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Editorial

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MALNUTRITION, OVER-PRODUCTION, OR UNDER-CONSUMPTION.

At various Scientific and Medical Conferences held recently, the all-important question of Malnutrition has been well and truly emphasised. The supply of Agricultural products for internal consumption has been stressed as an urgent need of the Union.

The policy of exporting apparent surpluses over the present available consumption has been condemned, especially when internal consumers have to pay an enhanced price to subsidise export.

Readers of the "Bulletin" are perhaps weary of the repetition of our views on this subject, but it is interesting to see confirmation of these views from prominent authorities at the present time.

Dr. D. G. Haysett is reported to have said that a preliminary survey undertaken suggests that there is actually a shortage of food production in the Union. We gave facts and figures to this effect before the South African Agricultural Union Congress six or seven years ago, and have stressed these facts on several occasions since then. Our figures were based upon agricultural returns and sales and a ration for adult European Males on the basis of that fed to the then newly formed Special Service Battalion.

If cattle, sheep and pigs were fed only a maintenance ration the present crop of meales would be sufficient. The contention, therefore, that the first problem to face is that of acquiring more knowledge on the subject is only postponing a decision on what practical men know to be the true cause of the failure of would-be consumers being unable to purchase their requirements while the farmer is unable to secure a fair price for his product.

ONDERVOEDING, OORPRODUKSIE OF ONDER-VERBRUIK.

Op verskillende Wetenskaplike en Mediese Konferensies onlangs gehou is die belangrike saak van ondervoeding ernstig beklemtoon, asook die noodsaaklikheid dat landbou produkte behoort vir binnelandse verbruik gebruik te word.

Die beleid dat blykbare oorsprake uitgevoer word is streng afgekeur, vernameklik wanneer die binnelandse verbruiker 'n verhoogde prys moet betaal om uitvoer te subsidiseer.

Ons leers is miskien al moeg van die aanhoudende herhaling in ons blad van hierdie saak, maar dit is interessant om te sien hoe vername outoriteite ons menings bekragtig.

Ons verstaan dat Dr. D. G. Haysett verklaar het dat na 'n voerlopige ondersoek, blyk dit dat daar werklik in die Unie 'n tekort aan voeding-stowwe is.

Vyf ses jaar gelede het ons hierdie selfde verklaring aan die S.A. Landbou-Unie Kongres gemaak, en ons het dit met syfers en feite bewys. Ons syfers is op landbou opgawes en verkopings basies, met 'n voldoende rantsoen vir elke blanke man volgens die wat destyds aan die pasgevoormde Spesiale Diens Bataljon verskaaf is.

As al ons berste, skape en varke net 'n liggam-sonderhond rantsoen ontvang sal ons teenwoordige mislukkings onvoldoende wees. Die bewering dat ons eerste probleem die versameling van meer kennis oor hierdie saak is, is net om die besluit op sy te sit waar diegene met praktiese kennis seker is van die oorsaak waarom moontlike verbruikers nie hulle benodighede kan koop terwyl die boer nie sy produkte teen 'n redelike loon van die hand kan sit nie.

The whole question is an economic one, the fault in the economic system, and until this fact is faced and studied, present conditions will continue with attendant suffering and needless poverty as a corollary of abundant harvests.

The solution would be of great importance to poultry farmers, who as producers of one of the finest foods which should form an essential part of all diets, and especially those of children and invalids, would see a greatly increased demand for their produce.

It is interesting in this connection to know that the Mealie Control Board has refused to increase the amount of mealies and mealie meal upon which the rebate of 2/- is granted. It has been pointed out to the Board that approximately one-third of the normal consumption of mealies and mealie products on a poultry farm will not be covered under the present allowance. Our representations have not been acceded to, so it is difficult to see how the Board's so-called anxiety to increase internal consumption and to assist stock-feeders is justified. The rebate was only secured after long and repeated representations, and only constant agitation and pressure will secure poultrymen the full allowance they are entitled to. Will you do your share?

The Mealie Industry Control Board has now an opportunity of refuting or confirming the opinion of poultry farmers that the majority of the Board is not so much concerned with increased local consumption, the future prosperity of the Mealie Industry through a larger stock feeding industry and the welfare of farming as a whole, as with immediate returns to the mealie producer irrespective of how secured, or of the hardships imposed upon others in the process. Half measures are more or less useless, as initiative is smothered when increase of stock means an increase in the margin of mealies to be paid for at an uneconomic and unjustified figure.

