

USDA Urges Vaccinate Pigs Against Cholera

mer are urged by the Department of Agriculture to vaccinate their pigs against cholera this spring. A high level of vaccination is a vital part of the Federal campaign now way to eradicate this swine disease, according to R. J. Anderson, Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs in USDA's Agricultural Research Service. Anderson stressed, "that a transit be protected by

vaccination because they have a greater chance of exposure to the disease. Proposed Federal regulations recognize this need by calling for proper vaccination of all feeding and breeding swine that are shipped across State lines. Only about 45 percent of the hogs in the United States are now immunized against hog cholera. Increasing this level of vaccination will cut down the possibility that the hog cholera virus will find a susceptible pig in which to multiply. "An infected pig in effect is a virus factory," Dr. Anderson said. Last September Congress authorized USDA to initiate

and carry out a hog cholera eradication program in cooperation with the States. The law also authorized Secretary of Agriculture Orville L. Freeman to establish a National Hog Cholera Advisory Committee with a USDA official as chairman. Dr. Anderson was designated chairman of this committee which is made up of representatives of the swine and related industries, State and local governments, professional and scientific groups, and the general public. The committee has stressed that vaccination is one way in which individual producers can contribute directly to the eradication of hog cholera which costs the swine industry about \$50 million a year. The disease kills more pigs after weaning. (Continued on Page 14)

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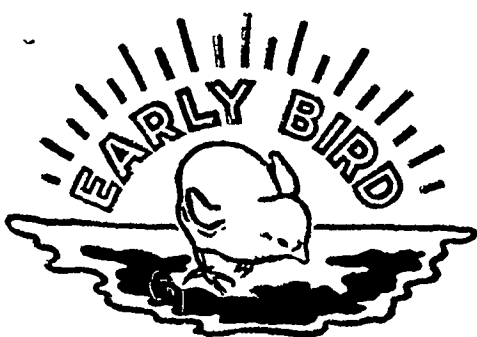
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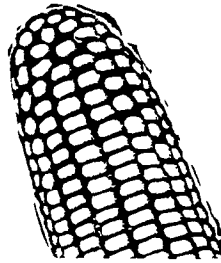
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