

Tuberculosis Fight Intensified by USDA

As part of the intensive effort to wipe out tuberculosis, the U.S. Department of Agriculture has increased the amount of money paid owners if their cattle are destroyed because of this disease.

Officials of USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) said that the maximum Federal indemnity limit has been increased from \$25 for grade cattle and \$50 for purebreds to a maximum of \$350 for either.

APHIS officials said that the action was taken to facilitate the elimination of infected animals and thus speed the eradication of the disease. The salvage value of tuberculous cattle had been greatly reduced by the February 14, 1972, Federal meat inspection

regulation requiring that carcasses of all tuberculous cattle be cooked or condemned.

Prior to the February 14 regulation, cattle owners also received the salvage (meat) value from the animal in addition to indemnities. The February 14 change in regulations, however, eliminated or greatly reduced the amount of salvage.

The new Federal regulations limit State-Federal indemnity payments, plus any salvage that may be realized, to no more than the appraised value of an animal. They also eliminate the requirement that States pay at least as much indemnity as the Federal Government. However,

States may pay a part of the indemnity.

APHIS officials say that the change in regulation, plus other efforts to intensify the fight against tuberculosis, should hasten the time when this disease is eradicated. Although TB is currently at a very low level, there is still some disease present—a potential threat to human health.

The new regulations took effect upon signature by APHIS officials. Public notice of the action will be published in the Federal Register. Copies may be obtained by writing Veterinary Services, APHIS, USDA, Federal Center Building, Hyattsville, Md. 20782.

Household Helper

Glycerine, a clear, colorless, syrupy liquid is derived from animal and vegetable fats. Commercially, millions of pounds of glycerine are sold each year to be used in products for personal and household use, say Extension home management specialists at Pennsylvania State University.

They point out that dentrifices and skin lotions are among the more important products using glycerine. It has long been used in the food field, as well, since it holds moisture in products that would otherwise dry out.

Processors add glycerine derivatives to improve such foods as confectionery, gelatins, and frozen desserts. And pharmaceuticals, for internal and external use, may contain glycerine.

Glycerine is also a convenient product to have on hand both on the kitchen shelf and in the medicine cabinet. The home management specialists offer a few suggestions for its use.

Lubricate kitchen utensils, such as rotary egg beaters, meat choppers, and other tools with cogs that require oiling with a few drops of glycerine instead of machine oil. If you use oil, there is always a danger of its contaminating the food. But glycerine is harmless and imparts no unpleasant flavor.

A teaspoon or two of glycerine added to your regular recipe for blended or boiled icing will help keep it from drying out.

After cleaning a bathroom mirror, rub it with glycerine to leave a thin film so your mirror won't steam from the hot water of your shower.

Glycerine is sold in most drug stores.

Change Mowing Direction

To eliminate the wavelike ridges running at right angles to the direction of mowing, alternate directions of mowing. You can mow diagonally or at right angles. This practice will also partially control runners of creeping grass and aid in the prevention of grain and thatch, reminds John C Harper, II, Extension turfgrass specialist at Pennsylvania State University.

Supervise Backyard Play

When children play, even as close as your backyard, they still need supervision, reminds the Cooperative Extension Service farm and home safety committee of Pennsylvania State University. Play involving pools, including the small, inflatable type—requires the constant, watchful eye of a responsible person. A small child can easily drown in only a few inches of water.

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