

**AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO CONDUCT POULTRY SURVEYS**

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**AN ACT**

Authorizing the Department of Agriculture to establish facilities for and to conduct official egg-laying and pullet growing research tests; providing facilities for the same on property now under the control of The Pennsylvania State University; and providing for the disposition of income accruing under the act.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. The Department of Agriculture, hereinafter termed "department" is hereby authorized to establish facilities for, and thereafter to conduct and maintain during each year, a Pennsylvania Official Egg-laying Research Test and a Pennsylvania Official Pullet Growing Research Test, in order to determine and demonstrate improved and better methods for increasing the egg production of poultry, to afford farmers and poultry raisers official accreditation for the egg-laying capacity of their poultry, to determine the best techniques and methods in economically growing pullets for commercial purposes, and to determine meat yields and profit potentials of various breeds of poultry.

Section 2. The buildings and facilities for such research tests shall be erected or established and the tests shall be conducted upon such land of The Pennsylvania State University as the Governor shall specify in and by appropriate document, which shall be filed in the Department of Internal Affairs. After such land has been specified, the department shall have full jurisdiction and control over it for carrying out the purposes of this act.

Section 3. Any person desiring to enter poultry or hatching eggs in an official research test shall make application to the department, and pay such entry fee as the department shall, from time to time, prescribe by rule and regulation. The Commonwealth hereby disclaims any and all liability for the loss or destruction of, or injury or damage to, any poultry or eggs so entered whether by fire or other casualty, or any other happening whatsoever.

Section 4. The department is hereby authorized to prescribe and adopt rules and regulations for the proper conduct of such research tests, including the conditions upon which such poultry or eggs may be entered, the types of poultry or eggs which may be entered, the entry fee to be paid by the breeder or hatchery and the accreditation of the breeders or hatcheries. The department may sell in the open market at the prevailing wholesale or retail prices, such eggs and poultry as may accumulate during any research test.

Section 5. All entry fees, moneys received from the sale of eggs or poultry, or any other income accruing under the

provisions of this act shall be paid into the State Treasury through the Department of Revenue.

Section 6. The act of May 20, 1931 (P.L.136), entitled "An act Authorizing the Department of Agriculture to establish facilities for and to conduct official egg-laying contests; providing facilities for the same on land now under the control of the Board of Trustees of Harrisburg State Hospital; and making an appropriation," is hereby repealed.

Section 7. This act shall take effect immediately.