Die hele vraagstuk is 'n ekonomiese een, 'n verkeerde ekonomiese stelsel, en totdat hierdie feite aangryp word sal ons tesame met oerproduksie van voeding stowwe leiding en onnodige armoede altyd lê.

Die oplossing van hierdie probleem sal van aller belang vir pluimveeboers wees, want hulle produseer een van die vernaamste voedingsstowwe wat behoort in elke diët voer te kom, vernaamlik die van kinders en siekes.

In hierdie opsig is dit interessant om te sien dat die Mealie Beheer Raad gewier het om die hoeveelhede mielies en mielie-meel waarop die rabat van 2/- betaalbaar is, te vermeerder. Om het aan die Raad verduidelik hoe op ongeveer een-derde van die mielies en mielie-produkte deur 'n pluimveeboer gebruik geen rabat betaalbaar is. Deur die afkeuring van ons versoek is dit moeilik om te verstaan hoe die Raad sy beweringe, dat dit die beleid van die Raad is om die binnelandse verbruik te verhoog en om vervoerders te help, regverdig. Die rabat van 2/- is slegs verkry na lang en aanhoudende versoeke, en dit sal nog baie meer verweerwoordiging neem voordat pluimveeboers hulle regte sal geniet. Sal u u hulp bydra?

Die Mealie Beheerraad het nou die geleentheid om te bewys of die meerderheid van die lede begrip is om binnelandse verbruik te verhoog en die toekoms van die Mealiebedryf te verseker of dat hulle slegs bekommerd is oor 'n onmiddellike wins vir die Mealieboers afgesien van hoe dit verkry word en watter laste dit op andere sal plaas. Half gebakte melings is so te se nuttelos, want initiatief word daardeur versmoor om dat dit verstaan is dat met enige vermeerdering in die getal hoenders wat aangehou word, betekens dit dat daar ook 'n vermeerdering sal wees op die hoeveelheid mielies wat teen 'n onekonomiese en onregverdigte prys aangekoop moet word.

THE B.W.D. TEST AN EXPLANATION

Several breeders in possession of the B.W.D. Free Certificate and whose names appeared in the list published in our July number, have raised objections to the wording given in the caption to the list. The words concerned read as follows:—

"Owing to the very slight margin of error inherent in all biological tests, the Director must emphasise that the possession of the B.W.D. Test Certificate cannot be accepted as an **absolute guarantee** that the birds, chicks and eggs are **definitely free of Bacillary White Diarrhoea.**"

The Director of Veterinary Services points out that in order to prevent any possible legal action being taken against him, it is necessary that he must make that statement.

This, however, should in no way prejudice buyers of chicks, etc., as they are assured that the flocks of the breeders listed have been fully tested to the best ability that science offers, and that this test has been the means of stigmatising B.W.D. from thousands of flocks overseas, while there are many in this country who can testify to the value and efficacy of the Test.

DIE B.W.D. TOETS 'N VERDUIDELIKING

Verkeie telers in besit van B.W.D. Vry Sertifikate, en wie se name op die lys wat in ons Julie uitgawe voorgekom het, het besware aangeteken teen die woorde wat die genoemde lys vergesel het. Die betrokke woorde lui as volg:—

"In biologiese toetse van hierdie aard is daar altyd 'n baie klein foutjie, en die Direkteur wil dus nadruk daarop lê, dat die besit van die B.W.D. Toets Sertifikaat nie as **absolute waarborg** kan dien dat die voëls, kuikens en eiers **geheel en al vry** is van **Bastilêre Wit Diarree** nie."

Die Direkteur van Veeartsenydiens verklaar dat weers enige moontlike dagvarings is dit nodig dat hy so'n verklaring moet maak.

Aankopers van kuikens ens. behoort nie hieroor bevooroordeel te word nie, want hulle het die versekering dat die betrokke troppe die best toetse deur gemaak het wat wetenskap kan verskaaf, en dat terselfs hierdie toets B.W.D. van duisende troppe oersees afgesig het, is daar wel telers hier in die land wat tot die waarde en bekwaamheid van die toets kan betog.

Behandeling van Kuikens op die Plaas

Deur „PEN“

Die Aankoop van Dag-oud Kuikens.

Ons vind met die ontwikkeling van die groot broei-masjien en Broei-arrangings dat die gewone pluinvoe-boer alhoewel sy kuikens elke jaar koop, instede van self die moeite en bekostuering te doen om kuikens uit te broei.

