

Modified-Certified Brucellosis Status Achieved

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) reported that all 3,153 counties in the United States, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands have achieved initial "modified-certified brucellosis area" status. Nueces County, Texas qualified June 28, completing the achievement.

Officials of USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), explain that counties

quality for this status of the cooperative state-federal brucellosis eradication program when no more than five percent of the herds and not more than one percent of the cattle are found to be infected during an 18-month testing period.

APHIS officials also reported that three counties that had previously lost modified-certified brucellosis area status have been reinstated, but that two counties

have been removed from the official listing of qualified counties. All of the actions are effective upon publication in the Federal Register, scheduled for July 30, 1973.

The counties reinstated by APHIS are Nemaha in Nebraska, and McMullen and Uvalde in Texas. The counties that have lost official status are Dewey and Seminole in Oklahoma.

A county's brucellosis area status may be revoked for failure to comply with one or more of the following minimum requirements of the cooperative state-federal brucellosis eradication program:

--Retest infected herd for brucellosis within six months.

--Test or quarantine the herd of origin of an infected animal found through the market cattle testing (MCT) program. If quarantined, the herd must be tested within six months.

--Test a dairy herd within 30 days after a suspicious brucellosis milk ring test (BRT) has been reported.

Modified-certified brucellosis area status is not revoked, if state officials take action to correct the deficiencies. When program deficiencies have been corrected, APHIS officials explain, a county's brucellosis status is reinstated.

The goal of the cooperative state-federal brucellosis eradication program is to eliminate this disease from all domestic livestock. To accomplish

this goal, cattlemen are urged to intensify their efforts to eradicate the disease from their herds and thereby qualify their cattle and their counties as "certified brucellosis-free."

To qualify as a "certified brucellosis-free area", no more than one percent of the herds and not more than 0.2 percent of the cattle can be found infected during the 18-month testing period immediately preceding the request for certification, and all herds must be free of brucellosis before recognition is authorized by USDA.

Nationally, over 61 percent of the 3,153 counties in the United States, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands have qualified as "certified brucellosis-free." All counties in 30 states and the Virgin Islands have achieved this status.

The qualified states are: Arizona, California, Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Idaho, Indiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia and Wisconsin.

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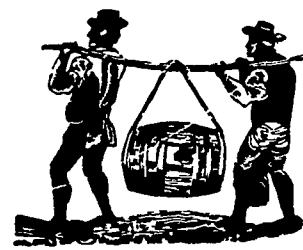
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Old Farmer's Riddle: What bar opens but never shuts? (Answer below.)

Ask the Old Farmer: In the 1930's there was a country store in New England that sold a cheddar cheese they claimed was aged in a manure pile. Of course under sanitary conditions. I have eaten this cheese, and found it delicious. Is the aging method fact or fiction? E. M. B., Philadelphia.

Fact. Of course, "under sanitary conditions." Horse manure is favored, as we get it.

Home Hint. After waxing your linoleum floor, prevent marks by waxing the bottoms of your rockers and chair legs. Candles will burn longer if you chill them thoroughly in the refrigerator before use. **Riddle answer:** A crowbar.

OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECASTS

New England: Don't forget your umbrella: rain all week.

Greater New York-New Jersey: Heavy rain to start, temperatures cooling off; lighter rain continuing through latter part, then cloudy and hot on weekend.

Middle Atlantic Coastal: Rain and hot at first, then cooler by midweek; rain continuing latter part. Warmer on weekend.

Southeast Coastal-Piedmont: Moderately heavy rain to start, then partial clearing through end of week; rain all week along coast.

Florida: Intermittent rain and hot all week.

Upstate & Western N.Y.-Toronto & Montreal: Clear and warm through midweek, then rain continuing to end of week.

Greater Ohio Valley: Partly cloudy most of week, then rain on weekend in west; rain all week in east.

Deep South: Light rain and hot throughout the week.

Chicago and Southern Great Lakes: Week begins clear and hot, then rain and cooler by midweek; showers latter part.

Northern Great Plains-Great Lakes: Rain and warm most of week; partial clearing on weekend.

Central Great Plains: Rain to start, then some clearing by midweek; rain and warm latter part.

Texas-Oklahoma: Most of week hot and rainy; partial clearing by weekend.

