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Dr. Steve Sundlof, Director
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Dear Dr. Sundlof:

The broiler breeder industry has seen an increase in Histomoniasis during the past several years (see attached data). Some companies and geographic areas are seeing more problems than others. Mortality can be excessive in flocks severely affected.

A drug is available in Canada for treatment of Histomoniasis (Blackhead). See attached sheet.

Are chicken and turkey breeders classified as a minor species? How can the industry get effective drugs to treat this condition?

As chairman of the Drugs and Therapeutics Committee of the American Association of Avian Pathologists, I am writing you seeking advice on how this situation can be resolved to the satisfaction of everyone. We need an effective treatment.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'G. Thomas Holder', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

G. Thomas Holder, DVM
Director of Avian Health

Attachments