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A TIME OF TRIAL.

The last two months of the year are generally two of the most trying to the poultry farmer from a financial point of view. Pullets are growing rapidly and the food bill is high in consequence, while numbers of hens have to be reduced to make room for the young stock.

This culling, plus the natural fall in production, means a reduced income to meet increased expenditure unless the price of eggs rises fairly rapidly. This is rarely the case, as while the demand prior to Christmas is generally good and warrants some increase in price, there is a dull period following the New Year when any undue rise causes a fall in consumption and the price to drop again. These price movements are entirely a matter of supply and demand and bear no relationship to costs of production.

The President, Central Board and Staff of the South African Poultry Association Wish all Members and Advertisers A Merry Christmas.

This year there is a vastly increased production, so that prices are ruling at a lower level than for the past three or four years, and increases are slower in coming. We are thus following the usual sequence consequent upon a period of better prices. Increased production follows each year until values are so low that a number of producers are forced to give up, or flocks are reduced and production bears some nearer relationship to present day internal consumption.

'N MOEILIKE TYDPERK.

Die laaste twee maande van die jaar is gewoonlik, finansieël, die moeilikste vir pluimveeboere. Voedingskoste is hoog want die jonghenne ontwikkel vinnig, terwyl daar 'n afbreek in die hoeveelheid eiers is, omrede dat baie ou henne verkoop is om ruimte te verskaf vir die groeiende hennetjies.

Hierdie vermindering van die trop, tesame met die natuurlike afbreek in produksie, beteken minder inkomste, terwyl voedingskoste styg. Dit is selde dat pryse nou afsonlik beter word, want alhoewel daar gewoonlik 'n goeie aanvraag vir eiers net voor Kersfees is, het ons altyd 'n swak mark kort na die nuwejaar, veroorsaak deur 'n afbreek in verbruik. Hierdie prys verandering is uitsluitlik veroorsaak deur vraag en aanbod en het geen verhouding met produksie koste nie.

Die President, Sentraleraad en Staf van die Suid-Afrikaanse Pluimveevereniging Wens alle Lede en Adverteerders 'n Plesierige Kersfees Toe.

Ons het hierdie jaar 'n besonder groter produksie en pryse is hierdeur op 'n laer basis as die van die verlede drie of vier jaar, en enige prysverbetering is stadiger as vroeër. Ons het dus die gewone volgorder wat op 'n periode van beter pryse afhang.

Produksie word elke jaar meer en meer totdat pryse so laag word dat getalle boere of hulle pluimveeboerdery staak, of hulle troppe aansienlik verminder tot produksie nader aan teenwoordige verbruik kom.

It is unlikely that feeding costs will be materially lowered, as the prices of wheat and wheaten offals and of mealies are controlled against the stock feeder, and while the Mealie Control Board has made concessions and more are hoped for, the Wheat Control Board would appear to have no consideration whatever for the consumers of Wheaten Offals, and representations are simply a waste of time judging from the attitude adopted by the Board up to the present.

If poultry farmers desire to better their marketing position and that the selling price of their products should bear some relationship to costs of production, they have only one remedy, and that is a Control Board under the Marketing Act.

To talk of the failure of other Boards or to fear the experiment, is to shirk the issue and leave the position one of recurring financial disaster for a great number of people. Stability for the Industry depends upon orderly marketing, and if producers desire the utmost for their labour they need their own marketing organisations and control of selling prices.

Increased consumption overseas has always followed sales of eggs by grade, and we have no reason to doubt that the same thing would happen here if compulsory grading was instituted. The increase in consumption by the European population by an extra three eggs per month would absorb all our export. This increase is far below the increased consumption which normally follows sales by compulsory grades and more orderly marketing.

It would, therefore, appear that the future of the Industry depends largely upon the attitude poultry farmers adopt towards marketing and whether they are willing to accept the task of controlling themselves in the selling of their products. With the problem of malnutrition receiving greater attention, a national body for marketing eggs would be in a position to press the necessity of eggs in the correct diet, and to show that the inclusion of eggs in the daily ration was the cheapest and best way of assuring the supply of the essential foodstuffs, especially for the growing child.

Dit is twyfelagtig of voedingskoste aansienlik laer sal wees, want pryse van Koring en Koring Newe-produkte en van Mielies word teen die belange van die veevoerders gekontroleer. Terwyl die Mielie Beheerraad sekere hulp aan veevoerders verleen het, en meer word verwag, skyn dit as of die Koring Beheerraad geen notisie neem van die verbruikers van Koring Newe-produkte nie, en aansoeke is maar 'n tydspilling as 'n mens moet oordeel volgens die verhouding van die Raad, tot dus ver, teenoor die menige versoeke wat aan hulle gemaak is.

As pluimveeboere hulle bemarkings-vraagstuk wil oplos, sodat daar 'n verhouding is tussen verkooppryse en produksie koste, dan het hulle net een uitweg, en dit is 'n Beheerraad onder die Bemarkingswet. Om te verwys na die tekortkominge van ander Beheerrade, of nie bereid te wees om 'n Pluimvee Beheerraad te probeer nie, is om van die moeilikheid weg te hardloop, en geen hulp vir pluimveeboere in hulle benaarde finansiële posisie te verleen nie. Bestendigheid van die Pluimveebedryf is afhangend op ordelike bemarking, en as produsente die grootste beloning vir hulle arbeid wil geniet, dan moet hulle, hulle eie bemarkings-organisasie besit en pryse beheer.

In die buiteland het verbruik altyd verbeter wanneer eiers volgens graad verkoop is, en daar is geen rede waarom dieselfde nie hier, as gevolg van verpligte gradering, sal gebeur nie. As die blanke bevolking slegs drie eiers elk per maand meer gebruik, sal dit ons totale uitvoer absorbeer. Hierdie vermeerdering is veel laer as wat gewoonlik gebeur wanneer verpligte gradering en ordelike bemarking in die lewe geroep word.

Dit skyn dus asof die toekoms van die bedryf afhangend is op die houding van pluimveeboere teenoor bemarking en of hulle bereid sal wees om hulle self, met die verkoop van hulle produkte, te kontroleer. Met die ondervoeding vraagstuk wat alhoemeer aandag geniet, sal 'n Beheerraad in 'n posisie wees om die gebruik van eiers nog meer aan te moedig, en te bewys dat die daelikse dieet hierdie goedkoop voedingstof behoort in te lyf, want dit verseker die verskaffing van die belangrike voedings bestandele vernaamlik vir die jeug.

