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## Editorial – Redaksioneel.

### AN EXPLANATION : 'N VERKLARING.

It may be well to give briefly some of the reasons for this excursion by the Association into the troubled waters of journalism, and to indicate the future policy of the "Bulletin." The step was not taken without serious consideration and only after there was widespread and unanimous support for the scheme. Readers must realise that it has only been possible to embark upon the enterprise by the additional grant from the Egg Levy Fund, approved by the Minister for Agriculture; by the sacrifice of much time and labour by those associated with the actual running of the journal; by the generous support by voluntary contributions from well-known breeders, and by advertisers. Further progress will depend upon members of the Association according to the measure of their support by advertising, supporting advertisers and stating the medium through which they were attracted by the advertisement, and by actively canvassing new members of the Association. The bigger the circulation, the greater attraction to advertisers, so a responsibility rests upon each and every individual member of the Association and of its affiliated bodies to wholeheartedly support this attempt by the Central Board to give them a definite service. Will you give this support? Pass this copy on to a friend and show what the Association is attempting to do, talk of its activities and the benefits of organised agriculture, and do your utmost to secure new members for your Club and the Association at all times.

Dit is wenslik om korteliks enkele rede te gee waarom hierdie stap in die troebel water van joernalistiese gebied deur die Vereniging geneem word, en 'n verduideliking te gee van die toekomstige beleid van die "Bulletin."

Hierdie stap was nie sonder ernstige ooreweging geneem nie, en nie voordat daar wye en omvattende ondersteuning aan die skema gegee was nie.

Lesers moet dit in ag neem dat die uitbreiding van die Vereniging in hierdie rigting alleen moontlik gemaak was deur die addisionele toelaag, goedgekeur deur die Minister van Landbou, van die Eierheffings Fonds; deur die opoffering van veel tyd en arbeid deur diegene wie met die werklike bestuur van die tydskrif te doen het; en die volle ondersteuning deur vrywillige bydrae van goeiebekende Telers; en deur Adverteerders.

Verdere voorsitgang is afhanglik op die lede van die Vereniging deur hulle mate van ondersteuning met die plasing van advertensies, die ondersteuning wat aan adverteerders verleen word, en die feit dat hulle medling maak van die "Bulletin" wanneer hulle op sulke advertensie antwoord, as ook deur hulle pogings om nuwe lede vir die Vereniging te verkry.

Hoe groter die uitgawe hoe meer aantreklik sal dit vir adverteerders wees, en hierop berus 'n verantwoordelijkheid op ieder individuele lid van die Vereniging, as ook op elke lid van geaffilieerde liggame om hierdie poging van die Sentraalraad om 'n definitiewe dienst te lewer, van ganse harte te ondersteun. Sal U

One of the greatest difficulties in securing united action in the poultry world has been lack of active and actual touch with the individual members of the numerous affiliations of the Association. From the same reason has arisen misunderstandings, due to lack of knowledge of what is being attempted. In fact, a line of communication which could knit all units together has been lacking. To-day, more than ever, unity and organisation are essential. We have other branches of farming organised and controlling sales of their products with serious consequences to each and every poultry farmer. The voice of organised bodies is more readily heard than that of numerous small units, both by the Government and the Public, and the voice should be authentic and that of the majority of the section for which it is supposed to speak. Every farmer who remains outside the ranks of organised agriculture is therefore acting against his own interests. This "Bulletin" is a means by which it is hoped every member will be kept fully aware of what is being done on his or her behalf, and of ensuring that each member will be able to back these efforts up by personal support and action wherever possible. News of the Association's activities will therefore form the main item of news, as it will deal with factors of vital importance to every poultry farmer in the Union. An article dealing with current problems will be a regular item. If space permits, a further instructive article will be given, the intention being to help the poultryman when he most needs advice. The Marketing Bill will be dealt with from the poultry farmers' point of view, and other current events dealt with from the same standpoint. What further items will be given depends entirely upon the amount of advertising space taken up, and we look to all readers to assist us in this direction, as the greater the advertising the larger variety of reading matter we can give. It was first intended to issue a "duplicated" Bulletin to members, but members to be issued were such that it was more economic to have it printed.

Articles will be published in the language as received, while all items of universal importance will be published in both languages.

The Association is anxious to do everything in its power to assist the Industry and every one of its members. Constructive criticism will therefore be welcomed.

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hierdie ondersteuning gee? As U hierdie "Bulletin" deur gelees het, gee dit aan 'n vriend sodat hy kan oortug word oor die strewe van die Vereniging, vertel U vriend van die bedrywighede van U Vereniging en die voordele van georganiseerde landbou. Doen U bes om altyd swre lede vir U Klub en die Vereniging tot lidmaatskap aan te moedig.

