

A PROFILE OF THREE RECENT PENN STATE POULTRY SCIENCE GRADUATES

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In an article a year or two ago, I outlined the many opportunities awaiting graduates in poultry science once they have completed their degree.

Today I would like to introduce you to three of our 1995 graduates, tell you something about their backgrounds, and briefly describe their new careers in the poultry industry.

Ed Hoffman

Ed Hoffman is a native of Watsonstown in Northumberland County, where he was raised on his parents poultry (table eggs) farm. Ed chose a career path somewhat different than most students today as he spent four years on active duty in the Army prior to enrolling at Penn State University. He credits those four years for maturing and making him a more serious student, which must have worked as Ed achieved the highest grade point average of any student in the major each of the last two years.

Between his junior and senior years, Ed participated in a summer internship with Arbor Acres

Farms, Inc. in Glastonbury, Conn. Arbor Acres is a large international genetics company that produces and markets broiler breeder parent stock.

Based on Ed's excellent experience with Arbor Acres and the company's satisfaction with his performance, Ed has accepted a position with Arbor Acres after graduation. In his new position he will initially be involved with managing the many sire and dam lines maintained by the company. However, in the future, as he gains experience, Ed will most certainly have opportunities to travel both nationally and internationally with Arbor Acres.

Doug Metzler

Doug Metzler was raised on a farm in Lancaster County. When asked how he became interested in poultry science (Doug's family did not raise poultry), he attributed the decision to an early course at Penn State that presented the many opportunities available for employment and careers in the

poultry industry. Once the decision was made to enroll in poultry science, Doug never looked back as he became totally involved in the major and all of its surroundings.

In addition to his coursework, he became active in the Poultry Science Club (which, by the way, was voted "Club of the Year" twice at the International Poultry Exposition in Atlanta, Ga. during his membership), serving as its president during his senior year. Doug was also a multiyear resident at the Poultry Research Farm, a privilege offered only a few students each year.

Doug, like Ed Hoffman, participated in a summer internship. In Doug's case, he interned two summers with Wampler-Longacre, Inc., a large economically integrated regional (Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, and North Carolina) broiler and turkey company. He spent his first summer as a service trainee with market turkeys at the New Oxford, Pa. complex (formerly Round Hills Foods, Inc.) and his second summer at the home office in Harrisonburg, Va., where he trained in the hatchery and with turkey breeders.

As with most of the Poultry Science students, Doug interviewed with several companies during his senior year (and received several offers), but as has been true in many instances, he chose employment with the company where he interned; in this case, Wampler-Longacre, Inc. Doug is located at the New Oxford complex where he is in training to become a flock supervisor.

Brian Sensenich

Brian Sensenich, also a resident of Lancaster County, became

interested in poultry science while a student at the Penn State Berks Campus. It should be noted that most students spend one year and many spend two years at one of the Commonwealth Campuses located through Pennsylvania, prior to enrolling at Penn State University Park.

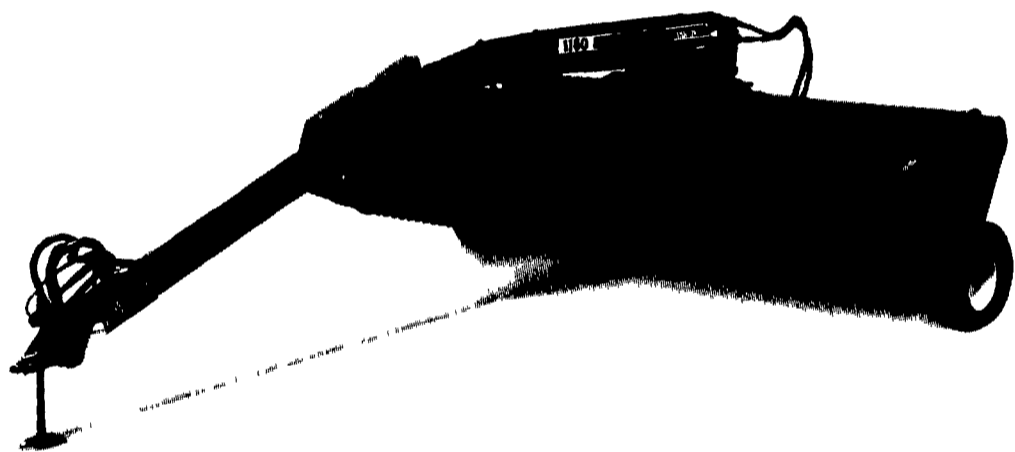
Brian's interest in poultry science was heightened while at the Berks Campus, when he participated in a training program with a poultry feed sales and service representative with a large poultry and livestock company in Lancaster.

After transferring to the University Park Campus at the beginning of his junior year, Brian became involved in a number of curricular and extracurricular activities associated with poultry science. He, like both Ed and Doug, participated in a summer internship after his junior year. But, unlike the other two, Brian chose another employer, Dutch Country Eggs in Lebanon County, after being interviewed prior to graduation by several potential employers.

Brian's first assignment with Dutch Country Eggs will involve helping develop and initiate the company's revised fly control program and the recently legislated nutrient management program.

With many fields in and outside of agriculture experiencing difficult employment opportunities, employment in the poultry industry has never been better. The undergraduate experiences and the recent employments of Ed Hoffman, Doug Metzler, and Brian Sensenich typifies those of many of our recent graduates and points out the many and varied career opportunities in the large poultry industry.

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HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.)—Agriculture Secretary Charles Brosius is reminding the farm community that market news reports are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, through the department, according to a news release.

"Farmers need accurate and timely information when it comes to current market prices," Brosius said. "Our Bureau of Market Development provides a valuable service to farm families and agribusinesses, who depend on this information for their livelihood."

Market reports, which are updated twice daily Monday through Friday, are available by calling (717) 787-6006.

The 11:30 a.m. report contains the New York egg market, western cattle and hog markets, Midwestern direct hog markets, boxed beef, cow and pork carcass cutout value, and previous day futures close.

The daily Pennsylvania livestock auction summary is available Tuesday through Friday. On Monday, the Pennsylvania grain and hay report and the New Hol-

land hog market are added in place of the daily summary.

The 4 p.m. report contains the New York egg market, current Lancaster County cattle market (Monday, Tuesday and Thursday), Western cattle and hog markets, Midwestern direct hog markets, current futures close, Northeast special fed veal carcass price, and Western beef and pork meat markets report.

On Monday, the grain and hay report is included. On Friday, the weekly summary of auctions is added.

The grain and hay report is available to radio stations and newspapers by mail or fax. Broadcast updates are available by calling 717-787-5319.

Requests or questions on the reports should be directed to the Livestock Division - Room 310, PA Department of Agriculture, 2301 North Cameron Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110-9408.

For a more thorough comparison of market performances, Lancaster Farming publishes most of these and other markets every week.

Holstein Convention

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a.m.-9 a.m.; a silent auction on cattle open from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.; an Amish country tour from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.; and various committee meetings.

A Pittsburgh Treasurers Tour is to run from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; and the second day of a general session of the annual meeting is scheduled to be held from 9 a.m.-3

p.m. Wednesday evening, from 6 p.m.-7 p.m. is a banquet social hour followed by the banquet and entertainment.

The convention winds up Thursday morning with a Board of Directors Breakfast from 6:30 a.m.-7:30 a.m.; and a Board Reorganization meeting from 7:30 a.m.-10 a.m.