

Avian Health Symposium

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• Methods for sharing costs of influenza prevention and control (government indemnity and industry self-assurance).

• Long-range planning to reduce A.I. risk, including research.

A series of reports regarding some of these issues will be presented and comments will be solicited from symposium participants. The reports and pursuant discussion will be the basis for a report to the Pennsylvania legislature in accordance with the conditions of the \$5 million appropriation to the department for manage-

ment of the 1997 outbreak of H7N2 influenza.

Participation for the symposium is desired from Pennsylvania poultry producers, integrators, processors, and marketers, haulers, the Pennsylvania Poultry Federation and its Poultry Health Advisory Committee, the Pennsylvania Animal Diagnostic Laboratory System (PADLS), the Pa. Animal Health and Diagnostic Commission, the USDA APHIS Veterinary Sciences, the Penn State Department of Poultry Science, and the University of Pennsylvania Center for Animal Health and Productivity.

poultry identified thereon are moving directly from a source flock in which a random sample of 10 birds was blood-tested negative for A.I.

within 10 days of the date of movement, using a test approved by the USDA.

In addition, no poultry may be moved from a flock where there has been a positive A.I. blood or virus test within the previous nine months unless the flock is depopulated and premise cleaned and disinfected or virus testing (all birds or 150 birds) is negative.

New York is also going to increase surveillance of incoming birds and the markets. If a market is found to be positive and has substandard sanitation, it will be quarantined and must depopulate, clean and disinfect before the quarantine is released.

It has been estimated that these markets receive between 250,000-300,000 birds weekly, many of which originate in Pennsylvania.

Larger commercial industry, including layers, broilers, and turkeys, should keep in mind that the risk of contamination with A.I. is always present and that biosecurity measures are necessary between the live bird market and the larger commercial industry to ensure the control of A.I.

inspection.

According to a report published in the Poultry Post, the newsletter of the Pennsylvania Poultry Federation, the inspection states that either 1) the poultry identified thereon are moving directly from a source flock which is certified by the state or country of origin as an A.I. monitored source or 2) the

A.I. Testing Required For Live Bird Markets

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) —Effective Jan. 8, no live poultry more than seven days old may be moved into a New York poultry market unless accompanied by an approved certificate of veterinary

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tal affairs, information, and business service to 25,247 farm and rural families in Pennsylvania.

Donaldson attended AFBF's annual meeting at the Charlotte Convention Center as the head of PFB's farm delegation. He served as one of three official delegates for PFB during voting delegate sessions at the meeting. Voting delegates from state farm bureaus decided policies that will guide the organization in 1998.

"I'm looking forward to representing Farm Bureau members in the Northeast on the American Farm Bureau board, especially our Pennsylvania farmers," commented

Donaldson. "With direction provided through our grassroots policy development process, Farm Bureau will be tackling some

major issues this year which affect the future of agriculture.

"Issues such as the Global Climate Change Treaty, tax reform and the fast-track authority to develop new trade agreements and improve current ones will all need to be addressed. As a member of the AFBF board of directors, I'll be helping to put our members' policies into action on these and other important Farm Bureau concerns. I'm looking forward to an exciting and challenging year," he said.

Donaldson has been president of PFB since April, 1996. Prior to becoming state president he served as the organization's vice president for nearly nine years.

Donaldson and his family grows apples, peaches, cherries and vegetables and operate a roadside market on a 550-acre farm near Gettysburg.



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