

Poultrymen Get Fowl Cholera Warning

Poultrymen along the Atlantic Flyway are alerted to the possibility of fowl cholera in their flocks of chickens, turkeys, or ducks. The disease has reached epidemic proportions among wild waterfowl in the Chesapeake Bay area in recent weeks, the U.S. Department of Agriculture announced.

Dr. E. E. Sattman, Director, Animal Health Division, of USDA's Agricultural Research Service says that the disease is highly contagious. It can spread to commercial duck flocks, for example, when wild waterfowl land in duck yards.

He emphasizes that it can be spread also by pets, livestock, rodents, or other animals or birds that come in contact with dead or diseased poultry.

Unlike hog cholera, which is a virus disease, fowl cholera is caused by a bacterium, *Pasteurella multocida*. A vaccine currently being marketed will give birds some degree of protection from the disease if properly administered.

Local practicing veterinarians, state disease diagnostic laboratories, or animal disease control officials should be consulted concerning the use of vaccine.

On the farm sanitation is needed also for control of fowl cholera. The highly virulent strain of the disease organism that has been killing record numbers of wild waterfowl could infect or be carried by almost any animal. This disease is usually harmless to man. Affected birds, treated with sulfa or antibiotics in time, are usually cured.

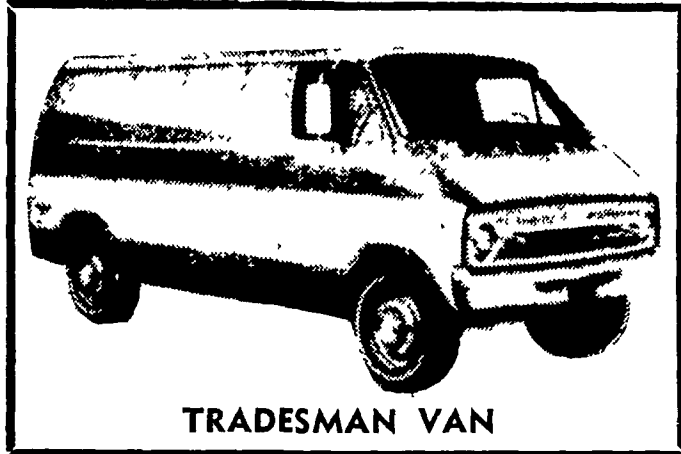
Every effort should be made to keep all animals away from commercial poultry flocks. All dead birds should be burned or buried.

If the disease is suspected, affected birds should be brought to a diagnostic laboratory, the only place the disease can be positively identified.

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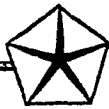
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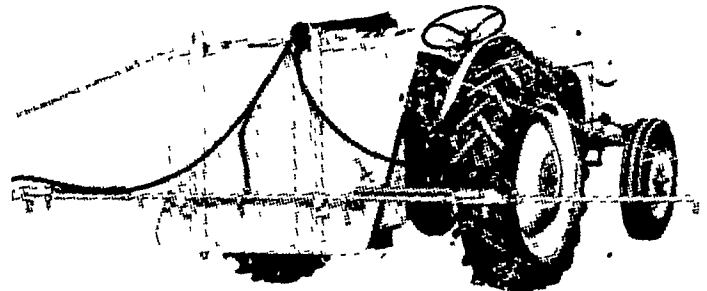
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