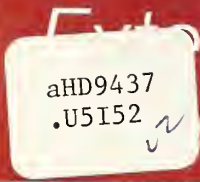


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Introduction

With the part-time assistance of Nancy Barnes, I now expect significant progress on several projects, including the regular publication of this newsletter. This issue contains directory changes, new personnel, publication information and other material you may be able to use.

Meeting

Eastern Shell Egg Quality School. The workshop will be held June 7-10 at the Sheraton Atlanta Airport Hotel, in Atlanta, Georgia, and will cover aspects of egg formation, quality, the maintenance of quality, and the reduction of damage to the egg. There will be laboratory sessions, and an examination on the last day. This is an excellent opportunity for companies to provide key employees training that will also return dividends to the company in the form of reduced losses and better quality products to be presented to consumers. For more information, contact: Eastern shell Egg Quality School, Southern United Egg Producers, Suite 580, 3951 Snapfinger Parkway, Decatur, GA 30035, 404/377-6465.

Reminder

1) If you have ideas, requests, position announcements, etc. you wish to share with other poultry specialists we will put them in the newsletter. We need to enhance communication between specialists in all States, and I want you to consider this your newsletter, which can help maintain or improve the effectiveness of your program.

2) Poultry Science Association Annual Meeting. This is to remind you to attend and participate in the PSA meeting in Oregon. Besides the opportunity to visit a beautiful State before or after the meeting, there will be a number of interesting and professionally beneficial meetings that you may attend.

We have three half-day sessions for Extension-Instruction papers, and an Extension-Instruction Symposium that deals with the future roles of faculty in Extension, Research, Teaching, and Youth work; an organizational meeting for a national Extension workers meeting

(time and place, etc. to announced at registration); a Symposium that discusses a Guide for the Care and Use of Agricultural Animals in Agricultural Research and Teaching as proposed by the consortium of animal scientists developing this Guide; the Extension Breakfast; and of course the opportunity of a lifetime membership in the Yellow Dogs, Purple Pullets, or Pink Kittens.

New Bird Health
Plan

Maryland Cage Bird Improvement Plan (M-BIP). With a view toward improving the care, maintenance and breeding of exotic birds, a group of Marylanders representing breeders, retail pet store owners and veterinarians began in the Spring of 1985 to develop the Maryland Cage Bird Improvement Plan. Modeled in part on the National Poultry Improvement Plan and the proposed National Cage Bird Improvement Plan, the Maryland Cage Bird Improvement Plan (M-BIP) is a practical approach to the special needs of bird breeders, retailers, dealers and distributors. The Maryland Cage Bird Improvement Plan is an independent organization of cage and aviary bird breeders, retailers, dealers, owners and others who want to improve cage and aviary bird breeding, care, marketing and health.

- The plan will: (1) provide recognition for participation; (2) advance cage bird quality; (3) promote humane care and the conservation of valuable birds; (4) increase sales and customer confidence; and (5) improve bird health. The Plan is a voluntary, self-governing program in which participants implement improved husbandry practices and qualify for official Plan recognition for such advances.

This health plan is an excellent example of how the "feather industries" attempt to improve the quality of their products for the benefit of everyone. Adherence to these guidelines should assist in the prevention of disease transfer between pet bird facilities, and to poultry raised for food. For more information, and a copy of the provisions of this Plan, write to: M-BIP, P.O. Box 2826, Laurel, MD 20708.

Opportunity

1) North Carolina State University. The Department of Poultry Science has announced the readvertisement of their Extension Poultry Nutritionist position. Preference will be given to someone with expertise in turkey nutrition, but they also desire

someone with a broad range of knowledge in poultry nutrition. The position is 85% Extension and 15% Research. For more information, contact Dr. Jim Marion, or Dr. Tom Carter as listed in your directory.

Enclosure

1) Energize the Green Machine. A copy of a new national publication which addresses the career opportunities associated with the U.S. food, agriculture and natural resource system is enclosed for department chairman or project leaders. Personnel in the School of Agriculture at Purdue University assisted in the preparation of this booklet.

