

REPORT OF THE AAAP

Poultry Health Programs Advisory Committee

June 1, 1981

During this past year the Committee confined its activities to four areas:

1. Revision of Avian Health Research Priorities for egg-type and meat-type layers, broilers and turkeys for 1981.
2. Continue to promote liaison with national and regional poultry associations such as NTF, PEIA, NBC, Midwest Poultry Federation, Southeastern Poultry and Egg Association, Pacific Egg and Poultry Association, and Poultry Breeders of America.
3. Continue to support improvement in the funding of Animal Health and Disease Research at the Federal level.
4. Support of the International Symposium on Avian Influenza.

1. Revision of Poultry Health Research Priorities

In cooperation with the Turkey Health Committee of NTF, the research priorities for turkeys were revised. The AAAP Committee revised the priorities for broilers, egg-type and meat-type breeders. Attached are the 1981 Avian Health Research Priorities. President Stanley Kleven submitted this material to Secretary of Agriculture, John Block and other individuals in USDA. NTF sent the turkey health priorities to Dr. A.R. Bertrand, Director, Science and Education, USDA.

2. Liaison with other Poultry Organizations

In February, 1981, representatives from PEIA, NBC, NTF, United Egg Producers, AAAP, USDA-SEA-AR, USDA-SEA-CR, feed industry and poultry science (Nutrition and Processing) met and developed a listing of poultry research priorities that were submitted to the Forum for Animal Agriculture.

The Forum for Animal Agriculture is a recently developed organization of the Dairy, Beef, Swine, Poultry, and Sheep organizations. The Forum has as its objective to develop an acute awareness of the need for a dramatic increase in knowledge to markedly improve the efficiency of producing, processing, and marketing food and fiber from animals. The Forum will serve as a united voice to seek increased research support for animal agriculture within USDA and Executive Branch of the government (OMB) and seek to secure funds from Congress for support of increased research for animal agriculture.

In May, representatives of the livestock and poultry organizations associated with the Forum met with Dr. A.R. Bertrand and program and budget officers of USDA-SEA and presented U.S. Animal Industry Research Recommendations, covering dairy, beef, swine, poultry, and sheep. The recommendations for poultry are enclosed.

The Forum will concentrate its efforts on the FY1983, USDA budget and research priorities for animal agriculture. At this time USDA-SEA is developing its final budget requests before they are submitted to Secretary Block.

3. Animal Health and Disease Research

USDA-SEA was one of the few agencies in U.S. government that received an increase in the FY1982 revised budget as proposed by President Reagan. The proposed budget is now being reviewed by Congress. Formula funding for Animal Health and Disease Research, Section 1433, PL95-113 in SEA-CR budget was not included in the Carter or Reagan budgets. Animal Health Special Research Grant funds were increased in the Reagan budget proposal over the original FY1982 proposal by \$5,454,000. Secretary Block has been highly supportive of increased funding for agricultural research and extension and development of export markets.

Considerable effort is being made by representatives of animal agriculture, Veterinary Medicine and State Agricultural Experiment Stations to have Congress include funds for both Formula Funds and Special Grant Funds in the FY1982 Appropriation Act.

4. Avian Influenza Symposium Well Supported

AAAP financially supported International Avian Influenza Symposium along with 27 other international, national, regional, and state poultry organizations. Approximately 100 registered for the Symposium and there were participants from 14 different countries. Recommendations of the Symposium will be sent to the International Office of Epizootics (O.I.E.) and USDA-APHIS and will be presented to U.S. Animal Health Association at its annual meeting in October. A proceedings will be published and participants will be receiving a copy. When the proceedings are available, a copy may be purchased from U.S.A.H.A. office.

Respectfully submitted,

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