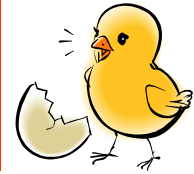


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In this Newsletter we feature:

- Poultry Agenda
- Latest disease situation in the country
- Attached Article:
 - *Ascites in Broiler Chickens*



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- 4 – 8 September 2011: XX European Symposium on the Quality of Poultry Meat and XIV European Symposium on the Quality of Eggs and Egg Products, Leipzig, Germany
- 6 – 9 September 2011: XXII Latin American Poultry Congress, Buenos Aires, Argentina
- 7 – 9 September 2011: Symposium on Alternative Systems for Poultry Production, Glasgow, Scotland
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Disease Situation in Gauteng - July 2011

(with thanks to Dr. Deryn Petty)

Newcastle on N14 Randfontein area layer farm has spread from one farm in the area to another.
Newcastle in Magalies area Northwest broiler farm.



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Disease Situation in KwaZulu Natal - July 2011

(With thanks to Dr Kerushini Govender from Allerton)

AI: Low Pathogenic Avian Influenza (H6 subtype) has been detected via serology in a commercial Broiler. The SV of the area has been informed and the farm is under quarantine and surveillance.

NCD: Virulent NCD was isolated on a layer and was possibly a passing challenge as further surveillance samples have not raised any alarms.

Salmonella: No Salmonella was isolated this month.

Mycoplasma: Serological titres for *Mycoplasma synoviae* in layers are still quite high, suggesting possible field challenge.
OR (*Ornithobacterium rhinotracheale*) was isolated in a layer farm.

Cannibalism with resultant ***Staphylococcus sp.*** septicaemias and very poor production were seen in Broiler Breeders which started out with sexing errors.

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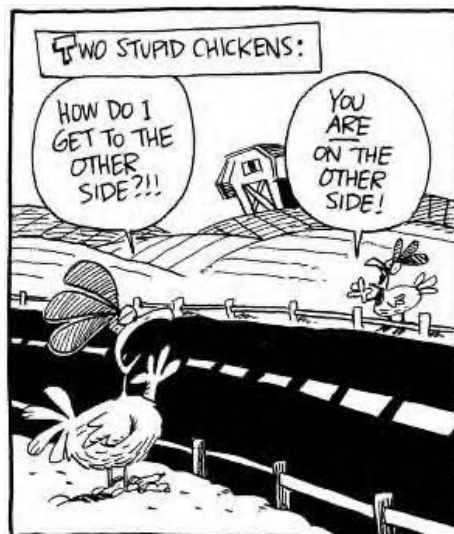
Disease Situation in Western Cape

(with thanks to Drs Jan Wicht and Philip Loftus)

Nothing dramatic happening here on the disease front. General health status is good despite cold, but broiler performance seems a bit behind expectations.

Newcastle still in the area and have reports of ILT and Coryza in layers.

Chuckles



Disease Situation in Mpumalanga & Free State - July 2011

(with thanks to Dr Scott Elliot)

BROILERS:

Chicks: Non Starters (NS), Runts, Retained Yolks (RY), Inflammatory Process (IP), Mushy, Pericarditis, Visceral Gout and Navel ill.

Diseases: MG, IBV, E. Coli,/ Water Belly (WB), Cocci, Femoral Head Necrosis (FHN) and ORT.

LAYERS:

Diseases: Chronic E. Coli, Coryza, Pasteurella, ILT, Cannibalism, MG., MS, IBV and Prolapse.

POL Pullets: Beaks, IBV, poor titre levels and bodyweights.

Chicks: Runts and dehydration.



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