B.W.D. Rings

To encourage breeders to adopt the B.W.D. Testing Scheme inaugurated by the Division of Veterinary Services the Association has obtained a large quantity of adjustable lead seal leg rings from manufacturers overseas.

These rings are sold as cheaply as possible, and all breeders desirous of submitting their flocks to the test are advised to communicate with the Association Secretary for their ring requirements.

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B.W.D. Ringe

Om telers aan te moedig om die B.W.D. Toets Skema, wat deur die Afdeling Veeartsenydiens ingestel is, aan te neem, het die Vereniging 'n groot aantal verstelbare been-ringe van 'n oorseese fabrikant ontvang.

Hierdie ringe is so goedkoop moontlik verkoop en alle telers begerig om hulle troppe te laat toets is aangeraai om met die Sekretaris van die Vereniging in verbinding te tree aangaande hulle been-band benodighede.

Geliewe ondersteuning aan adverteerders te verleen, en maak melding van "Die S.A.P.V. Bulletin" wanneer U dit doen.

Visit of the Secretary to the Cape Western Province

The Secretary of the Association, Mr. M. S. Letty, is at present touring in the Cape Western Province. The object of this tour is to discuss with poultrymen matters concerning the Industry and to endeavour to increase interest in the organisation of poultrymen.

He will address meetings or interview interested poultrymen at the following centres during December:

December 1 or 5.

Paarl - - - - Particulars obtainable from Mr. A. T. Spengler, Cheve Street, Paarl.

December 4.

Capetown - - Combined meeting of all Clubs. Particulars obtainable from Mr. E. J. Shires, Box 599, Capetown.

December 6.

Malmesbury - - Particulars obtainable from Mr. P. E. Baumgardt, Box 16, Malmesbury.

December 7.

Moorreesburg - Particulars obtainable from Mr. J. H. van Heerden, Secretary, Moorreesburg Agricultural Society.

December 11.

Porterville - - Particulars obtainable from Mr. M. C. Haupt, Secretary, Porterville Agricultural Society.

Paarl - - - - Meeting, "Premier" Poultry and Horticultural Society.

December 13.

Somerset Strand

December 14.

Caledon - - - Particulars obtainable from Mr. Chris Groenewald, Meul Street, Caledon.

Besoek van die Sekretaris aan die Kaapse Westelike Provinsie

Die Sekretaris van die Vereniging, Mnr. M. S. Letty, is op die oomblik op toer in die Kaapse Westelike Provinsie.

Hy sal op die onderstaande sentrums op die gegewe datums wees om of voorlesings te gee of om belangstellende pluimveeboere te ontmoet om sake betreffende die bedryf te bespreek en pluimveeboere tot groter organisasie aan te moedig.

Desember 1 of 5.

Paarl - - - - Besonderhede verkrygbaar van Mnr. A. T. Spengler, Chevestraat, Paarl.

Desember 4.

Kaapstad - - - Vergadering van alle Klubs. Besonderhede verkrygbaar van Mnr. E. J. Shires, Posbus 599, Kaapstad.

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Malmesbury - - Besonderhede verkrygbaar van Mnr. P. E. Baumgardt, Posbus 16, Malmesbury.

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Notice to Members of the Breeders' Register

Members of the Breeders' Register are notified that in accordance with the decision of the 1939 Annual General Meeting, the subscription for 1940 is £2 2s. per annum. These fees are due on the 1st of January next and should be paid promptly.

Unless notice of resignation in writing is received before that date all members become automatically liable for their subscription.

It must also be pointed out that where a member's subscription is unpaid that member will not be entitled to any services, such as the registration of hens or cockerels.

Kennisgewing aan Lede van die Telersregister

Lede van die Telersregister is in kennis gestel dat volgens die besluit van die 1939 Jaarlikse Algemene vergadering sal subskripsies vir 1940 £2 2s. per jaar wees. Hierdie fooie is op 1 Januarie a.s. betaalbaar en behoort stiptelik betaal te word.

Tensy skriftelike kennisgewing van bedanking voor daardie datum ontvang is, is lede automaties vir die bedrag verskuldig.

Dit moet ook verduidelik word dat as 'n lid nie sy ledegeld betaal het nie sal hy op geen dienste geregtig wees nie, soos b.v. die registrasie van hane en henne.

Important Meeting of the Central Board

The Central Board met on the 20th and 21st October in Johannesburg, and a full attendance was recorded. Those present were: Messrs. G. Hibbert (Chairman) (Johannesburg), E. Southworth (Bloemfontein), A. A. Colville (Capetown), Colin Campbell (East London), H. T. Statter (Durban), L. F. Forsyth (Pietermaritzburg), F. E. O'Grady and A. J. Lucas (Johannesburg), and M. S. Letty (Secretary). By invitation: Dr. Turpin, Assistant Director, Division of Animal and Crop Production, Pretoria, was present during the discussion on the question of Egg Export, while Dr. Robinson and Mr. D. Coles from the Division of Veterinary Services attended during the discussion on the B.W.D. Testing Scheme.

The items of particular interest to members were as follows :—

MR. MALCOLM MACFARLANE.

Before proceeding with the meeting, the Chairman referred to the death of Mr. Malcolm Macfarlane, and the members stood silent for a few moments as a sign of respect. The Chairman informed the meeting that Mr. A. E. Vickery and Mr. M. S. Letty represented the Association at the funeral.

JUDGES' PRACTICAL EXAMINATIONS.

It was agreed to recommend to Clubs that in the conduct of examinations the First, Second and Third Prize Birds in a Class be not used for this purpose.

JUDGES' THEORETICAL EXAMINATIONS.

The meeting agreed that members of the Breeders' Register, the individual members of a partnership and individual members of the Association may apply for candidature for the Judges' Examinations only upon joining a Club and applying through that Club.

SALE OF RINGS.

The Secretary was directed to accept orders for rings of any kind only when the remittance for the amount due accompanies the order.

R.O.P. CLASSES AT SHOWS.

