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 Yellow soybeans at the end of April were bringing \$5.61 a bushel, down from an October 1974 price of \$8.02. At the end of April the futures price for this coming November was \$5.60. Soybean futures for March of 1976 were quoted at around \$5.70.

Farmers can figure their costs fairly accurately now

at planting time. If futures prices provide a fairly good margin between cost and price it may be advisable for producers to pre-sell a portion of their expected crop. They can then afford to gamble on a higher or lower price later for the rest of the crop. A word of caution from McAllister - the net between the futures quotes and actual contract price may be 20 to

30 cents a bushel lower because of location and other costs.

A similar situation exists for corn. There is considerable concern that corn prices will be below current levels in 1975-76. With costs substantially higher this year, farmers may want to pre-sell some of their corn crop, too. Pre-harvest contract sales can be made by contracting a broker who deals in futures contracts of by making arrangements with a local grain dealer.

WHOLESOME EATING

Put food back in the refrigerator as soon as possible. In no case should it be left out on the table for more than two hours. Longer periods can result in dangerous growth of bacteria.

"I should point out that one of the things we do when we find an infected herd is to check all the neighboring herds to see if they might have been a source of the disease. If there's a sick herd anywhere, the neighbors know about it."

Dick said the disease could also be tracked from farm to

farm on peoples' shoes, but he feels that this is a very remote possibility.

In a newsletter to county dairymen this week, associate Lancaster County Agent N. Alan Bair, quotes a statement by Penn State veterinarian, Dr. Samuel B. Guss.

Guss said, "Lancaster County had had five outbreaks of brucellosis in dairy cattle herds in the past few months. All of them originated from the purchase of herd additions."

"As pressure to clean up brucellosis mounts, reactor

cattle are being moved into Pennsylvania for slaughter, but all of them do not get there. Recently, reactor cattle were found illegally in a Lancaster County Stock Market.


"Those who buy cows should be careful to separate them from the rest of the herd and TB and brucellosis test them. Whether the new cows are vaccinated or not, DO NOT expose your herd to them unless they are NEGATIVE to the blood test. This applies to springing heifers, too."

"As other states and Canada are applying pressures to clean up brucellosis herds, Pennsylvania dairymen have to be careful not to buy brucellosis."

Brucellosis

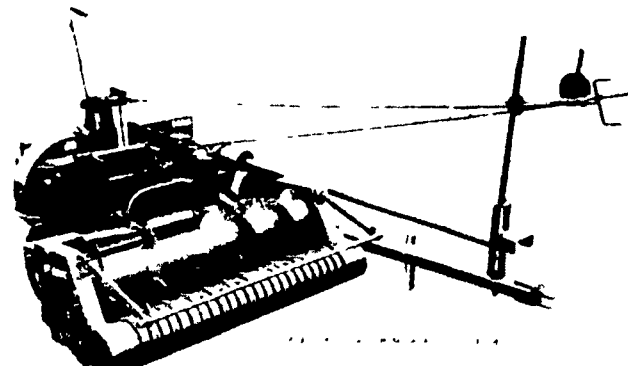
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Lancaster County, are aware of the problem and the potential danger. If they want to go all the way in protecting their cows, they could fence the stream off.



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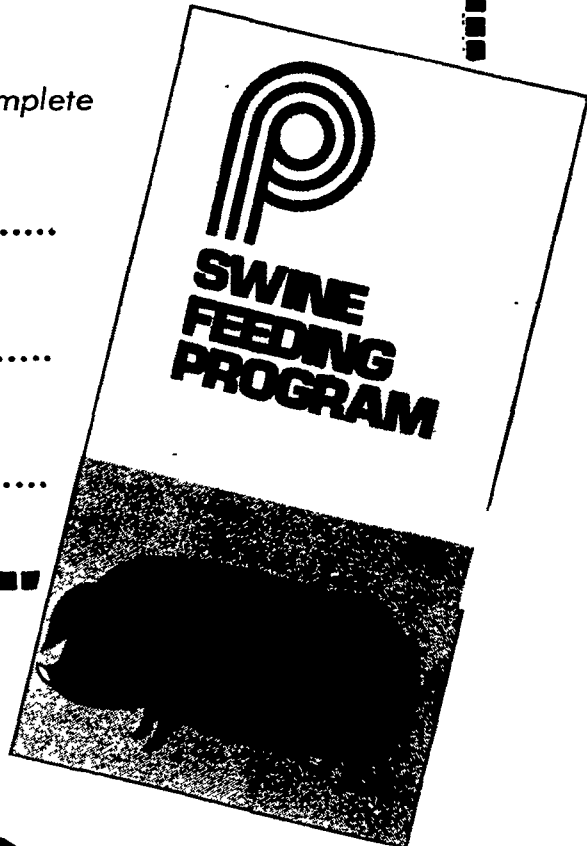
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