Met die aankoop van dag-oud kuikens moet die koper homself sekerde stel dat hy goeie gehalte kuikens koop en sover moontlik kuikens van 'n goeie plaas. Hier kan dit gesê word dat die plaas behoort ten minste in besit te wees van 'n Sertifikaat dat dit vry van Suisbire Wit Diarree is. Dit is ook aan die hand geges dat goedkoop kuikens kom op die ou stad hulle maal die duurste uit.

Die Groot Maak.

Waar die getal kuikens, nie groot is nie kan hulle vir groot maak aan hennie geges word. 'n Goeie hen kan van 20 tot 30 kuikens neem, maar die beste resultate is verkry deur nie meer as 15 vir elke hen nie. Hierdie kuikens ontwikkel gewoonlik beter as die wat kunstmatig groot gemaak word, om rede dat die hen nie die foute begaan wat 'n boer, gewoonlik onwetend, maak. Een van die foute wat so baie voorkom, is dat die kuikens op hante is (of uitgetroet, of gekoop) en geen of onbevredigende voeding is vir hulle onthaal gemaak nie.

Met die suksesvolle kunstmatige groot maak van kuikens is die vernaamste faktore—ventilasie, temperatuur, sanitasie, en voeding.

Daar is 'n noue verbanding tussen die twee eersgenoemde. Die kuiken-huis of kassie moet so gebou word dat daar voldoende ventilasie is sonder dat die kuikens aan trekke blootgestel word, of dat die temperatuur ernstig greefkeer word.

In die Julie uitgawe van die „Bulletin“ is melding gemaak van gewenste temperature vir die verskillende onderdomme en hierdie punt sal nie hier verder behandel word nie.

Stofelohed is absoluut essensieel vir die suksesvolle groot maak van kuikens. Waar hennie gebruik word moet die hennie van insekteplae skoongemaak en skoon gehou word. Kuiken-huise moet daeliks skoongemaak word, en vars strooi moet elke dag, sonder uitsondering, om die verwarmers gesit word, terwyl die hele kassie moet met skoon strooi elke week voorsien word.

Voeding.

Solra die kuikens van die broei-masjien na die kassie geplaas word, moet daar kos en water beskikbaar wees. As dit moontlik is om melk te verskaf dan te beter, want melk, algeroemde, koringmelk of

suurmilk, is 'n besonder waardevolle voedingsstof. Daar is 'n menige goeie kuiken rantsoene, en die volgende behoort goeie resultate te gee :

Goed Mielie Meel	—	—	40 lb.
Koring-semels	—	—	20 „
Gemaalde Havermeel	—	—	20 „
Fynsemels (Fyn Pollard)	—	—	10 „
Vleis- en Beenmeel	—	—	10 „

Hierdie sagte mengsel moet droog in ope bakke altyd voer die kuikens wees, en dan tweemaal daeliks word pitvoer in die strooi gegooi, bestaande uit gelyke dele gebroekte koring en gebroekte mielies. Vir goeie ontwikkeling, vermaanklik vir die bevredeigde groei van vere is oefening nodig, en dit kan verskaf word deur te skrop vir hulle graan voer.

Nadat die kuikens sowat twee weke oud is kan die rantsoen as volg verander word :

Goed Mielie Meel	—	—	40 lb.
Koring-semels	—	—	20 „
Fynsemels (Fyn Pollard)	—	—	20 „
Vleis- en Beenmeel	—	—	15 „

Daar moet ook gesorg word dat die kuikens gereeld fyn gekerfde groen voer kry, en die pitvoer bly onveranderd.

Verskaf voldoende kosbakke en 'n goeie gids is met dag-oud kuikens, een deim per kuiken, d.i. waar die kuikens van weerskante van 'n bak kan vreet, sal 'n bak 5 voet lang voldoende wees vir 120 kuikens vir die eerste week. Daarna moet daar elke week meer ruimte verskaf word, sodat die kuikere nooit moet tussen die ander instoot om 'n plek by die kosbak te kry nie, en daardeur ander kuikens uitstoot.

Water.

Water speel 'n belangrike rol in die bevredigende groei van enige diër. Daar moet altyd skoon, vars water beskikbaar wees, en dit moet in die koelte gehou word. Stofraad-rane om die waterbakke op te staan is die beste om te sorg dat die vloer altyd droog bly, want 'n droë vloer is nodig vir die gesondheid van kuikens. Net soos met kosbakke, moet daar voldoende waterbakke wees. Skoon water moet tweemaal elke dag verskaf word, en die bakke moet gereeld deeglik skoon gemaak word.

Dit moet altyd onthou word dat kuikens die toekomstige winsgewers is, en alle sorg en moeite wat aan hulle bestee is, sal hulle goed beloon.