The meeting agreed to the proposal of the Breeders' Register that it be a recommendation to Clubs that where R.O.P. Classes are scheduled at a Show, such Classes are to adjoin the breed concerned. This Clause to especially apply to Championship and Challenge Shows.

S.A. AGRICULTURAL UNION.

(a) **Request for Memorandum on Economic Position of Poultry Farmers.**—The meeting considered the request, and the Secretary was directed to write to the S.A. Agricultural Union asking for some time to submit the statement, and in the meantime the Executive draw up a questionnaire for submission to Board Members, Egg Circles and other interested parties, and the replies received to be compiled into a memorandum for the S.A. Agricultural Union.

(b) **Affiliation.**—After lengthy discussion the meeting agreed to discontinue affiliation to the S.A. Agricultural Union, and that the Union be given the reasons for such action.

TRANSVAAL AGRICULTURAL UNION.

The meeting agreed to the continued affiliation to the Transvaal Agricultural Union.

EGG EXPORT AND MARKETING.

With Dr. Turpin the members fully discussed the problems of the present season's export, and in view of the interview arranged with Mr. Joubert, Under-Secretary for Agriculture, for the 21st, it was agreed to convey the following to Mr. Joubert :—

1. As an emergency regulation, the Government to apply the suggestions contained in the previous Conference resolution with regard to a levy on all eggs held in cold storage at the close of the present export season and that out of this fund exporters be paid a subsidy.
2. It be immediately gazetted that the Export Regulations be amended to permit of the export in "corrugated containers" as the shortage of boxes was very serious.

On the morning of the 21st October, the members interviewed Mr. Joubert in Pretoria.

Mr. Joubert detailed the action taken by the Government in this matter from the time the first request was made by the S.A. Poultry Association on the 1st of September. A cable was sent to the High Commissioner in London and details given as to the estimated price which S.A. Exporters must receive to produce at a minimum profit. It was seen that as a result of these negotiations the British Government had eventually raised the prices as follows :—12s. 6d. for 15 lbs., and over 10s. 3d. for 13½ lbs., and in addition had agreed to pay the difference between peace time and present freightage and insurance. Exporters have been asked to enter into a definite agreement on these terms up to the end of December, which places them in the position of longer export at a favourable figure. It was agreed that the Association and the Department had done everything possible in the interests of the industry.

The question of a subsidy was discussed, but the inherent difficulties of administrating a subsidy which would benefit the actual producer was pointed out, as 70 per cent. of export is carried on by private firms who had already purchased on the basis of export prices.

The question of a levy on all eggs in cold storage at the end of the export season to provide a fund to allow a rebate to exporters was strongly recommended to the Marketing Council for investigation, due regard being paid to both the effect upon storage of the last price fixation and subsequent developments.

Other possible methods of assistance and relief to producers and exporters were discussed in an endeavour to alleviate the position, while points as to the new regulations for export were clarified.

There was not likely to be any shortage of shipping space, as the British Government had laid down a priority of shipping in which eggs come fourth on the list.

Sample corrugated boxes were to be sent to the Government, who would also secure a report from London upon the sample case sent from East London. If tests were satisfactory, a Gazette Notice would be issued to allow of the use of these containers, and the British Government was to be informed of any temporary relaxation or change in our Egg Export Regulations in this respect.

REORGANISATION OF THE POULTRY INDUSTRY.

It was proposed by Mr. Forsyth, and seconded by Mr. Lucas that the Association proceed with its policy for the reorganisation of the Poultry Industry, and carried unanimously. Mr. Colville expressed his fear that all affiliations would not be consulted, and that a cut and dried scheme would be thrust upon them with no alternative but that it be accepted.

All members assured Mr. Colville that affiliations would be consulted, and the President pointed out that with regard to a Control Scheme not only would the draft scheme be published, but every poultry keeper in the Union would have an opportunity to submit criticism. Mr. Colville thanked the members for the assurance.

B.W.D. TESTING SCHEME.

Mr. Coles informed the meeting that, from a technical point of view, the B.W.D. testing scheme was working very well. Up to 20,000 tests per month had been done at Allerton.

The response to the facilities offered for testing flocks has in some respects, nevertheless, been disappointing. Breeders who sign up and then get on with the job of having their birds tested are confined almost entirely to Natal. In no case, so far, have chicks infected with B.W.D. or Fowl Typhoid been found in consignments of stock from farms holding the B.W.D. Test Certificate. This has made the possessors of the certificate most enthusiastic about the test.

In answer to a question, it was stated that compulsory testing was, at the moment, out of the question on the grounds of impracticability. It was suggested that if the industry wanted compulsory testing, a start might be made with members of the Breeders' Registers, and hatcheries which would then have ot be licensed.

Mr. Coles stated that he was satisfied that at Glen and Cedara, where Egg Laying Competitions were held, the chances of B.W.D. infection spreading were very remote. In their own interests, however, competitors should test their fowls twice, on their arrival home, before putting them with their other birds.

The question of postage on blood samples was raised. It was intimated that repeated but unsuccessful representations had been made to the postal authorities to obtain free postage, or postage at agricultural parcel post rates. Seeing that the test obviously is now working most satisfactorily, it is hoped that breeders will not delay in taking full advantage of it.

FINANCE.

The meeting considered the estimates on the Revenue and Expenditure for the current year.

The meeting recorded its appreciation to the Liquidators of the O.F.S. Egg Circle for the donation of £13 5s. 9d. to the Association.

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BULLETIN.

The Secretary supplied the meeting with information regarding the Bulletin, including details of the response by affiliations and members to the request of Conference and a circular re a charge of 1/6 per member for the Bulletin.

After a lengthy debate, in which Mr. O'Grady spoke strongly in favour of the journal remaining a free issue, the meeting decided that the Bulletin remain a gratis publication to members, and that the Board trusts that this gesture will be appreciated by affiliations and members in a practical manner by greater support in every direction, especially in the form of advertisements, donations, and articles.

PROPAGANDA.

The question of increased propaganda was discussed and it was agreed that, if possible, the Secretary make a tour of the Western Province at the earliest opportunity.

GOVERNMENT EGG LAYING TEST RULES AND REGULATIONS.

The amended Rules and Regulations for the 1940/41 Government Egg Laying Tests were considered by the meeting and approved.

The meeting further agreed that S.A.P.A. awards be not confined to members only, thus rescinding the resolution taken at Bloemfontein in June as reported in the July "Bulletin."

