



## Year 2000 Handbook by Dennis Hawkins

Several issues have been discussed at recent meetings regarding the Year 2000 Chicken Handbook. It was decided outside the meeting that we will be making 1500 copies next year. Although, this will cost the club 150% of what last year's handbook cost to print, the club officers decided not to raise the cost of the ads. This means that the club may end up losing money if not enough ads are sold to cover the higher printing cost.

To prevent this from happening, club members will need to start selling ads now. I am printing a copy of our advertising form on the back of this newsletter. This will not be printed in the newsletter again, so make sure you save it and make copies.

All advertising forms and checks made payable to the PBCPFA must be in to me by the November 30, 1999 deadline. Any forms that are late or are missing payment, will be returned to the sponsor and will not be placed in the handbook.

Due to the enormous effort that it takes to put together a good handbook and my lack of time for such things, I will not be spending as much time on handbook production this year as I have in past years. I will not be doing any post-production work this year. This will be done during the Christmas party by other club members who come.

Advertisers must supply Camera Ready artwork for their ads. Ads for business cards must be 1/4<sup>th</sup> page or larger. I will not be doing any typesetting or graphics work for ads in this issue. The only exception is for advertisers who have placed ads in prior issues and do not want to change anything.

Another thing is the calendar. I will not be creating one for this issue because this takes too much time. Instead, if somebody could bring in one, we can use that. It should be clear and approximately the same size as the handbook (or larger up to 8.5" X 11"). It should not contain any photographs or colored background that obscure the numbers.

Editorial work on the Year 2000 Chicken Handbook has already begun. We will be including the chick and duck instructions in the handbook with this issue instead of on a separate paper. This allows a more detailed explanation of how to build a brooder and take proper care of the babies.

The Year 2000 Chicken Handbook will be the last handbook that I will be producing. I find myself unable to continue making the sacrifice in time and effort to continue producing it. The job is up for grabs if anybody wants it. After this issue, I resign.

## PETA News

PETA announced on June 3, 1999 that they would be running an anti-fishing television ad campaign featuring the now deceased Linda McCartney. Linda McCartney died last year and was an avid PETA supporter. In the PETA ad, Linda McCartney is quoted as saying "People say, 'Fish don't have feelings.' But I say, 'Have you ever seen a fish gasping for breath when you take it out of the water?'" Of course, as usual, PETA's facts are a little twisted. A fish is not capable of feeling significant pain due to its underdeveloped brain. "Gasping for breath" is a trait normally reserved for animals with lungs. The 'gaspings' that is observed above by Ms. McCartney is a normal reflex action. In fact, most fish will do this while they are still underwater. This goes to show you that fish aren't the only ones with underdeveloped brains.

In Chicago, PETA has been causing traffic jams on expressways by throwing large banners over the rail of overpasses proclaiming "Meat is Murder". They are trying to intimidate other people who eat meat. Hanging banners off overpasses happens to be illegal as well as being a danger to motorists below.



PETA is calling for a national boycott of eggs to protest the practice of forced molting in egg farms. Forced molting is used to prolong the productive lives of chickens on egg farms. If that isn't enough, they are also claiming "[Eating] just one egg for breakfast each morning can raise your cholesterol level by as much as 10 points!" But this flies in the face of recent scientific research that shows that eggs do not increase cholesterol levels. Once again, PETA's facts are a little off the mark. Such is typical with PETA.

### Refreshments for the Meetings

June	Joe Martin
July	Arvis Okerson
August	Pat Myerscough
September	Rose Greggs
October	Maryann Van Heusen
November	Laura Perryman
December	Christmas Party

### Classified

**Rate: \$1 per line. Members get first three lines free. Send check payable to PBCPFA to Rose Greggs, 8643 El Paso Dr., Lake Worth, FL 33467-1109.**

#### FOR SALE:

**PBCPFA T-shirts**, excellent quality, beautiful logo. Assorted sizes are available for \$10.00 Contact Richard Greggs (561) 433-8157. Don't be chicken, get yours today.

**Chickens for sale.** Various breeds, ages, and prices. We also have live meat birds. Call Richard or Linda Wright at Heavenly Acres: 561-793-5696.

## Taking the Club's Picnic Picture



The initial call to get everybody out into the sun brings out a few, but not enough to make a good picture.



A few more minutes and nearly everybody is out, but there are still a few stragglers.



Now that everybody is out, the task of getting everybody to be still begins. This is harder than it sounds.



Say "Cheese", got it! Below, the finished product.