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

Government Replies to Conference Resolutions

Resolution 2 :

" That in view of the number of eggs held in storage at the end of each Export Season being on the increase and beyond what can be normally consumed without seriously affecting the price of eggs in South Africa during the January/June period, a levy of 2d. per dozen or 5/- per case of 30 dozen eggs in shell and 1d. per lb. on eggs in liquid form be placed on all such eggs received in cold storage premises throughout the year, and that a refund of 5/- per case of 30 dozen eggs in shell be made on production of evidence of export. The remaining funds to be distributed to all exporters on a pro rata basis. The importation of eggs by permit only also to be introduced."

Reply :

Existing legislation allows only of a levy on export and, in the circumstances, therefore, no refund is possible. Moreover, "egg levy proceeds" are paid into the Egg Levy Fund which is administered by the Department with the assistance of the Egg Levy Advisory Board in the interests of the poultry industry as a whole.

In the circumstances it is regretted that the request contained in the resolution cannot be acceded to.

As regards the last portion of the resolution, it must be pointed out that there is no legislative provision to allow of importation against permit.

Resolution 4 :

" That the Government be again urged to introduce legislation for the compulsory grading of eggs and table poultry."

Reply :

The proposal for the introduction of a system of compulsory grading is one which involves several aspects which must be and are being seriously considered by the Department. It is hoped to arrive at a decision in this respect in the near future.

Resolution 5 :

" In view of the great progress and colossal success which the present laboratories have achieved and the valuable services thereby rendered to commercial poultry farmers, this Conference requests the Government to make a greater amount available for research and experimental work relating to poultry, in order to assure that the flocks of South African farmers may be placed on a firm foundation of health."

Reply :

During the past few years research work on poultry diseases has been extended considerably at Onderstepoort. It is, therefore, already the policy of the Department to expand poultry research work judiciously, bearing in mind the financial aspect as well as the needs of the country in this connection.

The Department is just as anxious as the poultry farmers to devise ways and means of safeguarding the health of poultry flocks of the Union.

Resolution 6 :

" That this Conference requests the Department of Agriculture to facilitate the publication of articles of importance on research or other work connected with the poultry industry and obviate the delay inevitable under present conditions owing to restrictions of available space in Government publications."

Reply :

Although it sometimes happens that the publication of articles is unavoidably delayed, it is the policy of the Department to publish all articles on agricultural matters as soon as possible. Delays which occur are not due to lack of space in Government publications, but to all the work which is involved in connection with editing, printing, translation, etc. All articles on poultry matters are published in "Farming in South Africa," as well as in the "Onderstepoort Journal," and, generally speaking, a fairly large number of articles are published every year.

Resolution 7 :

" That prior to any important measure affecting the whole of the poultry industry, being put into force by the Government, that the South African Poultry Association representing the Poultry Clubs and Poultry Farmers should be consulted and given ample opportunity of discussing and expressing the views of the said clubs and farmers on the measure."

Reply :

The Department has no objection to the South African Poultry Association discussing important matters affecting the whole poultry industry and to receiving the views of the Association on such matters. At the same time, it must be pointed out that the Egg Levy Advisory Board has been established with the specific purpose of creating a body which is representative of the various interests concerned in the poultry industry to advise the Minister and the Department on matters concerning this industry. The South African Poultry Association is, of course, represented on this Board, and it can therefore also present its views to the Department through this channel.

Resolution 10 :

" That all organisations representing producers and producer-exporters, be permitted to purchase at export parity price, one bag of maize for each case of egg exported, in the same manner accorded to stock feeders"

Reply :

The question of assistance to poultry farmers and other stock feeders has been fully considered by the Maize Industry Control Board, and that Board has decided to concede a rebate of 2/- per bag on the levy imposed on all maize purchased for the purpose of feeding livestock. As this concession is general, no specific permits are being issued at present to cattle feeders for the purchase of maize for feeding steers for export.

I must also refer you to the railage rebate of 50%, granted by the Government on the transport of all maize and maize products intended for local consumption. This concession should assist poultry farmers materially inasmuch as it enables them to obtain their feed supplies cheaper.

Resolution 11 :

" That Conference requests the Minister of Agriculture to use his utmost influence to prevent the poultry industry being burdened with the cost of uneconomic production in other agricultural branches of industry, which is causing numbers of poultry farmers to abandon their work."

Reply :

Your Association's request has been noted. I must point out, in this connection, that it is the definite policy of the Department to promote the interests of the poultry industry, and I can give you the assurance that the policy of the Mealie and Wheat Control Boards is not designed to exploit consumers of the products concerned.

