

Hog Cholera Committee Advocates Tighter Marketing Restrictions

Expanded use of Statewide quarantines and tighter enforcement of marketing restrictions have been advocated by the Secretary of Agriculture's National Hog Cholera Eradication Advisory Committee as a means to help rid the Nation's swine industry of this disease.

Meeting at Miami Beach, Fla., recently in conjunction with the annual meeting of the U.S. Animal Health Association, the 12-member group said that outbreaks of hog cholera this past summer set back the progress

made to eradicate the disease from the United States.

The Advisory Committee expressed strong support of the Oct. 11 action by Secretary of Agriculture Earl L. Butz, declaring a national emergency, following the series of hog cholera outbreaks in several midwestern and southeastern States. As a result of these outbreaks, six States - Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Nebraska, Ohio and Tennessee - lost their designation of being "hog cholera free".

To combat future outbreaks of

this kind, the Advisory Committee recommended that Federal quarantines and Statewide "hold" orders be imposed on the movement of all swine whenever an outbreak occurs involving hogs which have been moved through a market. This combination of State hold orders and Federal quarantines, the Committee said, should include all States from which hogs were shipped to the "exposed" markets, and to which hogs were shipped from that market - as well as the State in which the hog cholera outbreak occurred.

The Statewide hold orders would be imposed temporarily, until all hogs which had passed through exposed markets could be tracked down and the extent of infection determined. Such action, the Committee emphasized, would greatly reduce the possibility of further spread of the disease through other markets and farm areas.

Other recommendations by the Committee included identification of swine so they can be traced to the farm of origin; more thorough inspection at all swine marketing points; tighter controls over the movement of "cull" pigs; and intensified

enforcement by State agencies of regulations requiring the cooking of food waste (garbage) before feeding to swine.

The Committee also recommended revitalization of State hog cholera advisory committees and revision of the present classification of States into four phases, based on progress made in eradication of hog cholera. States hereafter should be considered as either "infected" or "non-infected" according to the Committee. It acknowledged that the existing 4-phase classification has provided for orderly progress toward eradication during earlier years when the disease situation varied much more between States than at present.

The Committee urged that the present national emergency on hog cholera be continued for at least 3 years after the last State has been declared "free" of the disease.

Fulton Grange Selling Cookbooks

Fulton Grange 66 held its regular meeting at the Grange Hall, Oakryn, November 27 at 8 p.m. with the Master, Richard Holloway, conducting the business session. A donation of \$41.30 was given to the Lancaster County Mental Health Association for their Christmas Fund.

The Women's Activities committee is selling the new edition of the Pennsylvania State Grange cookbook. Recipes of several local Grange women are in this cookbook. Mrs. Charles Reath is chairman of the committee.

Members of Fulton Grange will attend Corn and Pie Night at Russellville Grange December 7 at 8 p.m. and present a program with the theme "Centennial Kick-Off 1973." Grange ladies are to take plain or spiced pumpkin or apple pies and the men are to take either a single ear or a ten ear exhibit of corn.

The theme for the program at the next meeting of Fulton Grange, December 11, will be "Twas The Night Before Christmas" and there will be a \$1 gift exchange. The Junior Grange will also have a gift exchange.

December 16 the Grange will go Christmas caroling. There will be no meeting December 25. January 8 the Junior Grange will have a paper drive.

Rev. William Drury, founder and director of Teen Haven, Willow Street Pike, spoke to the Grange on "Reaching The Unreachables" at Monday night's meeting. There are five Teen Haven centers in Philadelphia, one in Washington, D.C., one in Buffalo, N.Y. and one in Lancaster.



Norwood McGuigan

Norwood McGuigan Joins Albers

Norwood M. McGuigan has joined Albers Milling Company as the Specialty Feeds representative for Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Delaware, according to Dick Cooper, Sales Manager, Specialties Division of Albers Milling Company.

Prior to joining Albers, he served as production manager, agricultural salesman and farm manager for three New York and Pennsylvania firms.

McGuigan received a B.S. in

Animal Husbandry at Delaware Valley College. While in college, he was a member of the Animal Husbandry Club, the Varsity Club and was Chairman of Agriculture Day in 1961 and 1962. He served in the United States Air Force for eight years and was honorably discharged in 1962.

McGuigan and his wife Dee reside at Red Lion with their three children. In addition to hobbies of fishing, horses and dogs, he is a member of the B.P.O. Elks.

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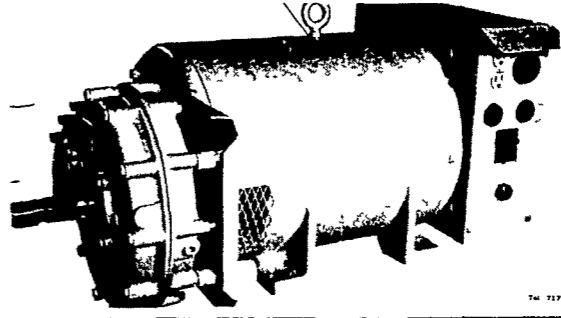


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