

Avian Influenza Insurance Approved

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — The Pennsylvania poultry industry has always been diligent in biosecurity to protect their flocks from devastating poultry diseases, especially avian influenza (A.I.). Unfortunately, sometimes we must face an outbreak that can literally bankrupt a poultry operation.

Anyone in poultry remembers the 1983 A.I. epidemic, but do you also remember 1993 and the A.I. outbreak in turkeys? Or how about the 1996-97 outbreak when 1.5 million birds depopulated?

PennAg Industries in cooperation with Morrissey Insurance and Old Guard Insurance has developed a program that can help in times of crisis.

On Sept. 13, the PennAg Poultry Council received confirmation that the long-anticipated A.I. Insurance Program was approved and enrollment could begin in November. As a part of a risk management strategy, this groundbreaking loss of income protection for Pennsylvania poultry producers will provide some economic protection for any farm quarantined because

of A.I.

To be eligible for the program, you must own or receive income from a poultry farm, be a PennAg Industries member, and not had an A.I. outbreak in the last 12 months. Open enrollment will last from Nov. 1 to Dec. 15, 2000. Coverage under the policy will begin Jan. 1, 2001 and continue through Dec. 31, 2001.

The largest question is, "how much will this cost?" Based on trying to cover family living expenses and interest on loans, the cost to enroll is \$0.036 cents per

bird at house capacity and cover all flocks for the year.

The payment for loss of income you would receive if your farm is quarantined is actual loss of income to a maximum of \$0.36 cents per bird for six months. Loss of income includes reduction in net profits, continuing normal operating expenses, and the reduction of income resulting from cancellation or suspension of written

grower contracts.

For almost all poultry farms, if you lose income from two flocks because of A.I. in a 10-year period, the insurance policy will pay for itself.

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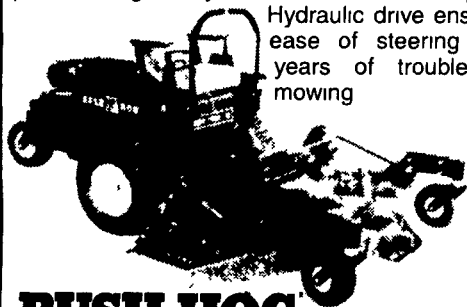
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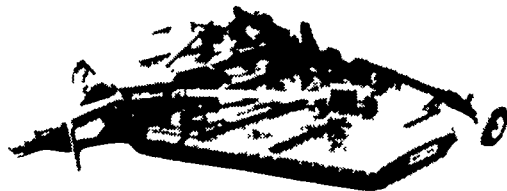
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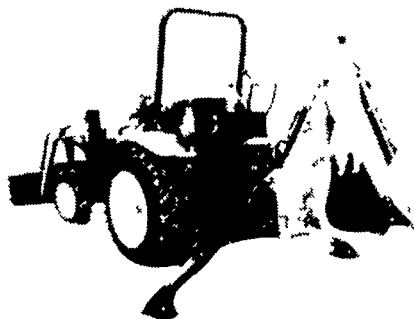
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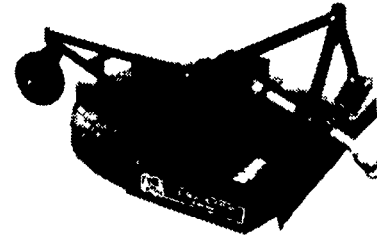
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