Resolution 12 :

" That this Conference calls on the Government to take the necessary steps to enable poultry and stock farmers to purchase bran and pollard at a price no higher than that laid down as the maximum under the Wheat Control Scheme, namely, 5/6 per 100 lbs. at the Mill."

Reply :

I enclose herewith a copy of Government Gazette Extraordinary No. 2656, which contains Government Notice No. 917 of the 23rd June, 1939. This Government Notice fixes the prices of bran and pollard, and it will be seen therefrom that the request of your Association has been met.

Resolution 13 :

" Conference insists that in view of the fact that poultry farmers are the greatest internal consumers of S.A. Mealies, Wheat and By-products, it is essential that they be represented on the Mealie and Wheat Control Boards, and that the Minister of Agriculture and Forestry appoint a member of the Central Board to the position."

Reply :

As regards representation on the Mealie Industry Control Board for poultry producers, it must be pointed out that it was not possible to provide for two representatives of stock-feeders, one of whom was to be a special representative of poultry farmers.

However, to ensure that the representative concerned represents stock-feeders generally, the South African Agricultural Union, to which the South African Poultry Association is affiliated, and not the Meat Industry Control Board, was invited to nominate the representative. The member concerned, therefore, also represents the interests of the poultry farmers.

In so far as representation on the Wheat Industry Control Board is concerned, it may be stated that it is deemed inexpedient to increase the membership as requested.

Resolution—General (d) :

" If at the conclusion of an Egg Laying Test, the Inspectors making the final inspection consider that a bird is suffering from some disease making it unfit for breeding purposes, they be empowered to reject it, and its score shall not then be counted, but their decision be confirmed by a Veterinary Officer before action is taken."

Reply :

Careful consideration has been given to this resolution, but it is regretted that, for technical reasons, it cannot be agreed to. It is considered that the Test Manager could write to a competitor before the end of a Test, indicating which birds had been ill for some time, or had not been laying. The owner could then decide whether to have the sick birds returned to him or whether he desires to send them to Onderstepoort for a full report.

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Railway Administration Replies to Conference Resolutions

Resolution No. 14 :

"Conference records its appreciation to the Railway Administration for what it has done towards the progress of the poultry industry in general, but regrets the manner in which hatching eggs are transported by passenger train and, therefore, asks for improvements in this direction."

Reply :

The necessity for careful handling of consignments of eggs is constantly being brought to the notice of the servants of the Administration, but if the Association will be so kind as to supply further details regarding the unsatisfactory transport of hatching eggs per passenger train, or details of definite cases where such transport was unsatisfactory, this matter will receive further attention.

Resolution No. 15 :

"Conference requests the Railway Administration to revise the tariff on day-old chicks and to bring into effect a more economic rate which will be acceptable to sellers, buyers and the Department of Railways, and thereby assure a profitable business."

Reply :

Day-old Chicks are conveyed at the usual parcels tariff. The request for a reduction on this tariff has received careful and sympathetic consideration, but owing to the delicate nature of this traffic, together with the many precautionary measures necessary and the space occupied in luggage vans to assure safe transport and sufficient air, I regret that your request cannot be complied with.

I may add that during 1922 the Administration decided to adopt the usual parcels' tariff plus 50%, in view of special nature of this traffic, but later, as a special concession, agreed to reduce this to the usual parcels' tariff only. The present tariff is regarded by the Administration as the lowest that it can reasonably apply.

Resolution No. 16 :

"That the railrage rates for raw fowl's feathers be reduced to the same as that for eggs."

Reply :

In view of the great space occupied by feathers in relation to their weight, the Administration regrets that it cannot agree to a lowered tariff, which is tariff No. 1 for Goods Trains, and parcels' rate plus 50%, for Passenger.

(Translation.)

Spoorweg Administrasie se Antwoorde op Konferensie Besluite

Besluit No. 14 :

"Kongres sêk sy dank en waardering uit vir wat die Spoorweg Administrasie reeds gedoen het vir die bevordering van die pluimveebedryf in die algemeen, maar betreur die wyse waarop broei-eiers per Passasiers-trein vervoer is, en vra derhalwe verbetering aan."

Antwoord :

Die noodsaaklikheid om sorg te dra by die hantering van besendings eiers word voortdurend voor die aandag van hierdie Administrasie se personeel gebring, maar as die Vereniging so vriendelik wil wees om verder besonderhede van die onbeveiligende vervoer per passasiers-trein van eiers vir broeioesels te verskaf, of besonderhede van bepaalde gevalle te verskaf waar sodanige vervoer onbeveiligend was, sal die saak verder aandag geniet.