Om samewerking in die Pluimvee wereld te verkry was die vernaamste moeilikheid altyd die geboek aan direkte aanspraak met die individuele lede van geaffilieerde liggame. Om dieselfde rede het die verkeerde verstandhoudings ontstaan om rede dat dit nie alom-bekend was wat die werklike pogings van die Vereniging was nie. Kortelike, was daar altyd 'n afwesigheid van 'n metode vir direkte verbinding. Vandag, meer as ooit, is samewerking en Organisasie noodsaaklik. Daar bestaan ander landbou bedrywe wat georganiseer is en wat die verkoop van hulle produkte beheer tot struifige gevolge aan elke en iedere pluimveeboer. Die stem van 'n georganiseerde liggaam word deur beide die Goewernment en die Publiek eerder aan gehoor, as die van getalle eenhede. So 'n stem behoort geloofwaardig te wees, en van die meerderheid van diegene daardeur verteenwoordig. Elke boer wat hulle 'n organisasie bly werk tot sy eie nadeel. Hierdie "Bulletin" is die middel waardeur dit geboep word om elke lid op hoogte te bring met die pogings wat vir sy of haar otwil gedoen word, en om elke lid in staat te stel om die nodige ondersteuning waar enigste moontlik aan om pogings te verleen.

Berigte oor die bedrywighede van die Vereniging sal dus die vernaamste item van nuus wees, want sulke nuus is altyd van die aller hoogste belang vir elke pluimveeboer.

'n Artikel handelend oor sake van aktuele belang sal 'n getalle item wees. As ruimte dit toelaat sal 'n verdere kersame artikel gegee word, en die doel is om pluimveeboere te help wanneer hulle advies mees nodig het.

Die Bemerkingswet sowel as ander ligende gebu-tensisse sal van die oogpunt van die pluimveeboer behandel word. Enige verdere items wat mag gegee word is uitsluitlik ahangend op die advertensie ruimte wat op geneem mag word, en ons sien daarop uit dat al ons lesers ons in hierdie rigting sal aanhelp, want hoe meer advertensies, hoe groter kan die verskeidenheid van beslot wees.

Dit was die eerste bedoeling om slegs 'n „ geko-pieerde " Bulletin aan elke lid te stuur; maar weens die nodige getalle was dit meer ekonomies gevind om dit te laat druk.

Artikels sal verskyn in die taal waarin hulle ont-vang word, terwyl alle artikels van algemene belang sal in beide tale aangegee word.

Die Vereniging is begierig om alles in sy vermoë, vir die welby van die bedryf en vir elke van sy lede, te doen. Opbouwende kritiek sal dus welkom wees.

Geliewer ondersteuning aan adverteer-ders te verleen, en maak melding van " Die S.A.P.V. Bulletin " wanneer U dit doen.



## *A Message from the Principal Poultry Officer*

## *'N Boodskap deur die Hoof Pluimveebeampte*



Welcome to the new venture on the part of the South African Poultry Association in extending its activities and to develop the Poultry Industry of our country by assisting poultry producers.

In the above direction the opportunity offered me to contribute a few words through the new medium is much appreciated, and the following remarks and advice are offered.

From a fancy or hobby, poultry keeping has developed into an important section of the General Farmer's economic life, and while there are not so many of them, in numbers, it has become an even more important and serious business to the egg and table poultry producers.

To all producers from time to time questions arise as to how economical production and profitable marketing, leaving a European standard living wage for the producer, might be attained, and in that direction the writer wishes to avail himself of this privileged opportunity of making a few remarks, and offering a few suggestions from his long and varied experience as to how this might be most readily effected:

(1) The maximum production at minimum cost can only be expected from sound healthy stock, and in that direction the services and advice of the officers of the Department of Agriculture are at all times available to producers.

(2) To improve the average flock production per hen, and in that direction no safer nor surer method can be introduced than by breeding only from R.O.P. males.

(3) By co-operating with his fellow-producers to prevent

- (a) Giltz.
- (b) Poor distribution and
- (c) Underselling.

(4) Every producer should be enamoured with the fact that it is human food he is producing and marketing, and should thus lay himself out to produce only high quality produce, be it table poultry or eggs.

(5) Having produced an article of quality, to market it as fresh and attractively as possible, his aim being to market only such products as he would care to buy himself for his own household.

(6) To read more about Poultry Husbandry and management, and in this effort, to assist in that direction on the part of the South African Poultry Association is most commendable, but it is felt that much more can also be done by producers availing themselves of the reading matter in pamphlet form obtainable from the various Schools of Agriculture free of charge, and the facilities offered by the Agricultural Department Library, Pretoria, at a most moderate fee.

Welkom tot die nuwe onderneming van die S.A. Pluimveevereniging deur die uitbreiding van sy werksaamhede, en die pluimvee industrie van ons land te ontwikkel deur hulp aan pluimvee produksie te verleen.