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

The meeting considered various adjustments to the Constitution for submission to Conference.

CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW.

Mr. Southworth enquired whether the international situation would affect the holding of a Championship Show in 1940. The meeting agreed that a Show had to be held in terms of the Constitution.

GLEN EGG LAYING TEST.

Mr. Southworth informed the meeting that he visited the Glen Egg Laying Test during August and October. He was glad to report that the Test appeared to be excellently managed and the birds in better condition than he had ever seen them before.

EGG CIRCLE CO-OPERATION.

Mr. O'Grady raised the question of greater co-operation, for their mutual and individual benefit, between Egg Circles. Various aspects were discussed, and it was agreed that the matter be left in abeyance until a Control Board for the Poultry Industry be formed.

TRANSVAAL MUNICIPAL MARKETING COMMISSION.

Mr. Lucas explained to the meeting the evidence he and Mr. Letty submitted to the Municipal Marketing Commission at their sitting in Johannesburg on the 9th August, 1939. The evidence given, together with the suggestion from the Marketing Commission, that the Municipality of Johannesburg undertake the grading of eggs sold on the market was extensively discussed. The meeting agreed that the Secretary write to the Commission pointing out that the matter had been carefully considered, but that owing to the numerous difficulties that such an undertaking would meet, the Association is not prepared at this stage to make any recommendation with regard to the Municipality establishing an Egg Grading Plant. The Association feels that the only solution to the marketing problem would be the establishment of a Poultry Industry Control Board.

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The "Bulletin" during 1940

All Secretaries of affiliated bodies have been called upon to supply the Association with a complete list of names of their fully paid up members to ensure that each one receives the "Bulletin" for every month of 1940.

The last of the 1939 set of addressed wrappers has been used up on this December issue, and if any reader does not receive his January and subsequent issues, he or she must please not write to the Association but to the Secretary of the affiliation concerned.

There can be only three reasons for non-receipt of the "Bulletin":—

1. Your affiliation has not paid its affiliation fee for 1940, which is due on the 1st of January.
2. Your Secretary has not submitted your name and address to the Association, or
3. Your own subscription to your Club is due.

Die „Bulletin" gedurende 1940

Alle Sekretarisse van affiliasies is alreeds versoek om die Vereniging te voorsien met 'n volledige lys van ten volle lede, so dat hulle gereeld hulle „Bulletin" gedurende 1940 sal ontvang.

Die laaste stel omslae is vir hierdie Desember uitgawe gebruik, en as enige leser nie sy Januarie en daaropvolgende uitgawes ontvang nie moet hy of sy asseblief nie aan die Vereniging skryf nie, maar aan die Sekretaris van die betrokke affiliasie.

Daar kan net drie redes wees waarom lesers nie die „Bulletin" ontvang nie :—

1. U affiliasie het nie sy affiliasie fooie vir 1940 betaal nie, want dit is voor 1 Januarie betaalbaar.
2. U Sekretaris het versuim om die Vereniging met u naam en adres te voorsien.
3. U eie ledegeld aan u Klub is nie betaal nie.

Board of Trade and Industries' replies to a Resolution of Conference

The following reply has been received from the Secretary of the Board of Trade and Industries, Pretoria, to a resolution adopted at the last Conference:—

"The Secretary for Agriculture and Forestry has forwarded to the Board for consideration the resolution passed at the last Annual Congress of the South African Poultry Association, requesting Government to include laying batteries, accessories, cod liver oil and pilchard oil on the duty-free list.

"The Board has given careful consideration to the terms of the resolution, and has been advised that the laying units are so simple of construction that they could be made in the Union, so that importation is unnecessary should, for any reason, the battery system be contemplated. Furthermore, it is not considered that this system of poultry farming is necessary in the Union owing to natural advantages of the country in regard to climatic conditions and available space.

"With regard to cod liver oil and pilchard oil, it is understood that in the Union these oils are used on a very small scale as a poultry food by some farmers. The information in the Board's possession is that the small quantity which is being used for this purpose could be supplied, partially at least, through white fish meal, which is being manufactured in the Union. Moreover, it is not definite that this kind of poultry food is necessary in a country with so much sunshine as is customary in the Union.

"In all the circumstances the Board feels that it would not be warranted in submitting a supporting recommendation to Government."

Raad van Handel en Nywerheid antwoord op 'n Besluit van Konferensie

Die hieraan-volgende antwoord is van die Sekretaris van die Raad van Handel en Nywerheid, Pretoria, op 'n besluit van Konferensie ontvang.

„Die Sekretaris van Landbou en Bosbou het die besluit, wat aangeneem is deur die jongste Jaarlikse Konferensie van die S.A. Pluimveevereniging, aan die Raad vir oorweging verwys. Hierdie besluit is 'n versoek aan die Goewerment dat lêbatterye, toerusting, lewertraan en Pilchard Olie belasting vry ingevoer mag word.

„Die Raad het die versoek sorgvuldig oorweeg en is meegedeel dat lê-batterye is so eenvoudig dat hulle maklik in die Unie vervaardig kan word, sodat invoer onnodig is as hierdie sisteem gebruik wil word. Verder word dit nie nodig geag dat hierdie sisteem in die Unie toegepas moet word nie, weens die natuurlike voordele van die Unie in verband met klimatiese omstandighede en verbruikbare ruimpte.

„In verband met lewertraan en Pilchard Olie is dit verstaan dat hierdie olies op geringe hoeveelhede deur enkele pluimveeboere gebruik word. Die informasie in die besit van die Raad is dat die klein hoeveelheid wat nodig is kaan verskaf word, tenminste gedeeltelik, deur Wit Vismeel, wat in die Unie vervaardig word. Nog verder, is dit nie vasgestel nie of hierdie soort voedingstof nodig is in 'n land waar soveel sonskyn voorkom.

„In al die omstandighede is die Raad van mening dat dit nie in staat is om sy ondersteuning aan hierdie sake aan die Goewerment voor te stel nie."

(Vertaling.)