Universities will be developing a distribution campaign in their states and geographic areas to provide quantity copies to state science museums, state associations of counselors, state "Ag in the Classroom" programs, state Departments of Agriculture, state Departments of Education, high school libraries, public libraries, and university Extension 4-H staff.

To review this booklet, contact your project leader or department chairman, or Kyle Jan Coulter, Director, Higher Education Program, Office of Grants and Program Systems, Room 350-A Adm. Building, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, DC 20250-2200, (202) 447-7854.

Directory Changes

- 1) Connecticut
 - a. Delete "*" next to Everett Bryant.

- 2) Maryland
 - a. Delete ** Owen P. Thomas, insert * John A. Doerr, Acting Chairman, telephone number: 301/454-3835

 - b. Delete E. L. Johnson - he is retired

 - c. D. Murphey, change phone number from 301/651-1911 to 301/651-9111

 - d. Delete 301/543-6700 as a working telephone number; all Princess Anne numbers are the same

- 3) Delaware
 - a. Delete S.M. Gwinn, Director, insert (and note change in zip code) and telephone number: Richard E. Fowler, Director, University of Delaware, Cooperative Extension, Townsend Hall, Newark, DE 19717-1303, 302/451-2504

Federal Register

- 1) Monensin data for Quail. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing the availability of target animal safety and effectiveness and environmental data to be used in support of a new animal drug application (NADA) for use in Monensin in type C quail feed.

The data, contained in Public Master File (5014 (PMF), were compiled under Interregional Research Project No. 4 (IR-4), a national agricultural program for obtaining clearances for use of agricultural products for minor or special uses. Sponsors of NADA's or supplemental NADA's may reference without further authorization the PMF to support approval.

For further information, contact Adriarro R. Gabuten, Center for Veterinary Medicine (HFV-135), FDA, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, 301/443-4913.

- 2) Animal Welfare: Proposed Rules. The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) has proposed to amend and expand 9 CFR Part 1, entitled "Definition of Terms" which provides the definitions for the regulations in 9 CFR Part 2 and the standards in 9 CFR Part 3. The changes comply with the amendments to the Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. 2131 et seq.) contained in Pub. L. 99-198, "The Food Security Act of 1985." These proposed amendments complement the changes the Agency is proposing to Parts 2 and 3 some of which are also required by Pub. L. 99-198.

All warmblooded animals are covered by the Act, however, the Department will still exclude from regulation poultry and birds, ..., farm animals, etc. These exemptions have long been and will continue to be targets for "animal rights" groups. This situation could change at any time, with farm animals and poultry, being covered by the Animal Welfare Act. For example, guidelines for the care and use of agricultural animals in agricultural research and teaching (now in draft form) could readily be formalized as part of existing regulations. I believe it is very important that each of us try to stay abreast of developments in this area so we are not surprised one day by a committee that will decide what research (field, or otherwise) we are able to conduct, or by government inspections of farm facilities. The period for written comment has been extended to July 1, 1987, and should refer to Docket 84-027.

For more information on the proposed rule changed, contact: Dr. R. L. Crawford, Animal Care Staff, VS/APHIS/USDA, Room 756, Federal Center Building, 6505 Belcrest Road, Hyattsville, MD 20782 (301/436-7833).

Source: Federal Register, Vol. 52 No. 61; Tuesday, March 31, 1987, pages 10292-10322.

New Personnel

- 1) David Rives, North Carolina State University. David Rives, Extension Poultry Veterinarian, begins work on May 31. David is a Mt. Aire, North Carolina native. He earned his D.V.M. degree at North Carolina State University, also having completed the North Carolina State Veterinary Science Poultry Intern Program. David's telephone number is 919/737-2621. He will work out of the Poultry Science Department, and have a joint appointment between the Poultry Science Department and the Veterinary School.

- 2) L. J. Butler, University of California-Davis. L. J. (Bees) Butler has been appointed Extension Marketing Economist and will be stationed on the Davis campus. He will have major responsibilities for poultry and dairy economics. He was born in New Zealand, trained there and in England and, finally, at Michigan State University. Bees' most recent research project has focused on identifying and measuring the economic and soical impacts of biotechnology on the Wisconsin and the U.S. dairy industry.

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