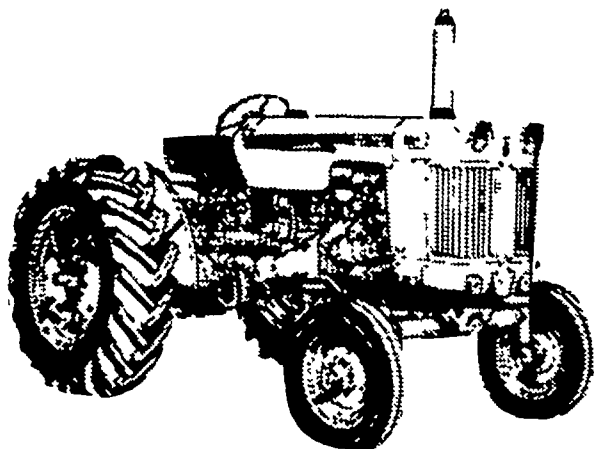


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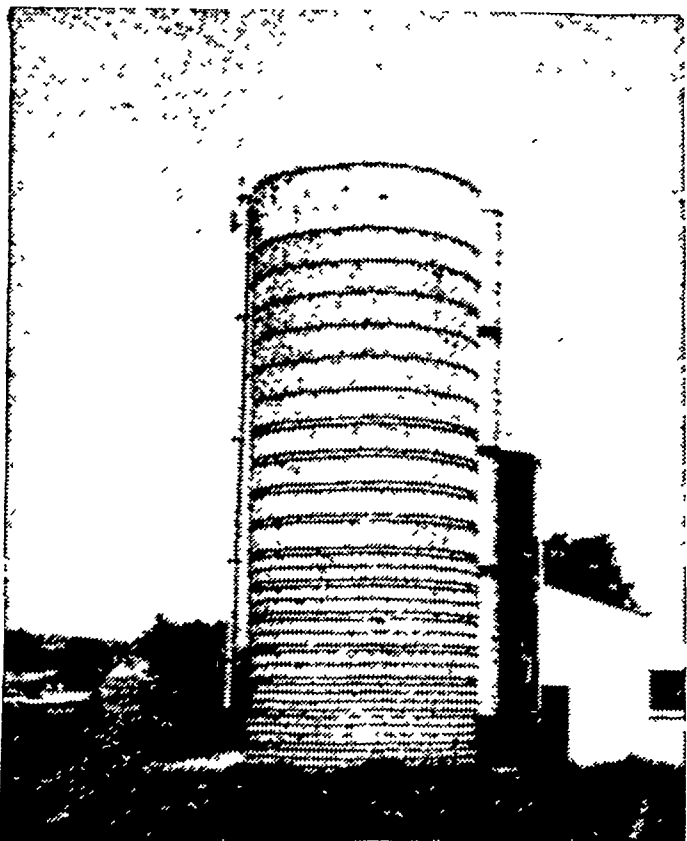
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IRB Outbreak Can Be Costly

A disease outbreak in a Maryland dairy herd last week has been diagnosed as IBR (Infectious Bovine Rhinotracheitis) according to University veterinarians.

The owner feels that a conservative estimate of the loss on his 160 cows from decreased production, abortions, veterinary fees, medicine and unusable milk will be \$10,000.

An IBR outbreak in a dairy herd costs an average of \$60 for every cow in the herd, says Dr. Robert Hammond, Extension veterinarian.

We are finding cases of IBR on scattered farms all across Maryland, and since this is a virus disease, no one knows where it will hit next, Dr. Hammond adds. "Once the disease is diagnosed in your herd it is too late to vaccinate. In fact, vaccination at that time will cause more losses than it will prevent."

"There is not even a good treatment for the disease," Dr. Hammond explains. He recommends antibiotics to "keep out secondary infections", but the antibiotics will not control the IBR virus.

Furthermore, many antibiotics may not be used on "meat producing animals" and the milk from treated cows must be discarded. You should consult a veterinarian before treating cattle with any drug.

Since treatment is so difficult, it is best to prevent the disease. Isolate any new additions to the herd, or cows that have been to the fair. Don't visit infected herds to see how they look, Dr. Hammond cautions.

A clear watery discharge from the eyes and nose is the first symptom you will notice in an IBR outbreak. This will be followed by loss of appetite, loss

of weight, rapid breathing and a temperature of 105 to 107 degrees.

Your local veterinarian can advise you on possible vaccination schedules, but you should remember that pregnant cows should not be vaccinated.

Two other virus diseases can also be troublemakers in the dairy herd, Dr. Hammond says. BVD (Bovine Virus Diarrhea) and PI3 (Para-influenza, also called SF4 - Shipping Fever) cause some of the same symptoms as IBR. If your cattle seem to have "cold" symptoms, call your veterinarian as soon as possible. He may be able to help you head off a costly epidemic.

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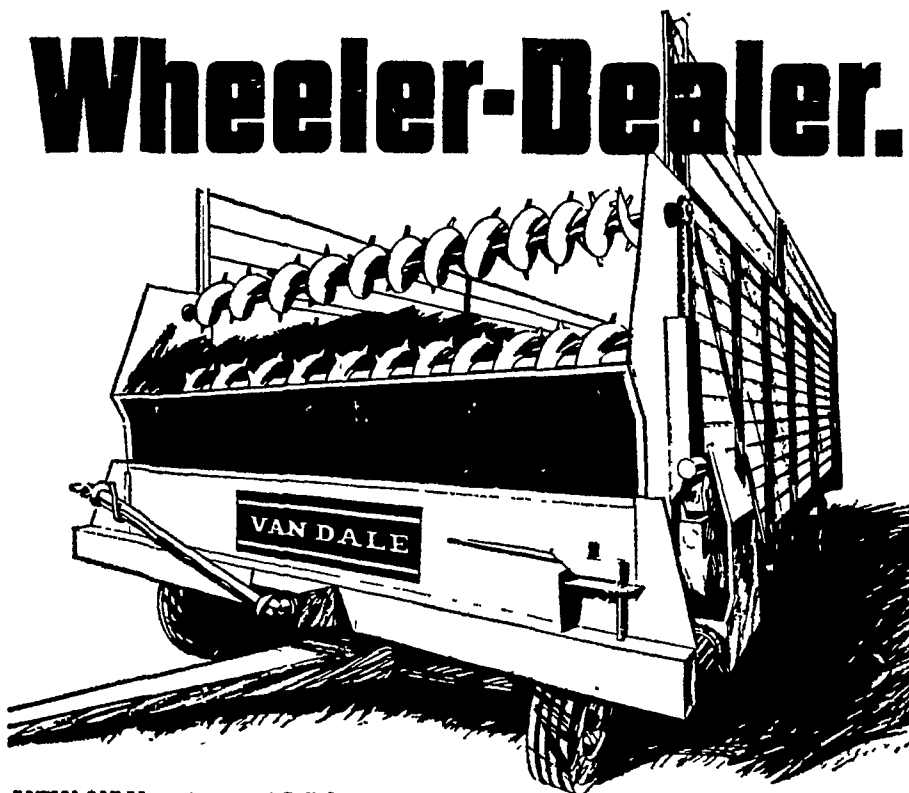
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