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### POULTRY SPECIALIST URGES LIVE VIRUS FOR NEWCASTLE DISEASE

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(In Winston-Salem Journal)  
Dr. F. R. Beaudette of the poultry department of Rutgers University told approximately 500 poultrymen here Thursday night they had no reason to be alarmed about the outbreak of Newcastle disease in Northwest North Carolina.  
Poultrymen and interested farmers from Forsyth, Wilkes, Surry and other counties packed the Town Hall here to hear Dr. Beaudette, a recognized poultry specialist, urge the use of a live vaccine in treating the disease. The use of live vaccine has heretofore been prohibited in this State except in special instances.

Dr. Beaudette briefly outlined the history and the symptoms of the disease, explaining that it has never been as bad in the United States as in other countries.  
In most countries, he said, the mortality rate usually has been 100 per cent, but the highest mortality rate in the United States was 80 per cent in Utah last year.  
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The disease in this section has had a very light mortality rate, a survey of poultrymen showed yesterday.

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Dr. Beaudette explained that the mortality rate depends on the strain of the virus with which the chicken is infected and the age of the chicken. The younger the chicken, he said, the heavier the death rate.  
The disease starts like a cold, he added, and is often confused with Vitamin E deficiency and other respiratory diseases. It may be transmitted by visitors to chicken farms, used feed bags, wild birds and chicken mites, he said.  
The virus will live outside the chicken, but not for more than 72 hours, and the disease is not as contagious as people here have been led to believe, he added. The disease can not be inherited through the egg, he said.  
The longer the disease goes unchecked in an area, however, the higher the mortality rate will become, the poultry specialist said.  
Then, turning to the subject of vaccination, Dr. Beaudette, who county agents here said is connected with a laboratory manufacturing live virus vaccine, commented:  
"All successful immunization or vaccination for all diseases have been accomplished with live agents."  
"In dead virus vaccine, the best immunization you can hope to achieve is 85 per cent if the chickens are old enough and less in younger chickens."  
Dr. Beaudette also said the immunization period created by use of a dead virus vaccine would last no longer than four months and in some cases only three weeks.  
He strongly supported use of live vaccine, saying "a properly prepared live virus vaccine should not cause more than two per cent mortality in young chickens."

"We have every reason to believe that the duration of such immunization is for life," he added that the danger of spreading the disease through the use of live virus vaccine was not too great. His department vaccinated 125,000 chickens in New Jersey, he said, and in only one case was the disease spread to other chickens.  
He also stressed that parental immunity caused by live vaccine is handed down through the egg and will cause the offspring to be immune to the disease for four weeks after it is hatched.  
Dr. Beaudette said live vaccine would cut down on the egg production of laying hens, but that they would be back to normal production in four weeks.  
"Do not vaccinate day-old chicks with live vaccine, however," he said.  
Poultry farmers in this area agreed that the disease does not seem to be killing many chickens. E. M. Huffman, hatchery owner, said he knew a man with 3,000 small chicks and that all but 600 died when the disease hit, but he knew another man with 4,500 broilers who lost only 10 per cent and a third man with 1,800 laying hens who lost only one per cent although egg production dropped to zero.  
Dr. H. J. Rollins, State veterinarian; Dr. L. M. Greene, poultry pathologist of the State Department of Agriculture and Dr. B. F. Cox, research veterinarian at State College, were all present at last night's meeting.

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