Saturday October 6, 2007

Food - Please bring a sack lunch. The program will run through the lunch hour. There are no facilities to purchase lunch on-site.

THIS IS THE SAME LOCATION AS LAST YEAR
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8:00 - 9:00 Registration

9:00 Welcome - Dr. Francine Bradley, UC Davis

9:10 New federal and state poultry programs - Dr. Bradley

9:30 How poultry diseases spread - interactive tracking of diseases - Dr. Bradley and Michele Palmer, Junior Specialist, UC Davis

10:15 Break

10:45 Sharing the junior exhibitor’s perspective with local poultry fancier clubs

11:00 An academic research career in poultry genetics: how and why I came to work on the chicken genome - Dr. Mary Delany, Chair of the Department of Animal Science, UC Davis

12:00 Taste and Tour - bring sack lunch to eat on site as you listen to Dr. Bradley’s recent poultry travel tales from Thailand and South America.

1:15 California Championship Egg Demonstration - Gabriel DeMartini, Sonoma

1:30 The Rise and Fall of Bone Minerals in Laying Hens, Dr. Doug Korver, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada

2:00 Opportunities for advanced project members - industry level disease monitoring programs - Dr. Bradley

2:15 Program Concludes

2:30 ETHICS TRAINING - must be present at 2:30 SHARP to receive training and certification
**Key Note**

I am delighted that Drs. Delany and Korver have agreed to be on this year’s program. Dr. Delany is my Department Chair and part of the International Chicken Genome Sequencing Consortium that cracked the chicken genome code. Dr. Korver received his Ph.D. from UC Davis. He will be flying in from Canada to share his research findings on how the hen uses bone minerals in egg shell formation.

**NOTE TO ALL FIRST TIME AVS ATTENDEES**

Avian Science Day is NOT a field day. It contains NO hands-on experiences. There will be NO live birds. There are many opportunities for the above at smaller gatherings held around the state throughout the year.

Avian Science Day is a chance for you to hear the latest science-based information that will be helpful for members raising birds and leaders directing projects. The program is lively with lots of visuals and many hand-outs.

You do NOT need to pre-register and there is no cost to attend. While the event is organized with 4-H poultry members, leaders, and advisors as the focus, EVERYONE is welcome.

**ETHICS TRAINING**

Ethics training will be offered to those interested AFTER the official AVS Day program on October 6th. Market Poultry (Broiler Pens and Meat Turkeys), market steer, and market lamb exhibitors at the 2008 California State Fair will be required to participate in a California State Fair Certified Quality Assurance Program and Ethics Training prior to the opening of the 2008 California State Fair.

Those exhibitors who received Tier III certification at AVS Day 2006 or at other locations in 2006 do NOT need to repeat the training in 2007 (that was a 5 year certification). Attending a Certified Quality Assurance Program and Ethics Training Seminar in 2007 will fulfill the training requirement for 2007, 8, 9, 10, and 11. Other species groups may be added in the future.

**California Egg Preparation Demonstration Winners**

An elite panel of judges (California egg producer, Mr. Tony Cobarrubia, Professor Emeritus of Nutrition, Louis Grivetti, and Distinguished Professor of Nutrition, Judy Stern) evaluated this year’s competitors. Congratulations to State Champion, Gabriel DeMartini (Cloverdale) and Reserve Champion, Megan Woods (Stockton). Gabe will demonstrate his prize winning American Italia Frittata this Fall at both Avian Science Day and the 4-H National Poultry and Egg Conference in Louisville.
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The 2007 California Avian Bowl Champions

They may call themselves the “Bird Brains,” but Orange County’s Junior Avian Bowl team had answers to spare at the State Champions held this August. The team captained by Tracy Rice, with fellow members Sea Jay Bates, Tea Rice, and Bryan Sosack, bested all competitors. Mrs. Char Rice did an outstanding job of coaching the junior team.

Mrs. Jan Johansen is this year’s 4-H super poultry coach. Not only is she coaching the state champion poultry judging team, her Senior Avian Bowl Team, “The Egg Poachers,” are the state champions. Abigail Berke, Rachel Hazeltine, and Chelsea Pugh make up the team from Yolo and Solano Counties.

WINNERS - NPIP SURVEY

My thanks to all of you who promptly responded with your completed surveys. The Carpoff/Schofield Family was the first to respond in Northern California and the first survey to arrive from south of the Tehachapis was from Tiffani VanSplinter. The winners each received a flock of beany-babylike Foster Imposters!

CDFA Announces New State Bird Hotline
866-922-BIRD (2473)

The California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) has a new toll-free number. CDFA says you may call the number to “report sick or dead poultry or wild birds, obtain information on signs of illness in birds, learn about specific bird diseases, obtain biosecurity recommendations, and hear public health information.”
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UC Davis

Placer County 4-H Poultry Group Fall Show
Saturday, October 13th, 2007
Gold Country Fairgrounds in Auburn, CA

For information contact Mrs. Humber at:
45 Maywood Ln.
Applegate, CA 95703
OR
Newdew-2000@yahoo.com

Fur & Feathers at Ventura’s Beach
4-H All Breed Shows & Jr. Showmanship Events
* All 4-H Youth invited *
Saturday, November 17th
Ventura Fairgrounds
Entries due Thursday, November 1st

For info. contact Susan Trockey at:
stdesign@roadrunner.com
OR
http://ceventura.ucdavis.edu/

NEW DATE FOR PPBA 2008

PLEASE NOTE - Just for 2008, PPBA is changing the date of its winter show to January 12&13. The location remains the same, the San Joaquin County Fairgrounds in Stockton.