In gemelde rigting is die geleentheid wat aan my gegee is om 'n paar woorde by te dra deur die nuwe medium hoogs waardeer, en die volgende opmerkings en advies word aangebied.

Van 'n toestand van pluimvee aanhou as 'n liefhebbery het dit ontwikkel tot 'n belangrike deel van die ekonomiese lewe van die algemene boer, en terwyl daar nie so baie van hulle in getalle is nie, het dit 'n meer belangrike en ernstige besigheid vir die eier en slag-pluimvee produsente geword.

By alle produsente kom van tyd tot tyd dieselfde vraag voor hoe ekonomiese produksie en winsgewende bemarking behaal kan word, en nog aan die produsent 'n Europese standaard bestaanbare verdeenste oortuig, en in hierdie rigting wem die skrywer gebruik te maak van hierdie voordelige geleentheid om 'n paar opmerkings te maak, en enkele voorstellings van uit sy lang en verskeie ondervinding, aan te bied, en hoe om dit die maklikste in werking te bring.

1. Die maksimum produksie teen minimum koste kan alleen van gesonde pluimvee verwag word, en in hierdie rigting is die dienste en advies van die beamptes van die Departement van Landbou altyd beskikbaar.

2. Om die gemiddelde trop produksie per hen te verbeter, en in hierdie rigting kan geen veiliger metode ingevoer word nie as alleen met R.V.P. hane te teel.

3. Deur ko-operasie met sy mede-produsente om die volgende te vermy.

- (a) Oortuigde markte.
- (b) Verkeerde distribusie en
- (c) verkopings onder die mark prys.

4. Elke produsent behoort die feit in ag te neem dat hy menslike voedsel produseer en bemark en behoort hom dus uit te sit om alleenlik hoë kwaliteit produkte te produseer, al is dit slagpluimvee of eiers.

5. Nadat 'n produsent 'n kwaliteit artikel geproduseer het moet dit so vars en aantreklik moontlik bemark word, sy doel sýnde alleen sulke produkte te bemark as wat hy selfs vir sy eie tafel sou wil koop.

6. Om meer oor pluimveeboerdery en bestuur te lees, en in hierdie opsig sy ondersteuning en waardering aan die peging van die S.A. Pluimveevereniging te verleen, maar dit word gevoel dat produsente meer in hierdie rigting kan doen deur gebruik maak van die leesstof, in pamflet vorm van die verskillende Landbou-skole verkrygbaar, en deur die geleenthede wat deur die biblioteek van die Departement van Landbou, Pretoria, teen 'n geringe fees aangebied word.

(7) Producers should remember that eggs 7 to 10 days old are only fresh, not new-laid. Chickens older than 20 weeks are fowls, they are no more chickens, and turkeys well-bred and fleshed up to six months old should be the goal.

(8) In conclusion, success to the new step taken by the Parent Body of the organised producers.

J. J. JORDAAN.

7. Producentse behoort te onthou dat eiers 7 tot 10 dae oud vars en nie pasgêël is nie. Kuikens ouer as 20 weke is volwasse broeders, hulle is nie meer kuikens nie, en kalkoenes goed geteel en goed bevles tot 6 maande behoort die mikpunt te wees.

8. Ten slotte, sukses aan die nuwe stap wat deur die kontrole liggaaen van die georganiseerde produsente geneem word. (Vertaling).

J. J. JORDAAN.

## THE MEALIE MUDDLE.

The South African Poultry Association has been very much alive to the feeding difficulties of the poultrymen, but despite constant representation to the Government and the Mealie Control Board direct and through the Agricultural Unions, our efforts to secure effective concessions have been almost fruitless.

When it was decided this year to apply again the Mealie Export Quota System, the Government upon the recommendation of the Mealie Industry Control Board decided among other things that:

(1) Two out of every three bags produced had to be exported (except those exempted as provided for under the Mealie Quota Act) and,

(2) *Ross* sale stock feeders were to be permitted to purchase only from producers up to 300 bags without incurring an export quota obligation.

The Association pointed out time and again to the Government and the Mealie Industry Control Board that the restriction as imposed made the grant of 300 bags quota free useless to approximately 95 per cent. of poultry farmers because:

- (i) The majority of poultry farmers have no provision for bulk storage on their plants,
- (ii) They have not the available capital for bulk purchase,
- (iii) They have not the necessary grinding facilities, as they mostly feed crumbed mealies and mealie meal.

It was further pointed out that in the past stock feeders were permitted to purchase their requirements through the Grain Co-operative Societies or Brokers who supplied mealies direct to the mills for grinding and delivery to the purchasers as requirements dictated.

The stock feeders' case was further strengthened by pointing out that producers were unwilling to sell mealies to consumers in small lots in bags, as they preferred to dispose of their produce in bulk through the elevators and so use the same bags many times over.

