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To: All Extension Poultry Specialists

To:

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From: Richard D. Reynnells  
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From:

Subject: Information Update

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In this issue are, directory changes, ideas, Federal Register information, enclosures that describe available material and an opportunity. The official letterhead will return with the next issue.

Help Needed

The National Safety Council is currently preparing a safety handbook for all phases of poultry production. Please send your ideas and comments regarding what should be included in this publication to:

Mr. William D. Hanford,  
Manager, Agricultural Department  
National Safety Council  
444 North Michigan Ave.  
Chicago, IL 60611

Opportunity

Clemson University has announced their intent to fill the position of Professor and Head, Department of Poultry Science. The qualifications include: an earned Ph.D in poultry science or closely related field; recognized professional stature; a thorough understanding of, and appreciation for, the Land Grant University system; and show experience or promise as an academic administrator for a broad range of programs.

The applicant must be able to lead and direct the teaching, research, and extension responsibilities of the department. The person must have leadership capabilities in obtaining funding, a serious commitment to recruiting students for all programs, and be able to establish intra- and inter departmental cooperation. The position is available July 1, 1986. The salary is commensurate with qualifications and experience. Applications



will be accepted until April 30, 1986 or until a suitable applicant is found. For more information, contact:

Dr. John W. Dick  
Chairman, Search Committee  
Department of Poultry Science  
Clemson University  
Clemson, SC 29634-0379  
803/656-4033 or 3162

Directory  
Changes

1) Connecticut -  
Michael Darre  
Delete: 203/486-2633  
Insert: 203/486-2635

2) New Hampshire -  
Thomas Danko  
Delete: 603/862-2130  
Insert: 603/225-5505

Recruiting  
Idea

Youth Attend Midwest Conference

Minneapolis, MN -- Twenty-one youth delegates and eight adults and adult leaders from seven Midwest states participated in the annual Youth Conference held in conjunction with the 15th Annual Midwest Poultry Federation Convention, February 19-21, 1986, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. The delegates were selected by their state agricultural organization on the basis of their youth project activities. While at the conference, the delegates attended various workshops and discussions sponsored by the Midwest Poultry Federation ranging from career opportunities to the latest in technological equipment. The delegates also had their own workshops, where they demonstrated or discussed their poultry projects. The delegates were sponsored by industry contributions to the Youth Conference and by state and local poultry organizations. The Conference is in its seventh year at the Midwest Poultry Organization's Annual Convention. For more information, contact:

John Hausladen  
678 Transfer Road  
St. Paul, MN 55114

Congratulations

Lewis Wesley Wins VA Tech Extension Excellence  
Alumni Award

Dr. R. Lewis Wesley has been selected as the 1986 winner of the VA Tech Alumni Award for Extension Excellence. He will receive, at the VA Tech Founders Day Program on April 25, 1986, a bronze plaque and a check from the president of the VA Tech Alumni Association for \$1,000. Dr. Wesley has served the Cooperative Extension Service at VA Tech for more than 28 years, and has had a federal appointment for more than 34 years. He was heavily supported by Shenandoah Valley poultry processors for the award for his



contributions in several areas of processing operation and personnel training. Dr. Wesley plans to retire during 1987 and to become a part-time farmer while continuing with a busy consulting service with the US poultry industry.

From the  
Federal  
Register

1) Generic Labeling Comment Period Extended

On September 25, 1985 the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) published a proposed rule to expand the concept of generically approved labeling of meat and poultry products for those establishments operating a USDA-approved Total Quality Control System. The comment period was extended to January 24, 1986. FSIS has again extended the comment period. Comments must be received on or before April 17, 1986. Docket Number 84-020R. Address written comments to:

Policy Office  
Attn: FSIS Hearing Clerk  
Room 3803 South Agriculture Building  
Food Safety and Inspection Service  
U.S. Department Agriculture  
Washington, DC 20250

For further information, contact:

Ms. Margaret O'K. Glavin, Director  
Standards and Labeling Division  
Meat and Poultry Inspection Technical Services  
Food Safety and Inspection Service  
U.S. Department of Agriculture  
Washington, DC 20250  
202/447-6042

Source: Federal Register Vol. 51, No. 41, Monday,  
March 3, 1986, page 7283.

2) Arsanilic Acid Tablet, Withdrawal of Approval

In response to a request by the I.B. Russell Co. Laboratories, the FDA is withdrawing approval of a new animal drug application (NADA). This NADA provided for the use of sodium arsanilate (arsanilic acid) tablets in poultry drinking water for increased rate of weight gain, improved feed efficiency, improved pigmentation, and prevention of coccidiosis. This ruling is effective March 14, 1986. For further information contact:

David N. Scarr  
Center for Veterinary Medicine (HFV-214)  
Food and Drug Administration  
5600 Fishers Lane  
Rockville, MD 20857  
301/443-1846

Source: Federal Register, Vol. 51, No. 2, Tuesday,  
March 4, 1986; p. 7497

3) SIS - Extension of Comment Period

The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) published a proposed rule to amend the Federal poultry products inspection





regulations by establishing facility and equipment requirements for establishments operating under the Streamlined Inspection System (SIS) for broilers and cornish game hens. FSIS has extended the comment period to April 14, 1986. The docket number is 85-036E. Address written comments to:

Policy Office  
Attn: FSIS Hearing Clerk  
Room 3803, South Agriculture Building  
Food Safety and Inspection Service  
U.S. Department of Agriculture  
Washington, DC 20250