Belangrike Vergadering van die Sentraleraad

Die Sentraleraad het op 20 en 21 Oktober l.l. in Johannesburg vergader en alle lede was teenwoordig. Die lede was mnre. G. Hibbert—Voorsitter—(Johannesburg); E. Southworth (Bloemfontein); A. A. Colville (Kaapstad); Colin Campbell (Oos-Londen); H. T. Slatter (Durban); L. F. Forsyth (Pietermaritzburg); F. E. O'Grady en A. J. Lucas (Johannesburg) en M. S. Letty (Sekretaris). **Op uitnodiging**—Dr. Turpin, Assistent Direkteur, Afdeling Veeteelt en Akkerbou, Pretoria, was teenwoordig gedurende die bespreking oor die Eieruitvoer posisie, en Dr. Robinson en Mnr. D. Coles van die Afdeling Veeartsenykunde was teenwoordig gedurende die bespreking oor die B.W.D. vraagstuk.

Items van besonder belang vir lede is as volg:—

MNR. MALCOLM MACFARLANE.

Voordat met die vergadering voortgegaan is het die Voorsitter melding gemaak van die afsterwing van Mnr. Malcolm Macfarlane en die lede het vir enkele oomblikke gestaan as 'n teken van eerbied. Die Voorsitter het die lede meegedeel dat met die begrafenis het Mnr. A. E. Vickery en Mnr. M. S. Letty die Vereniging verteenwoordig.

BEOORDELAARS PRAKTIESE EKSAMENS.

Dit is besluit dat aan Klubs voorgestel word dat met die Praktiese eksamens, Eerste, Twede en Derde prys wenners in Klasse nie gebruik moet word nie.

BEOORDELAARS TEORETIESE EKSAMENS.

Die vergadering het besluit dat lede van die Telersregister, die lede van 'n maatskappy en individuele lede van die Vereniging as hulle die beoordelaars eksamen wil afle moet hulle by 'n Klub aansluit en deur daardie Klub appliseer.

VERKOOP VAN RINGE.

Die Sekretaris is gelas om bestellings vir enige soort ringe aan te neem slegs wanneer die bedrag verskuldig die bestelling vergesel.

R.V.P. KLASSE OP TENTOONSTELLINGS.

Die Vergadering het die voorstel van die Telersregister aangeneem dat waar Klasse vir R.V.P. hoenders op 'n tentoonstelling voorkom daardie Klasse behoort by die van die ooreenstemmende rasse te wees. Hierdie voorstel is van spesiale toepassing op Kampioenskap- en Uitdagings-tentoonstellings.

S.A. LANDBOU-UNIE.

(a) **Versoek vir Memorandum oor Ekonomiese Toestand van Pluimveeboere:**—Die vergadering het die versoek oorweeg en die Sekretaris is gelas om aan die S.A. Landbou-Unie te skryf en te vra dat die Vereniging meer tyd gegee word om so'n verslag te versamel en in die tussentyd sal 'n stel vrae aan Raadslede, Eierkringe en ander belangstellendes gestuur word. Die antwoorde sal dan versamel word en daarop sal 'n memorandum aan die Landbou-Unie gestuur word.

(b) **Affiliasie:**—Na 'n lang bespreking is dit besluit dat die Vereniging nie die affiliasie met die S.A. Landbou-Unie hernu nie, en dat die redes vir hierdie stap aan die Unie oorgedra word.

TRANSVAALSE LANDBOU-UNIE.

Die vergadering het besluit om weer met die Transvaalse Landbou-Unie te affilieer.

EIER UITVOER EN BEMARKING.

Met Dr. Turpin het die lede die teenwoordige uitvoer moeilikhede bespreek, en weens die onderhoud wat Mnr. Joubert, Onder-Sekretaris van Landbou, toegestaan het aan die Raad vir die 21ste, is dit besluit om die volgende voor hom te lê.

1. As 'n Noodsaaklikheids Regulasie behoort die Goewerment die voorstel aan te neem wat op die Jongste Kongres bekragtig is aangaande 'n heffing op alle Koelkamer-eiers op die einde van die teenwoordige uitvoer seisoen en van hierdie fondse 'n subsidie aan uitvoerders te betaal.
2. Dat dit dadelik in die Staatskoerant aangekondig word dat weens die tekort van uitvoer kaste uitvoer in „Corrugated Containers" toegelaat word.

Gedurende die oggend van 21 Oktober, het die Raad 'n onderhoud met Mnr. Joubert in Pretoria gehad.

Mnr. Joubert het alle stappe verduidelik wat die Goewerment geneem het vanaf die eerste versoek van die Pluimveevereniging op 1 September. 'n Kabel is aan die Hoë Kommissaris in London gestuur waarin gemeld is die benaamde pryse wat S.A. Uitvoerders moet ontvang om op 'n minimum van profyt te produseer. Die resultaat is dat die Britse Goewerment eindelik die pryse tot die volgende verhoog het:—12/6d. vir 15 lb. en oor en 10/3d. vir 13½ lb. en daarby het hulle ook aangeneem om die verskil tussen gewone en oorlog skeepsvrag en assuransie te betaal. Uitvoerders is gevra om te onderneem om op hierdie basis tot einde van Desember uit te voer, en hierdeur verkeer hulle in 'n posisie om vir langer as gewoonlik uit te voer teen 'n bevredigende prys. Dit is aangeneem dat die Vereniging en die Departement alles moontlik gedoen het in die belang van die bedryf.

Die vraag van 'n subsidie is bespreek maar die onafskeidelike moeilikhede in verband met die administrasie daaraan verbonde, sodat die werklike produsent dit sou geniet, is aangewys want 70% van uitvoer is deur private firmas gedoen, en hulle het op die teenwoordige uitvoer pryse hulle pryse aan produsente gebasiseer.

Die vraag aangaande 'n heffing op alle eiers in koelkamers op die einde van die uitvoer seisoen om fondse beskikbaar te maak om 'n rebate aan uitvoerders te betaal is met klem aan die Bemarkingsraad voorgestel vir verdere ondersoek.

Ander moontlike maniere om hulp aan produsente en uitvoerders te verleen om die posisie te herbeter en ook die voorgestelde nuwe uitvoerregulasies is bespreek.

Dit is ook klaarblyklik dat daar nie 'n skaarste van skeepsruimte sal wees nie, want dit is deur die Britse Goewerment neergelê dat sekere voedingstowwe voorkeur moet geniet, en eiers is vierde op die lys geplaas.