The position became so grave that the South African Agricultural Union convened a Conference of Mealie Producers and Consumers, which was held in Bloemfontein on August 4th last, and two delegates represented the South African Poultry Association.

The South African Poultry Association submitted the following three resolutions:

(1) "That a permanent liaison committee be formed of representatives of Maize Producers and of Stock Feeders to correlate views and ensure adequate

understanding of the true position of producer and stock feeders at all times."

(2) "That this Conference requests that every avenue be explored by the Government and the Maize Control Board to find other means of securing a fair price to the maize grower than by that at present in force, which restricts internal consumption and unduly raises internal prices to Union Stock Feeders while forcing them to subsidise the sale of maize to overseas competitors."

(3) "That the Government be pressed to allow alterations to the Co-operative Act to permit of Co-operative Societies purchasing maize on members' Quota Free Certificates."

To ensure that the poultryman's case be clearly understood, copies of the resolutions, together with a clear memorandum on the poultry industry as affected by the present unsatisfactory mealie position, were freely distributed by the Association to all present at the Conference.

The poultrymen's case was well received. Resolution No. 2 was unanimously agreed to.

No. 3 led to serious discussion, and was referred to the Control Board with a recommendation to find a way out in this direction. The Control Board is in favour of the concession being granted, but an amendment to the Co-operative Act will probably be necessary.

No. 1 Resolution was withdrawn, as it was covered by one based on the Transvaal Agricultural Union's recommendation for the Constitution of the Maize Control Board, and a Committee of eighteen was appointed to consider the position. The committee consists principally of mealie producers, but there are to be two representatives of stock feeders on the committee, one of which is to represent poultrymen.

Constant representations will continue to be made on your behalf until a more satisfactory solution to this problem is found.

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## The Care of the Growing Pullets.

By W. A. BARTLEY.



When once the pullets have left the brooders at about eight weeks of age they should continue to have as much attention as previously. Care should be taken that they were gradually accustomed to a lower temperature before the change be made. This forethought often saves the pullets getting a set-back owing to a chill when the transfer is effected.

Sometimes the pullets are moved to open fronted houses, while many place them in arks in the open. These arks may have solid floors or be of the slatted or wire floored types. The latter is the healthier, but the precaution should be taken to cover the slats or the wire with a sprinkling of grass for a commencement. As the chicks move about the grass gradually falls through the openings in the floor, and allows the free ingress of fresh air.

The sides of the houses should be about two inches above the uprights on which they rest, thus allowing free entry of pure air which rises and passes through baffled air spaces at the top of the huts.

If four hurdles, each about fifteen feet long, be placed round these houses for about five days the pullets get to know their own house and will return to it every night after the hurdles are removed and they are given free range.

This free range rearing is undoubtedly the best where space permits, but whether in open fronted houses or on free range the sleeping accommodation should be ample and allowance made for the growth of the birds. Overcrowding of growing stock is one of the greatest dangers in connection with rearing.

The feeding of the pullets should be carefully attended to. Remember they must grow freely without set-backs and there must be no forcing. Dry mash is now used much more extensively than wet mash, wheaten bran has been found to aid in the development of bone and body size, and experiments have shown that at this stage up to fifty per cent. of bran in the growing mash gives excellent results. Birds at all stages of their lives want a certain amount of protein which is obtainable in comparatively small quantities in all cereals, but is mostly supplied in what are known as concentrates such as Fish Meal, Meat and Bone Meal, Whale Meal, etc. The amount of these concentrates to be used depends on the conditions of rearing. If milk can be supplied, or if the pullets are on free range in the spring of the year, when young fresh grass and a certain amount of insect food can be pecked up, less concentrates are necessary. Many firms now supply what is known as Frame Meal or Gosling Mash, and these from reputable firms can be relied on to supply anything necessary for steady growth. At this stage wheat and clipped oats form the best grains. A certain amount of crushed maize may be fed, but should be limited in quantity, as it is too forcing, and may bring

the pullets into lay before their bodies are fully developed. If this happens eggs are small, and the pullets after laying for a time are nearly sure to go into a partial or full moult when eggs are most wanted during the scarce and dear season. They cannot produce eggs and growth at the same time, and as a result they lose condition and a moult follows.

One point should be guarded against. When a change over is made from the broken wheat and growth used in the chicken grain mixture to whole wheat or oats, the change should be very gradual. The broken wheat and oats allows the digestive juices to attack the grains through the broken surfaces, whereas these take time to break down the links of the whole grains with the result that the crop and even the ventriculus or true stomach gets impacted. This causes a set-back for a time, and the farmer wonders what is wrong. A dose of Epsom Salts helps if this does occur.

