

Smith Warns of Hog Cholera From Non-State Feeder Pigs

Area swine growers should use caution in buying feeder pigs from outside Pennsylvania because of the threat of hog cholera, according to Max M. Smith, Lancaster County agent.

Smith said this week that several county farmers are purchasing large numbers of feeder pigs outside of state borders, many of them from states which don't have a "cholera free" status. Pennsylvania does have the disease free rating.

Nearby states which have a high incidence of hog cholera and in which feeder pigs are sold in large numbers include Maryland and Virginia.

According to statistics on the highly contagious disease show that Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, Mississippi, Missouri and Texas had 80 per cent of all hog cholera outbreaks in the nation.

Before buying feeder pigs, Smith said, local farmers should call the State Bureau of Animal Industry, Harrisburg, and check to see if the source of the animals is on a list of "cholera free" areas at that agency.

The disease can be prevented by vaccination, segregation and sanitation, Smith said, but if the disease breaks out, it can decimate a pig herd rapidly. Once contracted in pigs the disease is fatal and incurable.

Landfill Behind Dairy Termed Health Hazard

The City Board of Health Tuesday night declared a "landfill" operation behind Martin's Dairy, 560 Lampeter Road, to be a "health hazard and a public nuisance."

Health Officer Richard S. Williams reported to the board city health and fire officials received a number of complaints about the landfill operation.

Upon inspection, Williams said he determined the area behind the dairy to be a fire hazard and a breeding ground for rats.

The board said the property owner, Robert Jay Martin, 312 Dahlia Road, will be given a period to abate the situation or face prosecution.

Weather Forecast

Possible snow flurries and low temperatures will dominate the weather in the next few days, according to the Philadelphia weather Bureau.

Saturday will be partly sunny and mild with temperatures ranging in the 40's with a 20 per cent chance of precipitation.

Sunday will be fair with little temperature change, but with a chance of scattered snow flurries.

Through Tuesday, the highs will be in the low 40's with lows in the 20's and 30's.

County Farmers Group To Review Safety, Laws

Farm safety and pending state farm legislation will be discussed at a meeting of the Lancaster County Farmers' Association at 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 20, in the Farm and Home Center basement.

All farmers are invited to view two films on farm safety and hear Chester Heim, association lobbyist in Harrisburg, speak on farm legislation. Refreshments will be served.

USDA Restricts DDT, TDE Use on Tobacco

Tobacco producers will be required to certify that they have not used pesticide products containing DDT and TDE on their 1970 crop tobacco planting if they wish to be eligible for price support, the U.S. Department of Agriculture announced today.

U.S. exports of tobacco face sharp reduction if DDT and TDE continue to be used.

Growers are being urged by USDA tobacco program officials to use alternate materials which are available and demonstrated to be effective in controlling plant pests.

Approximately 35 per cent of all U.S.-grown tobacco is exported, and several foreign countries that are now large importers of U.S. tobacco have indicated that they will set very narrow pesticide (DDT and TDE) tolerance on cured leaf, starting in January 1973.

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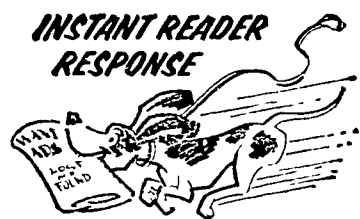
Tobacco is usually stored and aged for extended periods before being used.

Weaver Representatives Attend Poultry Institute

Six representatives of Victor F. Weaver, Inc., New Holland, attended the Fact Finding Convention in Kansas City recently. The conference is sponsored annually by the Institute of American Poultry Industries.

Manufacturers and suppliers attend the conference to keep the Poultry Processors up-to-date on the latest development in the industry. Lester Weaver, Melvin Burkholder, Eugene Martin, Dale M. Weaver, Ben Burkholder, and Jim Roth attended.

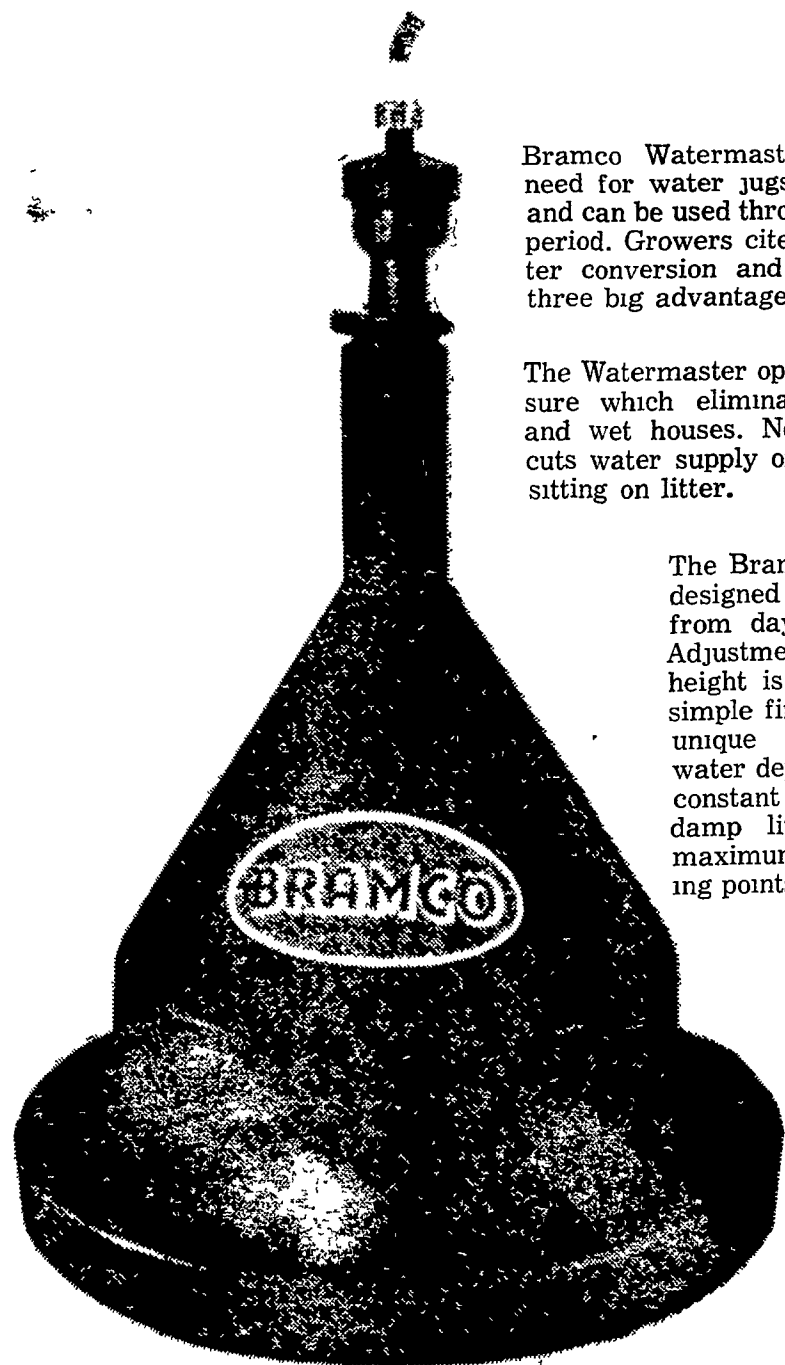
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