Monster bordpapier kassies sal aan die Goewerment gestuur word vir ondersoek asook 'n verslag van Londen oor die kas wat vanaf Oos-Londen Eierkring aan Engeland gestuur is. As die toetse bevredigend is, sal 'n kennisgewing in die Staatskoerant gepubliseer word om toe te laat dat hierdie soort kaste vir uitvoer gebruik word en die Britse Goewerment sal in kennis stel word van enige tydelike verandering van ons Uitvoerregulasies.

REORGANISASIE VAN DIE PLUIMVEEBEDRYF.

Dit is deur Mnr. Forsyth voorgestel en deur Mnr. Lucas gesekondeer dat die Vereniging voortgaan met sy beleid oor die reorganisasie van die Pluimveebedryf, en dit is sonder teenstem aangeneem. Mnr. Colville het sy vrees uitgespreek dat alle affiliasies nie sal geraadpleeg word nie en dat 'n kant en klaar skema op hulle geforseer sal word sonder enige keuse en hulle sal dit moet aanneem.

Alle lede het Mnr. Colville verseker dat affiliasies sal geraadpleeg word en die President het verduidelik dat in verband met 'n Beheer-Skema, sal 'n Konsepskema nie alleen gepubliseer word nie, maar elke pluimveeboer in die Unie sal die geleentheid hê om kritiek uit te oefen. Mnr. Colville het die lede bedank vir hulle versekering.

B.W.D. TOETS SKEMA.

Mnr. Coles het die vergadering meegedeel dat vanaf 'n tegniese oogpunt beskou, is die B.W.D. Toets Skema nou in bevredigende werking. Tot 20,000 toetse per maand is op Allerton gemaak.

Die reaksie van pluimveeboere aan die geleenthede wat aangebied is, is op baie opsigte teleurstellend. Die telers wat daarvoor ingeteken het, en die toetse deur gemaak het kom amper uitsluitlik van Natal. In geen geval het enige kuikens B.W.D. of Hoender-Tifus bewys wat van plase gekoop is wat in besit is van 'n B.W.D. Vry sertifikaat. Hierdie feit het die sertifikaat-houers besonder entoesiasties hieromtrent gemaak.

In antwoord op 'n vraag het Mnr. Coles gesê dat weens praktiese moeilikhede is verpligte toetsing op hierdie stadium onmoontlik, maar as so'n begin gemaak moet word behoort dit met die lede van die Telersregister te wees, en Uitbroei-inrigtings behoort dan onder beheer te kom.

Mnr. Coles het verder gesê dat op Glen en Cedara, waar Eierlêwedstryde gehou word, is die moontlikheid van verspreiding van B.W.D. baie gering. Telers behoort vir hulle eie beskerming alle hoenders wat hulle van die toetse terug ontvang twee-maal vir B.W.D. te laat toets voordat sulke hoenders onder die ander gesit word.

In verband met posgeld op bloed-monsters het Mnr. Coles meegedeel dat aanhoudende aansoeke aan die Departement van Poswese, dat bloed-monsters vry of per Landboupos gestuur mag word, het misluk.

Aangesien dat die Skema nou bevredigend werk is dit verwag dat alle telers daarvan sal gebruik maak.

FINANSIES.

Die vergadering het die beraming van Inkomste en Uitgawe vir die jaar bespreek, en het die dank van die Vereniging uitgespreek aan die likwideerders van die O.V.S. Eierkring vir hulle geskenk van £13 5s. 9d.

BULLETIN.

Die Sekretaris het aan die vergadering alle besonderhede verskaf aangaande die reaksie van affiliasies op die versoek van Konferensie en die omsendbrief oor die betaling van 1/6d. per lid vir die „ Bulletin."

Na 'n lang bespreking waarin Mnr. O'Grady die voordele van 'n gratis maandblad uiteengesit het, het die vergadering besluit dat die „Bulletin" 'n gratis uitgawe sal bly en dat die Raad verwag dat affiliasies en lede dit op praktiese wyse sal waardeer deur meer ondersteuning te verleen, vernaamlik in die rigting van advertensies, geldelike bydrae en artikels.

PROPAGANDA.

Die vraag van meer propaganda is bespreek en dit is besluit dat so moontlik die Sekretaris met die eerste geleentheid 'n besoek aan die Westelike Provinsie maak.

GOEWERMENT EIERLÊWEDSTRYDE—REËLS EN REGULASIES.

Die veranderde Reëls en Voorskrifte van die 1940/41 Goewerment Eierlêwedstryde is oorweeg en goedgekeur. Die Vereniging het verder besluit dat S.A.P.V. toekennings nie uitsluitlik vir lede van die Vereniging sal wees nie, en hierdie besluit herroep die een wat op Bloemfontein in Junie l.l. aangeneem is en soos in die Julie „Bulletin" aangekondig is.

VERANDERINGS AAN DIE STATUTE.

Die vergadering het sekere veranderings aan die Statute oorweeg vir indiening aan die volgende Konferensie.

KAMPIOENSKAP TENTOONSTELLING.

Mnr. Southworth het gevra of daar 'n 1940 Kampioenskap-tentoonstelling sal wees weens die internationale toestand. Die vergadering het besluit dat volgens die Statute 'n Tentoonstelling gehou moet word.

GLEN EIERLÊWEDSTRYD.

Mnr. Southworth het die vergadering meegedeel dat hy die Glense Eierlêwedstryd gedurende Augustus en Oktober besoek het. Hy kon met genoeë sê dat dit skyn asof die Toets besonder goed beheer is, en dat hy die voëls aldaar nooit in beter kondisie gevind het nie.

EIERKRING KO-OPERASIE.

Mnr. O'Grady het die vraag ingedien aangaande 'n moontlikheid vir groter ko-operasie tussen Eierkringe vir hulle gesamentlike en individuele voordeel. Verskillende gesigspunte is bespreek en dit is besluit dat die saak uitgestel word totdat 'n Beheer-skema van die Pluimveebedryf opgetrek word.

TRANSVAAL MUNISIPALE BEMARKINGS KOMMISSIE.