For further information, contact:

Dr. Douglas L. Berndt, Director  
Slaughter Inspection Standards and Procedures Division  
Meat and Poultry Inspection Technical Services  
Food Safety and Inspection Service  
Washington, DC 20250  
202/447-3217

Source: Federal Register, Vol. 51, No. 43; Wednesday, March 5, 1986, p. 7582

4) Change in Approval Procedures for New Animal Drugs

In a final rule, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is revising the current procedures and requirements concerning conditions of approval for the manufacture of animal feeds containing new animal drugs. The tentative final rule was published in the Federal Register of July 29, 1983 and amended November 1, 1983. These regulations become effective May 2, 1986, except that the provisions of 21 CFR 558.4 (d), Category II, requiring the submission and approval of medicated feed applications formerly exempt from such requirement shall become effective March 3, 1987. This is a lengthy article so no attempt will be made to summarize the information. For further information, contact:

George Graber  
Center for Veterinary Medicine (HFV-220)  
Food and Drug Administration  
5600 Fishers Lane  
Rockville, MD 20857  
301/443-4438

Source: Federal Register Vol. 51, No. 41; Monday, March 3, 1986, p. 7382-7401

5) Public Meeting, APHIS Committee on Diseases

Notice is given by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), USDA, of a meeting of the Secretary's Advisory Committee on Foreign Animal and Poultry Diseases. The purpose of the committee is to advise the Secretary on means to prevent, suppress, control or eradicate destructive diseases if they should enter the United States. Topics of possible interest to the poultry industry are: consideration of Europe as a single entity in regard to the importation of



animal products into the United States; embryo importation—a review of exotic diseases that can be transmitted by embryos; exotic animal disease teaching aids for use in veterinary colleges; and a review of APHIS reorganization. Written comments concerning these and other matters may be filed with the committee before or at the time of the meeting. The meeting will be held at Room 734A of the Federal Building, United States Department of Agriculture, 6505 Belcrest Road, Hyattsville, Maryland, March 25 and 26, 1986 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For further information, contact:

Dr. Harless McDaniel  
Chief of Staff Officer  
Technical Support, VS, APHIS, USDA  
Room 757, Federal Building  
Hyattsville, MD 20782  
301/436-8087

Source: Federal Register, Vol. 51, No. 39; Thursday, February 27, 1986, p. 6925

Onizuka 4-H  
Fund for  
Excellence  
Established

National 4-H Council is assisting in implementing a nation-wide solicitation of contributions from the 4-H family for a fund honoring Lt. Colonel Ellison S. Onizuka, a member of the ill-fated Challenger space shuttle crew. Colonel Onizuka, a former 4-H member, credited 4-H with having helped develop the standards and ideals that shaped his life professionally and personally. He recently completed work on the new 4-H educational television series, "Blue Sky Below My Feet — Adventures in Space Technology". For more information, contact: Denise Miller National 4-H Council; 301/656-9000 - Ext. 272.

Source: Extension Service Update; Current Developments; February 7, 1986, Mary Nell Greenwood.

Protect Poultry  
From Pigeons

American Association of Avian Pathologists (AAAP) News  
Release; Vaccination of Pigeons for Paramyxovirus-1 (PMV-1)  
Recommended

U.S. pigeon fanciers and racing enthusiasts are encouraged to have their pigeons vaccinated against paramyxovirus - (Newcastle disease). Dr. C. Riddell, President of American Veterinary Medical Association reports there are effective killed vaccines available that will protect racing pigeons and show birds against the disease. The vaccine must be used before the disease appears in a loft and be repeated each year. The directions of the manufacturer must be followed to obtain best results.

Paramyxovirus-1 has been recognized in racing pigeons in the United States since April, 1984. Unofficial reports from industry representatives indicate clinically the disease has occurred in many areas including the West Coast.

The virus that causes the disease in pigeons is referred to as PMV-1 and appears to be a specific subgroup that has been recognized in 14 different countries of the World, according



to reports from England. Although the pigeon subtype has not been identified in field cases involving chickens and turkeys in the U.S., experiences in England have shown that the virus can cause a serious disease in unvaccinated chicken flocks. The disease in pigeons is manifested by diarrhea, greenish droppings followed by nervous signs consisting of twisted head, drooping wings, leg paralysis, tremors and incoordination. There have been field reports of 100% mortality, but usually the losses are low and morbidity may vary from 20 to 80%. Under laboratory conditions at NVSL losses in inoculated pigeons averaged 73%. Activities associated with racing implicates the rapid spread of the disease, but trade in birds, stray bird contact, and contact at shows are other methods of spread of the disease. Thus it is important to consider a vaccination program for each loft. For more information, contact:

Robert J. Eckroade  
University of Pennsylvania  
New Bolton Center  
Kennett Square, PA 19348-1692  
215/444-4282

Enclosure

1) AMS Material Available

Enclosed are descriptions and prices of Agricultural Marketing Service material that is available.

2) Small Flock Material

Project leaders in each state will receive material prepared by, and available from, the Mid-Atlantic Cooperative Extension Poultry Health and Management Unit. The primary audience is the owner of the small flock of poultry. The enclosed material is a poster "Don't Yield to Visitors in Poultry Houses" and a fact sheet that describes "Feeding Small Poultry Flocks", contact Ed Mallinson (MD) or Pierre Brunet (PA) for more information.

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