Worms should be guarded against, and before placing in the permanent laying quarters it is a good plan to dose each pullet individually, giving each 5 c.c. of a mixture containing equal parts of carbon tetrachloride and medicinal paraffin (the cheapest quality used for farm animals). If administered through a glass funnel with rubber tube attached 100 birds can be dosed in about 45 minutes. If there be any body lice pinch the perches very lightly twice, at an interval of ten days, with one of the nicotine solutions now on the market. Cleanliness is next to Godliness, both internally and externally.

To sum up, keep the pullets growing slowly but surely, feed carefully on body and bone forming, but not forcing, rations, keep the chickens in clean houses free from insects, and do not be delighted if they come into lay at 4½ months to 5 months of age, but be satisfied if they commence to lay at from 5½ months to 6 months for light breeds, and from 6½ months to 7 months for heavy breeds. In this way the moult may be prevented and eggs be obtained when they are scarce and dear.

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## Doodgaan van Plaaspluimvee.



Die is baie selds dat notisie geneem word as enkele hoenders op 'n algemene boerdery doodgaan. Daar word gewoonlik alleen belang gestel as 'n epidemie te voorkom kom, en dan alleen as getalle hoenders al dood is.

Sodra enkele hoenders kort na mekaar doodgaan, of as die algemene gesondheid van die trop nie bevredigend is nie, behoort daar dadelik 'n ernstige ondersoek ingestel te word. As dié stappe nie geneem word nie, bestaan die gevaar dat een of ander ernstige siekte sal uitbreek en, al verloor die boer nie miskien die meeste van sy hoenders nie, is dit moontlik dat produksie ernstig geskadeer word, sodat sy boerdery op langsaan op 'n verlies uitloop.

Daar toetsing is nie nodig nie, maar siendelikhed en oplettendheid is essensieel vir die skotomiese sukses van pluimveeboerdery op die algemene plaas sowel as op kommersiële pluimveeboerdery. Alle uitrustings moet gereeld ontsmet word met een of ander goeie ontsmettings-middel as 'n beskerm teen die uitbreek en versprei van siekte.

Omdat daar sewel siektes is wat krukens, sodra hulle uit die dep uitkom, aantaa, is dit wenslik om die broemasjien altyd skoon te hou. Na elke broeiensel behoort die broemasjien ontsmet te word met formalien. Die metode is om alle liggats op te step met kurke en dan 'n lakkie met ontrent een eeflepel formalien daarin in die laai te plaas. Sê die masjien in werking, en dan na 12 of 24 uur sal die formalien verdamp wees en die masjien is ontsmet. Hierdie voorbehoedsmiddel sal baie help om die doodgaan van krukens te vermy.

As eiers onder hennu uitgebroei word, is dit noodsaaklik vir goeie resultate dat die hen still en behaard op die nes bly, en om dit te verseker is dit, onder ander, nodig dat sy met insekplase nie verinder word nie. Voordat 'n hen op die eiers geplaas word moet sy met 'n goeie insekplase behandel word, en dan weer net voordat die krukens uitkom. Behalwe die goeie posiers wat kommersiële verkoop word kan Natrium-fluoried (Eng.—sodium fluoride) gebruik word.

Kruimhoenders en kruikenkange behoort altyd besonder skoon te wees sodat verder verliese veroorsaak deur wurms, Coccidiosis, Basilliese, Wit Diarree kan vermy word.

Die huise of slaapplekke van groeiende en volwasse hoenders moet van hoender besuiwe (verkoerd genoem *Tampans*) skoon gehou word, en huise moet sover as moontlik sonder krake of barste in die mure en houtwerk gemaak word. Dit is wenslik om alle houtwerk gereeld te verf met een of ander goeie koolteer preparaat of met gelyke dele teer en ou mesterole wat saam oor 'n vuur opgesmelt is. Nieteminste die feit dat daar 'n opinie heers dat hoenderbesuiwe nie maklik van 'n huis kan verwyder word nie moet dit gesê word dat met 'n aanhouvermoë kan enige plek van die pes ontsaam word.

Hoenderbesuiwe veroorsaak die siekte bekend as Spicochaetose en alhoewel baie plaasdroppes taamlik onvatbaar is vir hierdie siekte die aanhoudende verlies van bloed deur hierdie parasiete geneem ondermyn die konstitusie van die hoenders met die resultaat dat produksie baie vermindert is. Enige nuwe hoender wat van 'n skoon plaas ingevoer word kan baie gou deur die lyf van 'n besuis doodgaan.

Daar is geen bekende middel teen hierdie siekte en alle pogings moet aangewend word om die plek skoon te hou.

