## Pa. Quarantine Zones Lifted

Secretary of Agriuclture Jim' McHale signed an order last week lifting the last of four zone quarantines that were imposed following isolated outbreaks of hog cholera in the Southeast quadrant of the Commonwealth.

Similar action by federal animal health officials has once again restored the free movement of swine in all interstate and intrastate market channels

The final step following the signing of the order will be inspection of hogs and pigs on the 61 quarantined premises within a five-mile radius of Kutztown

There are 2,324 head involved Following the last positive diagnosis of hog cholera, 22 swine were destroyed and buried on a farm in Richmond Township, **Berks County** 

As in the previous three outbreaks. Bureau of Animal Industry veterinarians made twice weekly inspections of all quarantined animals during the first half of the 30-day embargo and weekly inspections during the final 15 days

Pennsylvania had achieved hog cholera-free status in the summer of 1971 and about a year later the entire nation was on the brink of being declared free of the highly contagious and virulent disease when outbreaks were reported in a dozen states.

Pennsylvania was one of the last to be struck but Secretary McHale was the first state agricultural head to impose a total stop-movement order on all swine to give state veterinarmans an opportunity to isolate the outbreak is small areas

The prompt action paid off in a minimum of economic restraints to the Commonwealth's pork industry which annually raise more than 700,000 head. About five times that number are rasied elsewhere and shipped into the state for slaughter. Pennsylvania ranks second to only the five leading midwest corn-belt states in the commercial slaughter of

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## Farm Financial Management Topic at Two-Day Clinic

problems facing agriculture today and the years just ahead is the wise handling of financial needs. In an effort to assist you with this growing need, a two-day clinic on Farm Financial Management has been scheduled March 21 and 22 at the Farm and Home Center from 9:30 a.m. - 3

Topics on Wednesday, March 21 include:

I Capital and its relation to the farm business: What is capital? How is it used in the business? How much is used?

II. Sources of capital in agriculture: Where do we get capital? Why do we borrow? Type of loan? Repayment plans?

III. What is your financial situation? What does a financial summary tell you? a. source and amount of income; b. source and amount of expenses fixed vs. variable costs; c. net cash income; d. net farm income; e. family labor income; f. operators labor income.

IV. What does a net worth statement tell you? a. total assets in business long term, short term, and personal; b. total liabilities in the business; c. owner's equity or net worth; d. how should assets be valued?

V What is the debt structure on the farm? a. long vs. short term debt; b. repayment plan on loans (monthly or annual payments); c interest rates on loans; d. do you have too much? e could you borrow more money?

The program for the second day, Thursday, March 22, is:

VI. Sources of credit What are the credit practices of various institutions, including business and consumer loans? a. repayment plans and ability to repay; b. interest rates; c. length of loan; d. collateral or security needed; e. basis for appraisal; f. size of various loans or limits; g. philosophy on financial

and cash flow statements; h. what is cash flow statement? VII. Forward planning (budgeting) and financial

statement, net worth statements

One of the most critical management: Will your new capital expenditure pay their way? How do you make a decicison on adjustments? How do you determine the income producing ability of a change? How does the change affect your debt and repayment situation? What costs and returns change

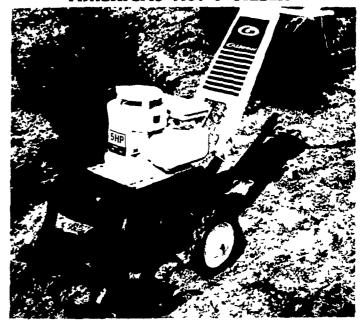
with major adjustments? What are the tax implications of income change?

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