

Symptoms of Hog Cholera Explained by County Agent

Hog cholera is a virus disease of swine. It does not infect humans. The virus spreads by direct or indirect contact, says County Agent M.M. Smith.

Hog cholera can be introduced into a herd by water, feed, equipment or on the clothing of people who have just come from an infected premise. The two most common ways cholera spreads are: by the introduction of normal-appearing swine from an infected herd, or by the feeding of uncooked garbage containing virus-infected pork, explains Smith.

Hogs typically show symptoms from 3 to 8 days following direct exposure to the disease, but indirectly exposed herds may not show symptoms for as long as three weeks. Early symptoms are listlessness, lack of appetite

"Few people are fast enough to keep up with their good intentions."—Herman Gross, Tri-County (Mo.) News.

and high fever, (temperatures of 104 to 108 degrees). Pigs usually pile up and are reluctant to move. They often show constipation at first followed by diarrhea and weakness in their hindquarters. In acute cases swine may die overnight, but more chronic cases may last as long as three weeks. A few may survive, but they are usually hopeless runts.

Those who have purchased swine in the past month should look them over carefully at least three times a day. If any show early symptoms, call a veterinarian or the nearest Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture Regional Office. Those who feed any garbage should be sure that it is thoroughly cooked. All swine producers should keep their swine isolated from any outside contacts until the danger is past

Vegetable Estimating Program Changed

Alterations were announced in the planting intentions, acreage, and production reports for processing vegetables by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Statistical Reporting Service (SRS). Modifications were made after review of suggestions submitted by industry and other government agencies.

A planting intentions report for processing vegetables as of March 15 will be issued about April 1, replacing reports previously released in early March and early and mid-April. The combined report will provide a better indication of potential changes in processing vegetable supplies.

An estimate of planted acreage as of June 15 will be made about July 1, replacing reports previously released in mid-May, early June, mid-June and early


A production forecast for each processing vegetable crop will be

made midway in the national harvesting season. Reports will be published as of July 1 for green peas; Aug. 1 for snap beans and tomatoes; Sept. 1 for lima beans,

beets, and sweet corn; Nov. 1 for cucumbers for pickles.

To provide additional information on processing vegetable crops, SRS plans to initiate end-of-season production and value estimates for carrots, broccoli and cauliflower for processing.

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