Dit sal help om hierdie pes sowel as ander peste soos hoenderbesuiwe en rooimete uit te roei as die slaapplekke sowat eenkeer in tien dae behandel word met een of ander van die goetbekende 40 persent Twakelstrak b.v. "Blackhead 40". Die metode is om 'n geringe hoeveelheid van hierdie elektrode op die slaapplekke te verf net voordat die hoenders gaan slaap. Die hitte wat die lyf van die hoender afgee, veroorsaak dat die twakelstrak verdamp, onder die versuim, en die parasiete verniel.

Wurms is miskien die grootste oorsaak van verliese onder plaasboenders en geen beter advies kan gegee word nie dat alle jonghoenders ontrent vier maande oud met Koolstof-Tetrakloried (Eng.—Carbon Tetrachloride) behandel word en dan weer wanneer meeste van die hoenders in verveer is. Koolstof Tetrakloried is nie duur nie en is bekend as die beste middel teen elke soort van hoender-wurm. Wanneer dit skyn, dat daar wurms onder die hoenders is, kan hierdie behandeling veilig gegee word.

Vir hoenders, vier maande of meer, 2 c.c. Koolstof Tetrakloried en 3 c.c. "Liquid Paraffin." Vir krukens, onder vier maande moet die kwantiteit van Koolstof Tetrakloried verminder word terwyl die kwantiteit "Liquid Paraffin" vermeerder word, sodat die dosis altyd op 5 c.c. van die mengsel bly, b.v., krukens van een maand kry 1 c.c. Koolstof Tetrakloried en 4 c.c. "Liquid Paraffin."

Onderverinding bewys dat daar min hoenders in die Unie op algemene plaas is wat nie besmet is met wurms nie, en dit is 'n plaag wat die ernstige aard van alle pluimveeboere behoort te getref.

(Wiel Vervolg.)

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## Government Replies to Conference Resolutions.

Department of Agriculture and Forestry,  
Union Buildings,  
Pretoria.

20th August, 1937.

The Secretary,

South African Poultry Association,  
P.O. Box 1795,  
Johannesburg.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED AT LAST ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF  
SOUTH AFRICAN POULTRY ASSOCIATION.

Sir,

Further to my letter R.5416/9 of the 18th May last, I submit hereto the replies of the Department to the resolutions in question.

**Resolution No. 3:**

"That in view of the huge and rapid growth of investigational and research work in poultry diseases and problems, and in the preparation of vaccines; and realising the importance of the further development of these activities, the South African Poultry Association respectfully desires to draw the attention of the Government to the urgent need for both greater facilities and staff for this work."

**Reply:**

The Department is fully aware of the growing need for additional research in connection with poultry diseases and problems, and is doing its utmost to cope with the needs of the poultry industry in this respect.

It must, however, be borne in mind that there are numerous problems in connection with other species of stock which require attention, and the Department must tackle animal diseases in their order of importance.

**Resolution No. 4:**

"That in view of the vital importance to poultry farmers of the prices of essential feeding stuffs, such as mealies and mealie products, wheat and wheaten products, and remembering the huge sums poultry farmers contribute to the farming community of the Union in the purchase of these products, the Government be requested to give careful consideration to what is an economic price to poultry and other stock feeders as well as to the mealie and wheat farmer in the administration of the regulations appertaining to Control Boards, and especially the question of importation when conditions are such that a shortage of any of the aforesaid commodities appears probable or the internal price imposes undue hardships and loss on stock feeders."

**Reply:**

Neither the Mealie Industry Control Board nor the Wheat Industry Control Board has the power, under the existing Acts, to fix prices, and where the Government has assisted the producers of these products with the object of improving the prices to them, careful con-

sideration has always been given to the interests of the various groups of stock feeders. In this connection I may refer to the case of livestock feeders, where exemption of a quantity of maize not exceeding 300 bags purchased from producers has been granted to stock feeders. In effect, this amounts to a subsidy to feeders of 4s. 6d. per bag in respect of every bag purchased less of quota.

It is understood that the maize and wheat interests are at present considering the submission of marketing schemes in terms of the Marketing Act, and any scheme so submitted will be fully investigated by the Marketing Council, when the various interests will have full opportunity of placing their views before the Council.

**Resolution No. 5:**

"That Conference views with regret and alarm the continued policy of Government and public bodies placing contracts for poultry products at prices below cost of production."

**Reply:**

This resolution has been referred to the Union Tender Board with the request that you be furnished with a reply direct.

**Resolution No. 7:**

"That Conference requests the Government, Provincial and other Public Bodies to stipulate that all eggs and poultry supplies to hospitals and other institutions under contract shall conform to one or more stated grades scheduled under the National Mark Scheme, and that all Government Departments be informed that inspection should be called for when and where officers of the Department of Agriculture are available."

**Reply:**

The National Mark Scheme has only been in operation for a comparatively short period of time, and as it is developing and the consumers become accustomed to demanding products graded under this Mark, contracts will naturally be based more and more on this Mark.

