She will appear at poultry functions, fairs, and take the poultry story to elementary schools.

"My sister often talked about how much she enjoyed being poultry queen," Michelle said. "Plus my teacher said that I'm pretty good at public speaking so I thought I'd enjoy being the ambassador."

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Scope Of Poultry Research At Facility Includes Studies Of Human Disease

ANDY ANDREWS
Lancaster Farming Staff
UNIVERSITY PARK (Centre Co.) — What do studies into the human disease — osteoporosis — and chicken bones have in common?

Penn State. With the aid of the university's \$6 million Poultry Education and Research Center, scientists are using the study of how chicken bones are formed and break down to gather insights into how older humans come down with the disease called osteoporosis.

(Simply put, osteoporosis effects thousands of older age

people each year. It is a condition where bones become fragile and brittle.)

Dr. Roland Leach, Penn State professor of nutrition and poultry science, who conducted the tour last month during the university's Ag Progress Days, spoke about the facility's ongoing research efforts in the field of osteoporosis.

"We're living longer and we're getting diseases of aging," he told the 30 visitors during the first tour. "Osteoporosis is a serious disease of aging, particularly for women after menopause."

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Farm Calendar

Tuesday, September 27
Northeast Poultry Show, Lancaster Host Resort, thru Sept. 30.

Wednesday, September 28
Northeast Poultry Show, Lancaster Host Resort, thru Sept. 30.

Thursday, September 29
Northeast Poultry Show, Lancaster Host Resort.

Monday, October 10
Columbus Day

Poultry Management and Health Seminar, Recognizing Bird Disease Down On the Farm, Kreider's Restaurant, Manheim, noon.

Tuesday, October 11
Delmarva Poultry Industry annual meeting, Delmarva Convention Center, Delmar, Md.

Wednesday, October 13
Pa./Va. Turkey Day Conference, Sheraton Inn, Harrisburg, Va.

Thursday, October 20
National Meeting on Poultry Health and Processing, Sheraton Ocean City, Ocean City, Md., thru Oct. 21.

Tuesday, October 25
Lancaster County Poultry Association annual banquet, Willow Valley.

Monday, November 14
Poultry Management and Health Seminar, Ascites, Kreider's Restaurant, Manheim, noon.

Tuesday, December 6
Mid-Atlantic Cooperative Extension Meeting (MACE), University of Delaware, Newark, Del.

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Northeast Poultry Show Sept. 28-29

LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.) — One of the country's leading authorities on rodent control will be on hand at this year's Northeast Poultry Show, to be held Sept. 28-29 here at the Lancaster Host Resort.

Dr. Dave Henzler, USDA, will make a presentation on ways in which poultry producers can control rodents on Wednesday, Sept. 28 in the Exhibit Hall at 2 p.m.

On Thursday, Sept. 29 Dr.

Jim Arends, North Carolina State University, will discuss the control of darkling beetles.

Keynote speaker for the conference includes Sheilah Kast,

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