Mnr. Lucas het melding gemaak van die getuienis wat hy en Mnr. Letty voor die Munisipale Bemarkings Kommissie voorgelê het met hulle sitting in Johannesburg op 9 Augustus, 1939. Die getuienis, tesame met die voorstel van die Kommissie dat die Munisipaliteit van Johannesburg die gradering van eiers wat op die mark kom onderneem, is sorgvuldig oorweeg. Die vergadering het besluit dat die Sekretaris die Kommissie meedeel dat na volledige oorweging is die Vereniging, op hierdie stadium, nie bereid om enige voorstel in hierdie rigting te maak nie, weens die getal moeilikhede daaraan verbonde. Die Vereniging is van mening dat die enigste oplossing van die bemarkings vraagstuk, is die instelling van 'n Pluimveebedryf Beheerraad.

Bloemfonteinse Pluimveegenootskap Jaarlikse Vergadering

Die Jaarlikse Algemene Vergadering van die Bloemfonteinse Pluimveegenootskap het op 24 November plaasgevind. Die Voorsitter in sy jaarverslag het gemeld dat weens die feit dat hulle nie die gewone saal vir hulle tentoonstelling kon kry nie, wat kosteloos was, was hulle verplig om een te huur teen £12 12s. vir die Kampioenskou, en omdat hulle nie soos gewoonlik hulle eie teekamer kon hê nie, het dit verder hulle fondse verminder.

Die Kampioenskou was, nie te min, 'n volslae sukses, met rekord inskrywings van Bantams, Fraai- en Pos-duiwe. Die 1940 Kampioenskou sal weer in Bloemfontein gehou word en die Komitee sal die moeilike taak weer moet onderneem.

Gedurende die jaar het die Klub voorlesings gereel deur Mnr. Owen Wahl oor „Rooi Miet'' en Mnr. C. J. H. Pienaar oor „ Uitbroei van Eiers.''

Dank is oorgedra aan Mnr. Jennings, die Ere-Sekretaris, vir die feit dat die Klub in 'n bevredigende finansiële posisie verkeer. Die Sentrale Landbougenootskap is ook bedank vir hulle hulp in verband met die jongvoël tentoonstelling wat so goed afgeloop het.

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1940 Conference

The 1940 Conference of the S.A. Poultry Association will be held on the 19th, 20th and 21st of March next, and the venue will be the Committee Room of the Public Library, Johannesburg.

MR. R. PORRITT.

Information has come to hand that Mr. Reg. Porritt, of Kirkwood Poultry Farm, Pietermaritzburg, has been confined to bed in Grey's Hospital since the 6th of November, and underwent a serious abdominal operation.

The operation was successful, but it will be some time before he will be able to resume his normal duties, and we wish him a speedy recovery.

PRESERVATION OF EGGS.

The British Department of Scientific and Industrial Research has issued a very useful publication entitled "Microbiology in the Preservation of the Hen's Egg," by Haines. This is a special report No. 47 (food investigation) and all interested in the subject, especially those concerned with export, should find it an excellent reference booklet. The price is 2/6, and may be ordered from His Majesty's Stationery Office, London.

APPRECIATION.

The following resolution was passed by the members of the Ermelo and District Poultry Club:—

"We, as an affiliated Club to the S.A. Poultry Association, wish to express our appreciation of the efforts expended on behalf of the industry, and we will at all times endeavour to assist the Association."

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Bloemfontein Poultry Society Annual Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Bloemfontein and District Poultry Society was held on the 24th November. The Chairman's report showed that owing chiefly to the old venue of the Championship Show not being available there was a heavy expenditure of £12 12s. for hire of a suitable hall, and as it was not possible to run the usual tea-room, this caused a further loss of revenue.

The Championship Show was, however, a great success with record entries in Bantams, Fancy Pigeons and Homers. The Championship Show is again due to be held in Bloemfontein in 1940, and the Committee will have to face the difficulties of the arrangements.

During the year the Club had arranged lectures by Mr. Owen Wahl on "Red Mite," and by Mr. C. J. H. Pienaar on "Incubation."

Appreciation and thanks to the Hon. Secretary, Mr. Jennings, to whom the fairly satisfactory financial position is largely due, were expressed, and also to the Central Agricultural Society for generous assistance in running the Young Bird Show which passed off satisfactorily.

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(Paper read at the Harper Adams XXIIIrd. Annual Poultry Conference, August, 1939.)

I feel somewhat diffident about giving this paper, seeing that I do not profess to be an expert on manures, but owing to making a few remarks at last year's Conference, I appear to have let myself into it.

When Mr. Howes asked if I would give a paper on this subject, I felt that under the circumstances I could hardly refuse, so I informed him that he need not allow me much time for the subject, as I could soon give you the benefit of my experience and experiments, in the use of manure chiefly in connection with the growing of tomatoes on a commercial basis.

At the time I commenced this branch of my business, I engaged a specialist tomato grower from the Lea Valley district as head of this department, and during a conversation I pointed out to him that I had plenty of poultry and chicken manure, also a quantity of cow manure, and asked his opinion as to its use in tomato growing. He said he did not wish to use either, giving his opinion that cow manure was cold and heavy and unsuitable for my land, which is stiff, and for this reason he preferred to use horse manure, and with this I agreed. His objections to the use of poultry manure were that it would give the plants a disease called stripe, and it would also give the fruit a bitter flavour. I felt that I would like to try out his theory, and prove to myself whether it was correct or otherwise, seeing that I was selling poultry manure at 4s. per ton and buying horse manure at 12s. per ton, I decided to try a patch in one of the houses. I selected a patch about 20 feet by 5 feet, and mulched it with chicken manure from one of my brooder houses, which are littered with about equal parts of peat moss tailings and oat or wheat chaff. The floors are kept fairly clean, and the strength of the manure can be judged by its appearance, the chaff being easily seen, the peat moss being brown, and the grey matter, or what is apparently dust, is the chicken manure. When this manure is taken out of the brooder house it is of course dry, and it is very important that it must be thoroughly damped before mulching the plants, otherwise they will be scorched.

The manure is applied about one inch thick all over the border, after the second truss has set, and I am guided by the progress of the plants as to when to apply a further mulch.

The patch selected was treated the same way the following season with no untoward results, there being no trouble from stripe, and the fruit was quite equal in flavour to that from plants grown with the horse manure.

After two seasons' trial, I decided to use chicken manure entirely as a mulch in all the houses, and save the expense of buying horse manure. I have adopted this method for the past six years, having grown about 14,000 plants each season, and have not had more than four plants with stripe, and have not had a single complaint with regard to the flavour of the fruit.