Besluit No. 15 :

"Kongres versoek die Spoorweg Administrasie om die Tariewe waarop Dag-oud Kuikens gestuur word in herziening te neem, en 'n ekonomiese vermindering aan te bring, wat by die verkoper sowel as die koper en die Departement van Spoorweg sal aanpas, en winstgewende besigheid sal verseker."

Antwoord :

Kuikens van 'n dag oud word teen die gewone pakket-tarief vervoer. Die versoek om vermindering van hierdie tarief het sorgvuldige en simpatieke ooringing gewel, maar met die oog op die delikate aard van die verkeer en die menigvuldige voororgemaatregte wat met die hantering van besendings en die verpakking van ruimte daarvoor in bagasiewaens geneem moet word om veilige vervoer en gesorgsame lag te verseker, spyt dit my dat daar aan die versoek nie voldoen kan word nie.

Ek kan byvoeg dat gedurende 1922 die Administrasie dit noodsaaklik geag het weens die spesiale aard van die verkeer, om betaling teen die pakket-tarief plus 50% te vereis maar daarna, as 'n spesiale geval, toegestaan het om die tarief tot die gewone pakket-tarief te verminder. Die teenwoordige tarief word as die laagste beskou wat die Administrasie onder die omstandighede redelik kan forstaan.

Besluit No. 16 :

"Dat die spoorvrag op hoenderveer verlaag word tot dieselfde as die van toepassing op eiers."

Antwoord :

Met die oog op die groot ruimte wat besendings vereis in verhouding met hul gewig, in beslag neem, word beskou dat die tans bestaande tariewe, nl., tarief No. 1 per goedere- en pakket-tarief plus 50%, per passasiers-trein, redelik is, en derhalwe word dit betreur dat die Administrasie nie in staat is om enige vermindering in hierdie tariewe aan te bring nie.

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Goewermentse Antwoorde op Konferensie Besluite

Besluit No. 2 :

„Wanneer die feit dat die hoeveelheid eiers op die einde van die Uitvoer-seisoen elke jaar meer word, en meer as wat onder normale omstandighede gebruik kan word sonder om die pryse van eiers in Suid-Afrika gedurende die Januarie/Junie periode te affekteer, 'n heffing van 2d. per dosyn of 8/- per kas van 30 dosyn eiers en 1d. per lb. op alle vloerbare eiers, wat gedurende die jaar deur koelkamers ontvang word, geplaas word, en dat 'n terugbetaling van 8/- per kas gemaak word op bewys van uitvoer. Die oorige fonde sal op 'n pro rata basis onder uitvoerders verdeel word. Die invoer van eiers moet slegs op permit toegelaat word.“

Antwoord :

Met teenwoordige uitgewing is daar slegs 'n heffing op uitvoer, en onder hierdie omstandighede is 'n terugbetaling nie moontlik nie. Nog verder „Eierheffing Oplossing“ word aan die Eierheffings-fonds betaal en dit word in die belang van die pluimveebedryf as 'n geheel deur die Departement met die hulp van die Eierheffings Raad beheer.

Onder die omstandighede is dit betreur dat aan die versoek nie toegestaan kan word nie.

In verband met die laaste deel van die besluit word dit gesê word dat daar geen uitgewing is wat insaake op permit toelaat nie.

Besluit No. 4 :

„Dat die Goewerment weer versoek word om wetgewing vir verpligte gradering van eiers en slagpluimvee in te dien.“

Antwoord :

Die voorstel om verpligte gradering in te dien is een wat verskillende gesigspunte insluit wat die Departement ernstig oorweeg. Dit is die hoop dat in die nabije toekoms 'n besluit geneem sal word.

Besluit No. 5 :

„Met die oog op die goeie vordering en resultate wat die Laboratoriums sover betaal het met pluimvee en die waardevolle dienste aan kommersiële pluimveeboere daardoor bewys, versoek die Kongres die Regiering om 'n groter bedrag beskikbaar te stel vir ondersoek en eksperimentele werk in verband met pluimvee, teneinde te verseker dat die Suid-Afrikaanse boere se hoendertrappe op algehele uitstaande en verbeterde grondheidsgrondslag gefondamenteer sal wees.“

Antwoord :

Pluimvee-ondersoek op Onderstepoort het gedurende die afgelope enkele jare besonder uitgebrei. Dit is, derhalwe, die beleid van die Departement, oplettend op die finansiële sy van die saak sowel as die behoeftes van die land, om pluimvee-ondersoek voortdurend uit te brei.

