



STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
CHARLESTON 25305

GUS R. DOUGLASS
COMMISSIONER

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November 18, 1983

Honorable A. James Manchin
West Virginia Secretary of State
Capitol Building
Charleston, WV 25305

Dear Secretary Manchin:

Attached is an Executive Order which I am placing in effect at
12:00 Noon today.

With best regards, I am

Very truly yours,

Gus R. Douglass
Agriculture Commissioner

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FILED IN THE OFFICE OF
A. JAMES MANCHIN
SECRETARY OF STATE
THIS DATE 11-18-83
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AGRICULTURE COMMISSIONER'S ORDER

Avian influenza is an incurable virus disease that infects all species of birds. It can be spread through direct contact and through contaminated litter, trucks, eggs and egg crates. Infections result in up to 70 percent mortality.

In recent weeks there have been several outbreaks of the disease in poultry in Pennsylvania. This has resulted in a federal quarantine being placed on all of Lancaster County and parts of Dauphin, Lebanon, Schuylkill, Berks, York, Chester, Juniata, Franklin and Cumberland Counties.

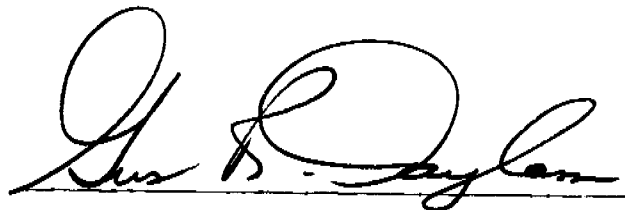
West Virginia has a large chicken and turkey industry which would be adversely affected if the disease were to spread to this State.

Consequently, under the power granted by Chapter 19, Article 9, Section 2 of the State Code of West Virginia, I hereby order, effective at 12:00 Noon, November 18, 1983, that any live poultry being brought into West Virginia from the present or future quarantined area in Pennsylvania must be consigned for slaughter at a commercial plant operating under Federal Meat Inspection Services and that all such shipments must be with U. S. Department of Agriculture Veterinary Services approval as shown by form U.S. 1-27.

I further order that all eggs shipped into West Virginia from the outbreak area must be accompanied by a U. S. Department of Agriculture certificate indicating that the shipment has been washed, sanitized and packaged in new containers.

Any poultry or eggs brought into West Virginia in violation of this Order will be embargoed and destroyed.

Done at the State Capitol, Charleston, West Virginia, this the 18th day of November, 1983.



Gus R. Douglass
Agriculture Commissioner