

Rabies On The Increase In Pa.

HARRISBURG — Animal rabies is on the increase in Pennsylvania, the State Department of Agriculture reported Thursday.

To date there have been seven cases, three more than the state experienced last year at this time.

Dr. John C. Shook, director of the Bureau of Animal Industry, said the seven cases were diagnosed at the Department's laboratories in Summerdale.

Counties reporting rabies

were Bedford (cat), Cumberland (dog), Lycoming (fox), Washington (pony & one head of cattle), and Greene (two cattle).

Shook said the cattle, being very curious animals, probably investigated a fox or some other wild animal they noticed in pasture. He said the result of their curiosity would be a nip on the nose or leg and rabies if the animal were rabid. He said the big reservoir of rabies is in wildlife.

The veterinarians said rabies falls into two types sometimes referred to as furious or dumb. In the furious, the afflicted animal will bite or snap at any-

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thing that moves in the dumb, animals get listless and lapse into semiconsciousness.

Rabies, he said, causes paralysis in the throat region of the animal. A cow's moo undergoes a definite tone change as does a dog's bark, due to affected vocal chords.

Because of the paralysis rabies causes, animals are unable to drink and cannot swallow saliva which accumulates. Shook said this leads to a frothing condition often associated with rabies.

summer, crabgrass thrives—to the dismay of many a home gardener.

However, crabgrass can be stopped, and this is the time to do it, according to Dr. William Mitchell, extension agronomist at the University of Delaware. Treating pesky crabgrass with herbicides now will save your temper and your back later. You can usually apply crabgrass preventers anytime after April 1, or before the soil warms up to 60-degrees.

If your lawn—or your neighbor's—was loaded with crabgrass last year, you will undoubtedly need to apply the herbicide. Millions of seeds fell to the ground, and if you give them a chance, they'll sprout and cause trouble this year. As soon as the soil warms up, they will germinate and start to grow wherever there's a tiny patch of bare soil.

Several herbicides on the

market will kill crabgrass, according to Mitchell. Pre-emergence herbicides—those applied before crabgrass seed germinates in the spring—are more effective than post-emergence chemicals. All the approved chemicals are safe for use on lawns; however, be sure you read and follow the directions on the label on the container.

To apply the crabgrass treatment, mow the grass, then rake and clean the lawn thoroughly. Apply the chemical evenly and don't disturb the lawn surface with further raking. Water and mow the lawn as usual.

Of course, another way to control crabgrass is to keep it from showing up at all. A thick stand of grass may even put you out of the crabgrass business, so get the turf off to a good start this spring. Using plenty of water when it's needed, applying adequate fertilizer and mowing frequently at a two-inch height will encourage a vigorous turf with very few bare spots. Give your lawn half a chance, Mitchell says, and it will cut crabgrass' chances.

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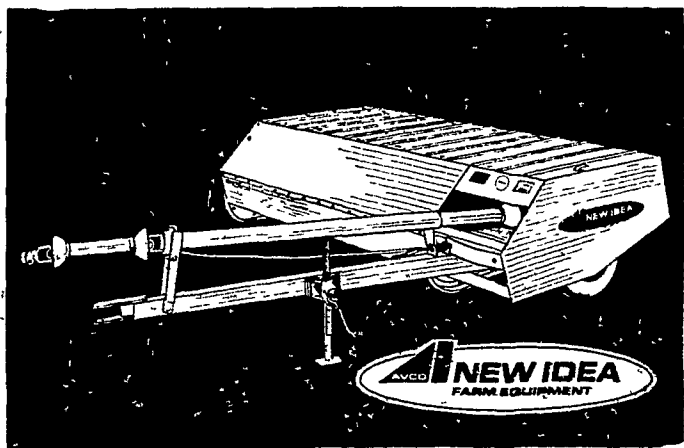
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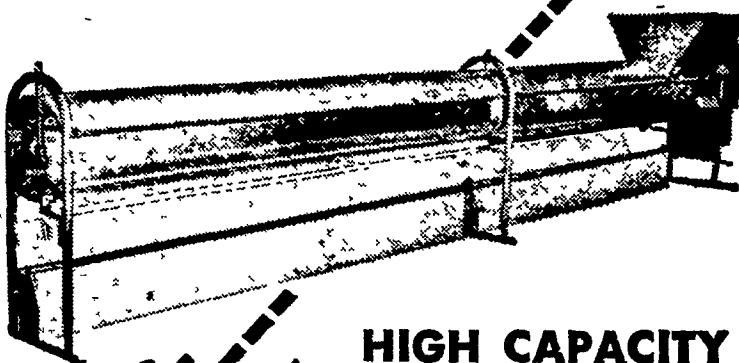
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