Die Departement is wel so angstig as die pluimveeboere om die gezondheid van die pluimvee van die Unie te beskerm.

Besluit No. 6 :

„Dat hierdie Konferensie die Departement van Landbou versoek om die publikasie van belangrike artikels oor ondersoek en ander werk in verband met die pluimveebedryf te vergemaklik en wens die beperkte ruimte in Goewerment uitgawes die vertraging onder teenwoordige omstandighede te voorkom.“

Antwoord :

Alhoewel dit wettig is dat die publikasie van artikels onversmydelik vertraag is, is dit die beleid van die Departement om alle artikels oor landbouaangake so spoedig moontlik te publiseer.

Vertraging wat mag gebeur is nie deur gebrek aan ruimte veroorsaak nie, maar wens al die redaksiewerk, druk, vertalings, ens. Alle pluimvee-artikels kom in „Boerdery in Suid-Afrika“ sowel as die „Onderstepoort Blad“ voor, en vir die algemeen is 'n taamlike hoeveelheid artikels elke jaar uitgegee.

Besluit No. 7 :

„Dat die S.A. Pluimveevereniging wat pluimvee-klubs en pluimveeboere verteenwoordig behoort geraadpleeg te word en voldoende geleentheid te kry om enige belangrike maatreëls wat die hele pluimveebedryf affekteer te bespreek, en die sienwyse van genoemde klubs en boere voor te stel voordat dit deur die Goewerment in werking gestel word.“

Antwoord :

Die Departement het geen betwyfel dat die S.A. Pluimveevereniging belangrike sake betreffende die hele pluimveebedryf bespreek nie, en om die sienwyse van die Vereniging te ontvang nie. Ter selfde tyd moet dit verduidelik word dat die Eierheffings Raad gestig was vir die bepaalde doel om 'n liggaam in die lewe te roep wat die verskillende belange van die bedryf kan verteenwoordig om die Minister en die Departement te adviseer oor sake betreffende die bedryf. Die S.A. Pluimveevereniging is natuurlik op hierdie Raad verteenwoordig, en dit kan sy mening deur hierdie kanaal ook aan die Departement oordra.

Besluit No. 10 :

„Dat alle organisasies wat produsenters verteenwoordig, en produsente uitvoerders, toegelaat word om een sak mielies teen uitvoerpryse te koop vir elke kas eiers wat uitgevoer word, op die selfde manier wat toegepas word op vervoerders wat vleis uitvoer.“

Antwoord :

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Besluit No. 11 :

„Dat die Minister van Landbou deur Konferensie versoek word om sy invloed te gebruik om te verhoed dat die pluimveebedryf die las moet dra van mekotoniese produksie in ander takke van landbou, want dit veroorsaak dat getalle pluimveeboere hulles werk moet laat vaar.“

Antwoord :

Die versoek van u Vereniging is gesoek. Ek moet hier verduidelik dat dit die beleid van die Departement is om die belange van die pluimveebedryf aan te wendig en ek het u die versoeking gee dat die beleid van die Mielie- en Koring-Beheerrade is nie om die verbruikers van die betrokke produkte te ekspluseer nie.

Besluit No. 12 :

„Dat hierdie Konferensie 'n beroep op die Goewerment doen om die nodige stappe te neem om pluimvee- en vee-boere in staat te stel om semels en pollard te koop teen 'n peys nie hoër as die maksimum neergelê deur die Koring Beheer Skema, naamlik 5/6d. per 100 lb. by die maal.“

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Besluit No. 13 :

„Kongres dring daarop aan dat aangesien pluimveeboere die grootste binnelandse verbruikers van S.A. Mielies, Koring en By-produkte is; verteenwoordiging

van pluimveeboere op die Mielie- en Koring-Beheer Rade, dringend noodsaaklik is en die aanstelling van een van die lede van die Sentraleraad vir verteenwoordiging deur die Minister van Landbou en Bosbou getruak sal word.“

Antwoord :

In verband met verteenwoordiging van pluimveeboere op die Mielie Beheerraad moet dit verduidelik word dat dit nie moontlik was om voorsiening te maak vir twee verteenwoordigers van vervoerders, waarvan een pluimveeboer is besonder moet verteenwoordig nie.

Om te verseker dat die betrokke verteenwoordiger vervoerders in die algemeen verteenwoordig, is die S.A. Landbou-Unie, aan wie die S.A. Pluimveevereniging geskik is, en nie die Vleis Beheerraad nie, gevra om 'n verteenwoordiger te nomineer. Die verteenwoordig die betrokke lê die belange van pluimveeboere asook as die van ander vervoerders.

