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POULTRY HEALTH PROGRAMS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

During the past year an update was made of the Priorities for Research of Avian Health Problems Affecting Turkeys, Broiler Breeders, Egg Type Chickens and Broilers (Tables 1, 2, 3, 4). Sources outside the Committee were used to broaden the base of the Committee. Replies from 26 industry and University individuals representing 16 turkey producing states were used to develop Table 1. Replies from 28 individuals representing 14 chicken producing states were used to develop Tables 2, 3, 4. President Peter Poss distributed the Tables of Priorities to the National Planning Staff, USDA-ARS, USDA-CSRS, Administrators of USDA-FSIS and USDA-APHIS, Forum for Animal Agriculture, Washington representatives of the National Broiler Council, Poultry and egg Institute, National Turkey Federation, AVMA Council of Research, AVMA Washington Office, Association of Veterinary Medical Colleges and Poultry Breeders of America.

A concern of the committee is the shrinking of the support for avian health research and programs by USDA-ARS and APHIS, particularly extra mural grants and contracts. There has been no increase in USDA-CSRS Formula Funds and Special Grant Programs since the inception of the funding in 1979.

Poultry was allocated in FY83 \$857,000 for Special Research Grants in USDA-CSRS budget out of \$6,927,000 budget for all animal health. Eleven poultry research projects were funded. In FY 1984 USDA Budget request to Congress, no funds were requested for Formula Funds, but the same level for Special Grants was requested. It is hoped that Congress will put money for Formula Funds back into the budget. What must be done is to get USDA to include Formula Funds in its budget base.

It is highly important that the poultry industries including AAAP flex their muscles to maintain an adequate research base for poultry health research at the national and state levels.

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