

# National Poultry Health And Processing Meeting Set

OCEAN CITY, Md. — More than 600 poultry industry leaders from across the country and around the world are expected to attend the October 23-25, 1996 National Meeting on Poultry Health and Processing in Ocean City, Maryland. 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 1.5

billion-dollar-a-year poultry industry.

"With the poultry industry continually striving to meet customers' expectation and improve bird health, our meeting is poised to provide practical information," commented Dr. Mark A. Dekich, chairman of the 31st national meeting. Speakers from 10 states, the District of Columbia, Finland, and Northern Ireland were selected by DPI's Poultry Health Committee and Processing Com-

mittee. "There is a great deal of emphasis on food safety in the Combined Session to open the meeting and in the Processing Session," Dr. Dekich state.

In the first part of the combined session on October 24, the theme is "Poultry in the Global Market." Speakers will discuss:

- Global Customer Satisfaction
- Food Safety Globally
- World Poultry Health
- The U.S. Poultry Health

## Monitoring System

The second half of the combined session has as its theme "Strategies for Improved Food Safety." There will be presentations on:

- Overview of Salmonella in the U.S.
- Competitive Exclusion
- Salmonella Control in Europe
- Live Production Best Management Practices

"We are especially pleased with the two international speakers who will address the combined session. Professor Esko Nurmi of Finland, the father of competitive exclusion, and Dr. George McIlroy of Northern Ireland, well known for his research on salmonella, will share their expertise," according to Dr. Dekich.

Food safety topics abound in the Procession Session the afternoon of October 24, with a theme "Improving an Already Superior Product."

- Inexpensive Rapid Detection Methods
- Live-Haul Cages Disinfectant Research Update

- New Eviscerating Systems — Where Are We Now
- Maintaining Effective Pathogen Reduction Programs
- How to Develop and Live with SOPs and HACCP

In the Grow-Out Session the afternoon of October 24, there will

be a "Symposium of Control of Respiratory Diseases."

- History of Respiratory Vaccines
- Immune Response to Respiratory Vaccines
- Management Factors as Related to Respiratory Diseases
- Update on Respiratory Diseases
- Evaluating and Developing Effective IBV Vaccination Programs
- Distinguishing ILT Vaccine and Field Viruses — A New Approach
- Update on AI Vaccine Development and Testing
- Results of a National Database on Respiratory Disease

The meeting concludes on Friday October 25 with a session on "Current Research on Marek's Disease."

- Development of In Ovo Vaccination
- Future Strategies to Control Marek's Disease
- Genetic Markers in Selection for Resistance to Marek's Disease
- Current Research on Marek's Disease

For further information about the 31st National Meeting on Poultry Health and Processing, contact DPI at R.D. 6, Box 47, Georgetown, Delaware 19947-9622 or (302) 856-9037 or fax (302) 856-1845.

## Approval Given For 12 Farm Easement Purchases

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Agriculture Secretary Charles C. Brosius has announced the approval of easement purchases for 12 farms encompassing 1,279 acres of prime farmland.

"Gov. Ridge is committed to continuing Pennsylvania's agricultural tradition," Brosius said. "This program protects thousands of acres of quality farmland for future generations."

The Farmland Protection Program was initiated in 1989 with a \$100 million bond issue approved by Pennsylvania voters. The program allows the state and counties to purchase development rights — referred to as easements — to guarantee that farms will remain as agricultural land.

Including easements approved today, 630 farms in 31 counties

will have joined the program or had easements approved, protecting 78,703 acres.

Following is a list of the 12 properties approved today, including owner, township, acreage and purchase cost.

\* Adams — Donald and Marion Peters, Mount Pleasant Township, 49 acres, \$55,688.

\* Berks — Franklin M. Troutman, Marion Township, 94 acres, \$188,600.

\* Berks — McCullough Hook, Marion Township, 116 acres, \$232,800.

\* Blair — James L. Keller and W. Jay Keller, Tyrone Township, 291 acres, \$174,470.

\* Lancaster — Gerald A. and Lorraine G. Ruhl, East Donegal Township, 46 acres, \$192,039.

\* Lehigh — Paul and Elizabeth

Bittner, Heidelberg Township, 106 acres, \$191,389.

\* Lehigh — Leslie and George Howatt, Lower Milford Township, 149 acres, \$373,355.

\* Lehigh — Charles J. and Shirley A. Rauch, Lynn Township, 107 acres, \$213,364.

\* Lehigh — Franklin, Shirley, William, and Sandra Reith, Lower Milford Township, 49 acres, \$147,810.

\* Montgomery — Mary Emma, Davis, and Patricia Haldeman, Douglass Township, 43 acres, \$153,000.

\* Montgomery — Frederick A. Hansen, Douglass Township, 122 acres, \$511,052.

\* Westmoreland — Robert E. and Edith K. Smith, Salem Township, 107 acres, \$214,082.

## National Farm-City Conference Ready To Roll

BALTIMORE, Md. — Building good relations between farmers and urban dwellers will be the major topic during the National Farm-City conference scheduled July 28-30 in the Wyndham Garden Hotel at Annapolis.

All interested persons throughout the Mid-Atlantic area are invited to attend this nationwide forum being held for the first time in Maryland.

Sponsors include the National Farm-City Council, Maryland agricultural organizations (especially the Maryland Farm Bureau) and the Maryland Department of Agriculture.

Room reservations for overnight guests will be available in the conference hotel through July 19, and walk-in registrations will be accepted from persons planning to commute. However, advance registration is preferable.

An \$80 registration fee will include a Sunday evening "Taste of Maryland" poolside buffet on July 28, breakfast and lunch on

Monday and Tuesday, and a Monday afternoon bus tour to Beltsville and Baltimore. The conference hotel room rate is \$65 per night.

More information is available from John Butler at the Maryland Farm Bureau, (410) 922-3426, Steve Connelly at the Maryland Agricultural Education Foundation, (410) 752-0671, or Milt Nelson at the University of Maryland Cooperative Extension Service, (301) 405-4596.



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