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Schuylkill Haven. The program will be held in the administration building and will run from 9:00 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. covering such things as livestock management procedures, livestock marketing, management of pastures, forage production, farm livestock loans, and many other items helpful in developing profitable

This program is being sponsored by the Schuylkill County Cooperative Extension Service and will include Dr. Lester Burdette, Penn State Extension Animal Scientist, who will discuss Beef Management Practices, Mr. Dwight Younkin, Extension Animal Scientist, Penn State, covering Swine Management and The Pennsylvania Meat Animal Evaluation Center. David Kantner, Schuylkill County Extension Agent will discuss Sheep Management Practices and coordinate the program. Harold Brecht, Assistant Schuylkill County Agent will discuss Pasture Management and Forage Crop Production. Mr. William Steiner, District Soil Conservationist, Mr. Ben Godshall, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, Mr. Eugene Richard, Farm Credit and Mr. Armine Wodehouse, Farmers Home Administration will discuss Services Available from

enterprises is your objective, you might want to attend Livestock Management Day, Saturday, February 22, starting at 9:00 a.m. in the

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## **USDA Proposes New Ruling**

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) recently proposed changes in regulations on paying indemnity to owners of cattle destroyed because of tuberculosis.

The new rules would allow payment of indemnities for unregistered bulls and steers destroyed because of reaction to tuberculin tests. The rate would depend on the appraised value of the animal, but would not exceed \$350. Officials of USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) said these classes of animals were omitted when in-demnity rates for cattle tuberculosis were increased in June 1972.

APHIS officials said the proposed revision would also provide that:

- Indemnities could be paid for exposed cattle sold from herds which are later destroyed because of tuberculosis, and for calves exposed to nursing cows which react to a tuberculin

- An independent appraiser could be used, at the discretion of the APHIS veterinarian - in - charge, when processing a claim for indemnity involving a large number of animals.

- USDA would pay half the cost of destroying cattle which were disposed of by means other than regular slaughter, including half the cost of transporting the

Auditorium of the Penn State Schuylkill Campus, Route 61, Schuylkill Haven. Additional details can be obtained by contacting David L. Kantner at the Schuylkill County Cooperative Extension Office, Post Office Box 404, Schuylkill Haven, Pa. 17972. Phone: 385-3431.

animals to the point of disposal.

- An extension of the 15day periods now allowed for destroying affected cattle, anc cleaning and disin-fecting contaminated premises would be limited to an additional 15 days, thus setting maximum periods of 30 days for each task. Presently, there are no set limits for the extension periods.

allowed for cattle found to be

affected with tuberculosis that have been added to a herd under quarantine for

The proposal is scheduled to be published in the Federal Register on Feb. 7. Interested persons will have until March 12 to file written statements, views or comments. These should be sentto the Deputy Administrator, Veterinary Services, APHIS, USDA, Federal Building, 6505 Belcrest Rd., Hyattsville, Md. 20782.

All written comments received will be available at the Hyattsville office, Room 870, for public inspection - Claims would not be during regular working



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