Rocky Mountain Region: Cloudy to start, then light rain by midweek, clear and hot latter part.

Southwest Desert: Week begins partly cloudy, then light rain before midweek; end of week cloudy with highs to mid-100s.

Pacific Northwest: First part of week cloudy and cool; remainder of week mostly clear and hot.

California: Clear and warm through midweek, then light rain and cooler to end of week.

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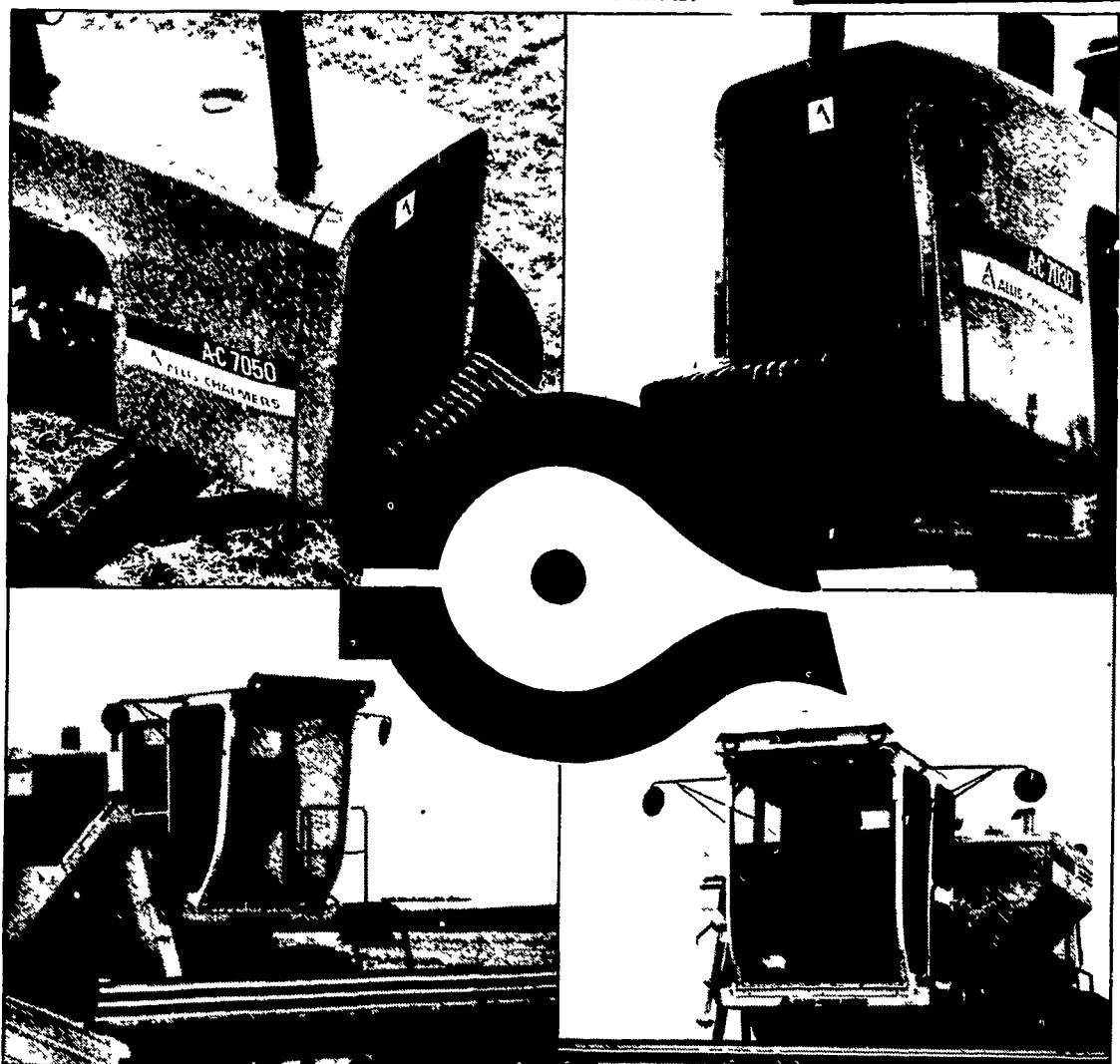
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