

Hog Cholera Outbreak Trend Up in Past Year

Hog cholera was up sharply sharp decrease in the number during fiscal 1970, despite a of cases during the past six

months, the USDA reported recently

At 1,270, the number of cases reported for the July 1969-June 1970 fiscal year were the highest since the USDA hog cholera program began in 1962

Though it is estimated that there were 5,000 or more cases a year prior to the program, the number of cases dropped sharply to only 583 during fiscal 1966 — once the program was under way. However, the number of cases has increased each year since 1966.

A total of 1,055 cases were reported last year. A total of

870 cases were reported during the first six months of fiscal 1970. That's the highest for the period since the program began. Only 360 cases were reported during January-June, however. That's the lowest for the period since 1966.

Though the number of cases is up, 83 per cent of them occurred in just 10 states, according to Dr. E. E. Saulmon, director of the USDA Agricultural Research Service's Animal Health Division. These were in North Carolina (195 cases), Texas (175), Virginia (132), Mississippi (89), Maryland

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ing and the health problem is a major one when dealing with calves or light yearlings. Feeders are urged to insist on calves that are weaned, injected, and prepared for the trip from produce to feedlot. If more buyers would insist on preconditioning, and be willing to pay more for this kind of cattle, the producer would also be ahead and the industry would benefit. Calves that are weaned, exposed, and transported all at one time are under heavy stress and easy prey for many infections.

(78), Illinois (64), South Carolina (47), Arkansas (44), and Louisiana (40).

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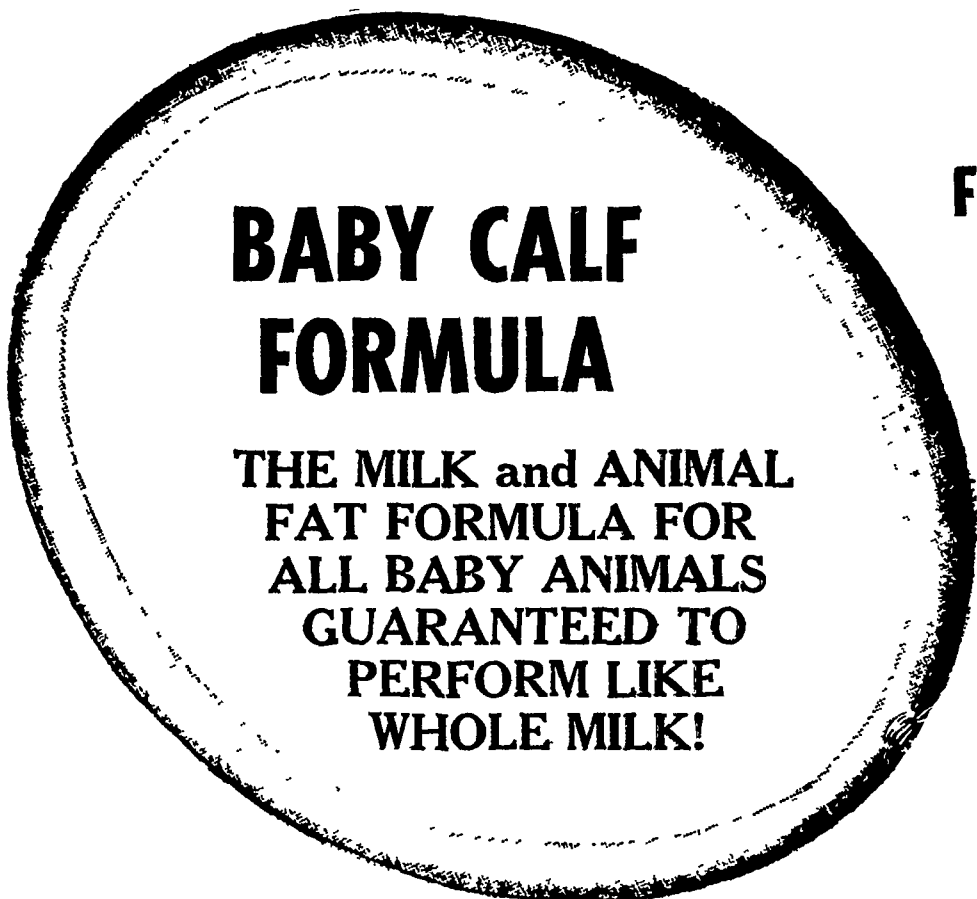
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