The majority of the large suppliers are at present registered under the National Mark Scheme, and it may be confidently expected that gradually a position will be created whereunder adequate supplies of the desired standard will be forthcoming.

In any case the resolution is also being brought to the notice of the Union Tender Board and the Provincial Administration.

**Resolution No. 8:**

"That all eggs imported into the Union shall be stamped either with the 'country of origin,' 'Empire,' or 'Foreign.'"

**Reply:**

It is understood that the South African Poultry Association is contemplating the submission of a scheme under the Marketing Act, and it is felt that this proposal should be deferred for consideration in conjunction with this scheme.

**Resolution No. 10:**

"That wheat by-products be included in the Wheat Control Board."



*Reply:*

This is a matter which may be considered in connection with the proposed scheme for the Wheat Industry referred to in reply to Resolution No. 4.

*Resolution No. 11:*

"That this Conference regrets the serious reduction of the grant for propaganda work of the South African Poultry Association, and in view of the importance to the whole industry of the work undertaken by the aid of this grant, requests the Egg Levy Advisory Board to increase the amount to £300."

*Reply:*

Since the adoption of this resolution the Minister has, on the recommendation of the Egg Levy Advisory Board, approved of an increase of £200 in the grant for propaganda work, bringing the total to £400. In this connection see my letter R.3925/3 of the 29th ultimo.

*Resolution No. 12:*

"That dressed table poultry be included in the voluntary Grading Scheme on the Rand."

*Reply:*

Dressed table poultry has already been brought under this Scheme.

*Resolution No. 13:*

"That all South African eggs shall be bought and sold according to grade and candling quality, and that such eggs shall be marketed under the National Mark."

*Reply:*

This is also a matter which could best be deferred until such time as a decision has been taken on the proposed poultry scheme referred to in the reply to Resolution No. 8.

*Resolution No. 14:*

"Conference respectfully requests that at Government and other Egg Laying Competitions, replacements of birds dying during the first fortnight of the competition shall be permitted to compete for position and prizes, and shall be banded with competition rings, and if eligible, will be banded for the Breeders' Register."

*Reply:*

The Egg Laying Competition sponsored by the Department is being conducted along sound and scientific lines, with the result that a high level of efficiency has been attained insofar as this competition is concerned.

Compared with other countries, the Union is in a very favourable position both in regard to egg production and mortality. This is borne out by the following figures relating to the mortality of birds participating in competitions:

South Africa ... ..	6.7 per cent.
Australia ... ..	10 ..
Canada ... ..	17.9 ..
England ... ..	14-25 ..
United States of America	Up to 50 ..

In the circumstances, it is considered that the acceptance of the proposal will have a detrimental effect on the competition, and it is regretted that the request cannot be acceded to.

*Resolution—General No. 1:*

"That this Conference is of opinion that previous participants in tests should be circularised with entry form by the Test Authorities."

*Reply:*

While the Department is prepared to do everything in its power to encourage greater participation in Egg Laying Competitions, it must be pointed out that, owing to change of addresses, death of some of the previous participants, etc., it will be extremely difficult to give practical effect to the proposal.

Every participant is, of course, furnished with an entry form, and this procedure will be adhered to in future.

*Resolution—General No. 2:*

"Conference respectfully urges the Government to have poultry included in every Agricultural Census that is taken."

*Reply:*

This resolution has been referred to the Director of Census and Statistics with the request that you be furnished with a reply direct.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(Sgd.) P. R. VILJOEN.

Secretary for Agriculture and Forestry.

### *Resume of Reply to Government Letter of 20th August, 1937.*

Reiteration has been made of the difficulties poultry farmers have of availing themselves of quota free mealies. The Secretary for Agriculture has been asked if a poultry farmer who can give proof of purchase and of his requirements can have his grain delivered to a miller for grinding on the same principle as grinding in transit applies to export mealies.

A further question is that if a number of farmers bulked their purchases and had storage room from a Miller whether this would be considered evasion of the Act. The inability of Co-operative Societies to lump members' certificates together and buy on their behalf has been pointed out once more, and further, it is hardly just for the farmer needing more than the 300 bags to pay 4s. 6d. a bag over and above what is considered a fair price to the maize grower.

Further representations have been made on the question of the price of wheaten products and the action that should be taken to prevent a similar undue rise as was the case last year.

It has been suggested that the Marketing Act needs two amendments: (1) That section 18 (6) should apply to poultry products, and that (2) where Area Control Boards are appointed, it should be compulsory for them to form an Executive Board to correlate their actions.

## Wat deur die S.A.P.V. Gedoen Word.

Hierdie artikel is om lede 'n opsomming te gee van die aktiwiteite van die Vereniging gedurende die onmiddellike verloop.