Two seasons ago I got a little duck manure from Mr. Bradley, and gave it a small trial, and as the results were satisfactory, I gave it a further and larger trial last season with equally satisfactory results. During the present season I am using it on a block of five houses, which hold 4,400 plants, and so far I have every reason to believe that it is even better than chicken manure. One of my reasons for arriving at this opinion is that the roots come to the top and make a lot of surface root in the mulch, which shows that they like it. At this point I ought to give you some details as to the composition of this manure. The duck houses are littered with peat moss tailings, and when this is soiled, more peat moss is added, this process being repeated several times before the houses are cleaned out. I cannot therefore give the percentage of manure to peat moss, but I estimate it at about one part manure to five parts peat moss. Whatever the percentage, the results being obtained are very satisfactory.

Of course, these manures are used in conjunction with others such as Bone Meal, Potash, Superphosphate, etc., and as an example, I use a base manure before planting, 4 oz. of Bone Meal and 2 oz. of Potash per square yard.

For many years I have used chicken manure and Bone Meal for growing roses with very satisfactory results. My procedure is to apply about 8 oz. of Bone Meal to the square yard during the winter. After the first crop of bloom a dressing of about one inch thick of chicken manure is forked into the beds, and this gives some good strong growth for the second flowering, and some strong shoots for the following season. I have also used this manure for chrysanthemums with highly satisfactory results.

In applying poultry manures, the method should be little and often, and should be given when there is growth in the ground. If applied at other times it is wasteful, and if too much is given, even in the growing season, it is wasteful and detrimental, seeing that its chief element is ammonia. If over applied to grass land it will produce rough strong grass and destroy the finer herbage, but if applied with judgment good results are sure to be obtained.

Kalkoenboerdery

Kalkoene loop van nature graag rond en as hulle vrygelaat word, sal hulle vir die grootste deel van die dag ronddwaal en insekte, saadjies en groenvoer optel. Onder sulke toestande aard hulle goed en hoef hulle nie baie voer te kry nie—iets wat swaar weeg by die produksiekoste. Kalkoene loop in troppe en kan soos skape opgepas of sonder veel moeite geleer word om agter hul oppasser aan te loop. Die wagter kan dit vir hulle aanleer deur 'n bietjie graan te neem en elke maal 'n paar korrels te laat val onderwyl die kalkoene agter hom aanloop en die graan optel. Hulle leer gou om te volg sonder om met graan aangelok te word, en kan dan na verafgeleë dele van die plaas geneem word om op afgeoeste land te vreet of om insekte te vang. As kalkoene saam opgepas word, is hulle gewoonlik mak en kan in enige kamp wat vir hulle vreemd is, ingejaag of ingelei word. Hulle kan goed loop en kan oor lang afstande aangejaag word na die naaste spoorwegstasie, waarvandaan hulle na die mark verstuur word.

Kalkoene moet nie toegelaat word om met ander pluimvee te meng nie, want hulle het nogal veglustige gewoontes en kan dalk die ander pluimvee afknou. As hulle op 'n bepaalde plek kos kry en uit die onmiddellike omgewing van die huis weggelok word, leer hulle gou waar hulle moet loop en veroorsaak in dié opsig min las. Hulle moet nie aanhoudend op dieselfde stuk grond gevoer word nie, maar die plek waar hulle kos kry moet gedurig verskuif word binne die streek wat vir hulle afgestaan is.

Dit is belangrik dat die slaapplekke vry van insekte gehou en dat die mis gereeld verwyder word. As die slaapstokke en ander houtwerk eenmaal per jaar goed geverf word met karbolinium, koolteer of soligno, sal die insekte nie maklik in die barste kan skuil nie. In die lente- en somermaande is luise aan die kop en lyf soms lastig, derhalwe moet die kalkoene met tussenpose ondersoek word. Insektepoeier soos natriumfluoried wat goed tussen die vere ingestuif en in die geval van die kop- en nekdele ingevryf word, sal die kalkoene van die plae bevry. Wyfies wat op eiers sit, moet besondere aandag geniet, aangesien hul konstante hoë temperatuur insekte aanlok. Sulke wyfies moet twee- of driemaal in die broeitydperk behandel word, terwyl daar ook onder en om die eiers 'n bietjie poeier gestrooi kan word. As die broeiseisoen verby is, moet al die kampe wat vir die teelpluimvee of vir die grootmaak van kuikens gebruik is, tot die volgende seisoen in onbruik gelaat word, sodat hulle weer skoon en vars kan word. As die kuikens eers hul geslag uitwendig begin vertoon, is hulle gehard en kan saam met die groot kalkoene vry rondloop, waar hulle beter sal aard as in kampe.

Aas is dodelike vergif vir kalkoene, derhalwe moet steeds goed daarna opgelet word en geen tyd of moeite moet ontsien word om alle moontlike bronne van aas uit te skakel en te verwyder nie.

Siek kalkoene moet onmiddellik afgesonder en apart van die trop behandel word, nadat hulle herstel het, moet hulle op onderskeidende wyse gemerk word, sodat hulle altyd tussen die ander uitgeken kan word, want dit is nie raadsaam om hulle vir teeltdoeleindes te gebruik nie.

Kalkoene is groot eters en die voer wat hulle kry moet noodwendig aanvullend wees by die natuurlike voedsel soos groenigheid en insekte wat hulle self vind, anders sal die boerdery nie baie winsgewend wees nie. Die oogmerk moet wees om die grootte van die trop te probeer beperk, min of meer na gelang van die beskikbare voorraad natuurlike voedsel. As daar 'n oorvloed van hierdie soort voedsel is, kan 'n klein bietjie aanvullende graan per dag voldoende wees om in die vereistes van die kalkoene te voorsien. As hulle op afgeoeste lande wei, kan dit wees dat hulle genoeg graan optel, sodat hulle geen ekstra voer hoef te kry nie. In die winter en in tye van droogte is dit gewoonlik nodig om hulle 'n gereelde rantsoen te gee. Kalkoene kan op min of meer dieselfde wyse as hoenders gevoer word, terwyl die hoeveelheid en verskeidenheid voersoorte afhang van die ouderdom van die kalkoene en die doel waarvoor hulle gevoer word.

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