

DPI National Meeting Oct. 18-20

GEORGETOWN, Del. — More than 600 poultry industry leaders from across the country and around the world are expected to attend the Oct. 18 - 20 National Meeting on Poultry Health and Processing in Ocean City, Md.

This highly respected meeting is sponsored by Delmarva Poultry Industry, Inc. (DPI), the trade association working for the continued progress of the Delmarva Peninsula's more than \$1.4 billion-a-year poultry industry.

"Improving the Quality of America's Poultry" is the theme, according to Dr. Mark A. Dekich, meeting chairman. "While our industry already produces the highest quality poultry in the world, there are opportunities to make it even better.

"Speakers from 13 states were selected by DPI's Poultry Health Committee and Processing Committee and will share information that will allow us to accomplish that goal," Dekich said.

In the two-day growout session, topics are:

- Why Control Devastating Diseases - A Lifetime Experience
- Economics of Disease
- Mexican Avian Influenza Update
- Avian Influenza in the United States - Where Are We Now and Why?
- USDA Plans for Emergency Diseases
- The Biology of Avian Mycoplasma
- Poultry Industry Micoplasma Case Studies
- The Argument for Eradication of Mycoplasma
- The Economics of Living With Micoplasmas
- Biosecurity - A Worldwide Perspective
- Dietary Interactions and Coccidiosis
- Nutritional Control of Immune-induced Depression of Food Intake and Growth
- Bronchitis Diagnostic Technology
- Field IB Experience in the U.S.

- ILT Research
- ILT - U.S. Experiences.

The one-day processing session on Thursday, Oct. 19, has topics designed to help processing plant managers and quality control personnel deliver higher quality products while improving their efficiencies. Topics are:

- USDA Poultry Microbiology Baseline Study
- Reducing Bacteria From Farm Through Processing
- Working With a Multicultural Team
- Water Reduction in Processing Plants
- Waste Recycling
- New Eviscerating Systems.

The combined session on Thursday, Oct. 19, is devoted to food safety topics, including presentations by Dr. Stanley I. Savage, University of Georgia, and Dr. S.F. Bilgili, Auburn University, on ways to deliver better broiler chickens to the processing plants. Dr. Richard H. McCapes will discuss on-the-farm good

management practices related to food safety. All segments of the poultry industry should find the combined session of interest and importance.

For more information about the 30th National Meeting on Poultry Health and Processing, contact DPI at R.D. 6, Box 47, Georgetown, DE 19947-9622, (302) 856-9037.

Equine Short Course Set

STROUDSBURG (Monroe Co.) — Can you legally hire an employee and pay cash "under the table" or provide board in exchange for work?

What is new in the world of horse fencing, barn flooring materials, and arena footing?

Can written contracts and releases protect you in the event of a liability law suit?

These and other issues will be addressed at the barn manager's short course, scheduled in Monroe County at the Ramada Inn in Delaware Water Gap on Oct. 31 and Nov. 7 from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The sessions will be repeated in

Montgomery County on Nov. 1 and 8 at the Heritage Family Restaurant, Route 113 in Franconia. The equine short course has been developed as a cooperative effort by extension agents from Penn State and Rutgers universities.

A high caliber of professionals in the equine field have agreed to serve as instructors for the short course. Speakers include representatives from Footings Unlimited, Stocton Fence Company, Penn State and Rutgers Extension, Blue Bridle and Posse Walsh Insurance Company, and Keystone Farm Credit.

The cost of the two-day program is \$70, which includes lunch and instructional materials. To receive more information or a registration form, contact your local Cooperative Extension Office or the Monroe County Extension Office at (717) 992-7344, the Montgomery County Extension Office at (610) 489-4315, or the Warren County Extension Office at (908) 475-6503.

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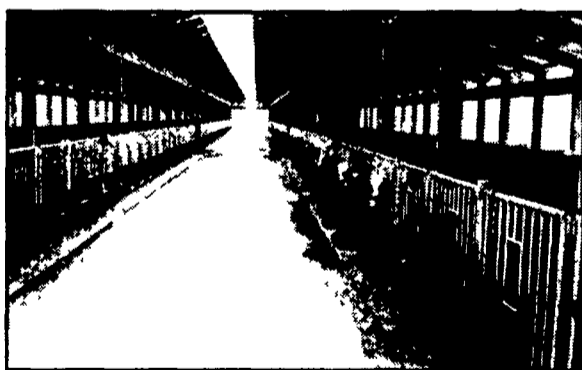
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Don't Attempt To Renovate Parched Lawn

UNIVERSITY PARK (Centre Co.) — Record high temperatures in July followed by a prolonged drought lasting into September have resulted in parched and burned-out lawns over much of Pennsylvania and the rest of the Northeast.

Unless soil-soaking rains provide relief soon, homeowners should forego the usual fall lawn renovation practices, which could further damage drought-stricken turf, according to a Penn State turfgrass scientist.

"With no significant rain for more than a month, coupled with low humidity, many of Pennsylvania's 3.3 million lawns are under severe drought stress, and some have begun to die," said Dr. Peter Landschoot, associate professor of turfgrass science in Penn State's College of Agricultural Sciences.

"Ordinarily, lawn repair or renovation such as aeration and dethatching should be done in early September when temperatures are cooler and rains are more frequent," Landschoot said. "This summer, however, renovation should be postponed until later in the season or perhaps until next spring unless the lawn has been adequately irrigated."

Aeration and dethatching will severely damage drought-stressed turf. Fertilization and weed control practices also can be damaging and should be delayed until turf begins to recover. "The best thing to do at the moment is nothing," Landschoot said. "Simply leave the lawn alone until it begins to recover."

If the Northeast experiences steady, soil-drenching rains within the next few weeks, most turfgrass will recover. "However, lawns that were in weak condition at the beginning of summer or that have received heavy traffic over the past few weeks may not grow back and will have to be reseeded," Landschoot said.

If significant rainfall does return to the state by mid-to late September, homeowners can overseed bare places in their lawns. "In most areas of Pennsylvania, seeding after October with Kentucky bluegrass may not yield satisfactory results," said Landschoot. "If you plan to seed in early October, use perennial ryegrass, which germinates and establishes much more quickly than Kentucky bluegrass."

For more information on reseeding your lawn, request the free fact sheet, "Turfgrass Establishment," from the Penn State Cooperative Extension office in your county.