**1. Die Mielie Pousie met betrekking tot Vervoerders:** Die Vereniging was verantwoordelik vir die insluiting van pluimveeboere as vervoerders onder die Kwota Wet. Die Vereniging het dit ook onder die sandag van die Goewerment, die Beheer Raad, en die Landbou Unies gebring dat die pluimveebedryf die grootste individuele bedryf vir die verbruik van mielies is. Dit het die medewerking en koöperasie van die Mielieboer in die Landbou Unies oorhaal om te probeer om beter voorwaardes vir pluimveeboere vir die aankoop van mielies te verkry. Die jongste aktiwiteit van die Vereniging is in 'n artikel behandel, en die bespreking is in 'n brief aan die Sekretaris van Landbou uitdruklik uiteengesit. 'n opsomming waarvan kom in hierdie uitgawe voor.

**2. Die S.A.P.V. Bulletin** is 'n poging om elke lid van die Vereniging gereelde informasie te gee van wat in sy of haar belang gedoen word. Dit word gepoe om hierdeur groter koöperasie, groter bewerkzaamheid en vergeste lidmaatskap van graffiserende liggare deur hierdie diens te verkry.

Sal diegene wat graag kritiek wil uitroep, smediel oëhoor dat alhoewel die uitgawe klein is, sy groei afhanklik is op die ondersteuning van pluimveeboere, ook dat die fondse van die Vereniging alleen toelaat vir 'n bepaalde geldelike uitleg, en die inkomste moet van advertensies kom. Dit word, dus, verwag dat pluimveeboere nie alleen die Bulletin as 'n advertensie middel sal gebruik, maar dat hulle adverteerders ook sal ondersteun.

**3. Beheer Raad onder die Bemerkingswet:** Die Vereniging is besig om 'n skema uit te werk vir die beheer van pluimvee produkte vir onderwerping aan die Bemerkings-wet, en sodra enige finaliteit bereik word, sal pluimveeboere deur middel van die Bulletin, in kennis gestel word. 'n Reeks artikels oor hierdie onderwerp sal in latere uitgawes verskyn.

**4. Bemerkings Agentskap in Johannesburg:** Die onbevredigende mate van bemerking vir pluimvee produkte op die Rand is al vir geruime tyd 'n saak van besorgdheid. Die lede van die Plaaslike Bemerkings-komitee van die Vereniging probeer om 'n uitweg te kry waardeur die moontlikheid opgedoen kan word. Vergaderings van Transvaal Eier-produkts is al gehou en siende dat geen ondersteuning vir 'n Koöperatiewe organisasie te voorskyn gekom het, was die moontlikheid van die stigting van 'n Bemerkings Agentskap in Johannesburg, as 'n tak van die S.A. Pluimveevereniging goedkeure en word nou verder noukeurig ondersoek.

**5. Die Nasionale Merck Skema:** Die Nasionale Merck Skema kom in sy stryk en daar is 'n groeiende aanvraag deur die publiek vir Nasionale Merck Produkte.

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Slagpluimvee is nou ook in die Skema ingesluit. As die voorstel van die Vereniging, dat grade vir pluimvee produkte op die Nasionale Merck Standaard basies word met groot Goewerment en Transvaal Provinsiale kontrakte, dan behoort dit beter pryse vir produsente te verseker.

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**7. S.A.P.V. Bessedeelaars Vereniging:** Tempyts van 'n spesiale beroep aan die klubs, om die belang van hul lede in Bessedeelaars Sertifikate op te wek, is dit betrouenswaardig om te meld, dat daar hierdie jaar geen vermeerdering is in die aantal kandidate nie. Siende dat daar so'n tekort aan Bessedeelaars is, hoort Tentoonstelling-hoenders en Spesiale Klubs hierdie saak met alle eers aan te pak.

**8. S.A.P.V. Telenregister:** Die Telenregister maak nog steeds vooruitgang, en vanaf die begin van hierdie jaar is 7 nuwe lede tot lidmaatskap aangeneem en 2 telers het weer aangesluit na 'n vorige bedanking.

Hierdie organisasie is van outoerkerende waarde vir pluimveeboere, want dit gee kopers van hoenders 'n versekerde waarborg van kwaliteit.

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## The 1937 Show Season.

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Space does not permit of a detailed report on the different Shows held throughout South Africa and Rhodesia, but it is hoped that with the anticipated growth of "The Bulletin" it will be possible next year to report more fully on Show activities.

From the reports submitted by the South African Poultry Association representatives, two facts are outstanding:—

Firstly, the very able manner in which Clubs conducted their Shows, and secondly, the general satisfaction accorded by the Judges. Type was reported as good in the majority of cases, and quality of exhibits high, with few exceptions.

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The Rhodesian Club, at Umtali, after a few year's rest, have started a good "come-back," and judging from reports, the Show was sufficiently successful to warrant the surmise that from now on it will be a regular Umtali feature.

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