In verband met die verteenwoordiging op die Koring Beheerraad, is dit beskou as onwensbaar om die ledetal volgens die versoek te verhoog.

Besluit—Algemeen (d): Uitsit van Voeds op Litoetse:

„As die Inspekteur by die finale inspeksie op Eier- en Wedstryde van mening is dat 'n voel aan enige siekte by wat dit vir teeltoesleindes ongeskik maak, is hulle die teg toegee om so'n hen uit te sit en haar produksie telling sal nie in aanmerking geneem word nie, maar die besluit is onderwoep aan bekragtiging deur 'n Verants voordat enige stappe geneem word.“

Antwoord :

Hierdie besluit is sorgvuldig oorweg en weens legitieme moontlikhede is dit met spyt dat hierdie versoek nie goedkeuring kan word nie. Voor die einde van die Toets kan die Toets-beoordeler aan mededingers skryf aangaande benne wat vir geruime tyd siek was of wat nie geld het nie. Die eienaar kan dan besluit of hy die siek hoenders terug wil ontvang of dat hulle vir ondersoek aan Onderstepoost gestuur moet word.

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Koring-Semels en Fynsemels

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met dien verstaande dat waar standaard-semels, spywerverteringssemels of standaard-fynsemels los verkoop word in kleiner hoeveelhede as sakke van 'n netto-gewig van 100 lb. of 150 lb., na gelang van die geval, die maksimum verkoopprijs 1 pennie per lb. netto-gewig is.

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altes per spoor versend word nie. Die vervoer-koste vanaf die verkoper se besigheidplek, of die spoorweg vanaf die verkoper se naaste spoorwegstasie, word deur die koper gedra.

3. Vir die toepassing van voorgaande verbod het die uitdrukkinge „standaard-semels,” „spyswerverteringssemels,” en „standaard-fynsemels” die betekenis wat in die regulasies gepubliseer by Government-aktenisgewing No. 916 van 23 Junie, 1939, daaraan toegeskryf is.

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Take care the brooder house is ready for your chicks, heating apparatus working properly, temperature correct, litter ready and also food and water. Keep chicks confined to within a small radius of the brooder for at least two days, then gradually enlarge the available space.

At night chicks should be contentedly sleeping around the edge of the canopy, not crowded right underneath it, so adjust your heat accordingly. Avoid having the brooder house like a bathhouse, and as a rough guide, you should be able to breathe comfortably and move about without discomfort. Overheating is as bad as chilling, and the chicks need the heat in one concentrated spot only.

Litter under brooder canopies should be changed each day. If the litter is wet, then ventilation is wrong or the chicks are crowding through insufficient heat or draughts. Raise water troughs off the ground and so prevent the chicks filling them with litter. Small wire platforms are useful, as they prevent litter being scratched into water and the water from making a wet patch on the litter as chickens drink.

Ample hopper space for mash must be provided as well as drinking fountains. As chicks grow allow them more floor space and reduce heat. Separate cockerels as early as possible, and unless you have a guaranteed market for light breed cockerels as grilling chickens, kill them off as soon as you are able to determine sex; they will never make a table-bird as a profitable side-line.

The simplest way to feed chickens is to give dry mash in proper hoppers, with a grain feed at night, from the time you place the youngsters in the brooder house. A little chic-chic, or grain in the litter, keeps the chicks occupied if there is any tendency to toe picking. If this occurs there is invariably a ringleader who should be caught and removed. Any mortality in chicks placed under the brooder is, more often than not, due to some carelessness or negligence on the part of the owner.

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Standard Bran per bag of 100 lb. net weight - 5/6

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Standard Pollard per bag of 150 lb. net weight - 9/0

Provided that where standard bran, digestive bran or standard pollard is sold loose in quantities less than a bag of 100 or 150 lb. net weight, as the case may be, the maximum selling price shall be one penny per pound net weight.

2. The above prices are for the products delivered at the seller's nearest railway station, when such products specified are railed to the purchaser, or at the seller's place of business when the products specified are not so railed. The cost of transport from the seller's place of business or the railage from the seller's nearest railway station, shall be borne by the purchaser.
3. For the purpose of the foregoing prohibition, the term "Standard bran," "digestive bran" and "standard pollard" shall bear the meanings assigned thereto in the regulations published under Government Notice No. 916 of 23rd June, 1939."

From the foregoing you will note that by law you need not pay more than the fixed prices whether you purchase your requirements in large or small quantities, wholesale or retail.

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