

Cattlemen's fraternity questions brucellosis eradication program

PHOENIX, ARIZ.—The specific objectives and initial meeting plans of the new Brucellosis Technical Commission were outlined last week at a meeting of the Animal Health Committee of the American National Cattlemen's Association.

This was the first public announcement of just what the much-discussed Commission - which was formed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture - will be doing. The Commission was formed as a result of inadequate industry confidence in

USDA's current eradication program.

Dr. W. T. (Dub) Berry, a cattleman from Phoenix and a member of the Commission, explained the Commission's objectives and announced that the group would hold its first meeting February 12 - 13 in Washington, D. C.

The appointment of the Commission results in large measure from an ANCA Animal Health Committee resolution in November which asked for an unbiased study of the current

brucellosis eradication program and all possible alternatives. The concept of such a study subsequently was endorsed by the U.S. Animal Health Association, the ANCA Executive Committee and the USDA. A study also was asked by Mississippi and Texas cattle groups. The Texas industry has been involved in a disagreement with USDA over the feasibility of eradication.

The ANCA resolution had recommended that the study group be made up of nationally recognized ex-

perts in agricultural economics, veterinary medicine, cattle management and public health. It was pointed out that the members are "expected to carry out their study and report their findings in a completely independent and scientific manner. The end product should be free of any bias or influence by industry or state or federal agencies."

The Commission has been asked to complete the study in as short a time as possible, but it may take up to a year. Berry indicated that the

Commission study would include the following questions and considerations:

1. Is there sufficient scientific knowledge now available to accomplish complete eradication of brucellosis in the U.S.?
2. Review all aspects of the present program and the feasibility of its achieving eradication. If changes are needed to accomplish eradication, explain them in detail.
3. What is the economic benefit-cost ratio, for the cattle industry, of the present program and any alternative programs?
4. If there are alternative

ways to achieve eradication, describe these from the standpoint of industry acceptance, costs to industry and government, benefits and administrative feasibility.

5. Consider public health aspects of past, present and possible future programs.

6. Should the entire concept of eradication be abandoned in favor of either a control program or no official brucellosis program at all?

The Animal and Plant Inspection Service of USDA will finance the study, which is expected to include recommendations on various possible courses of action.

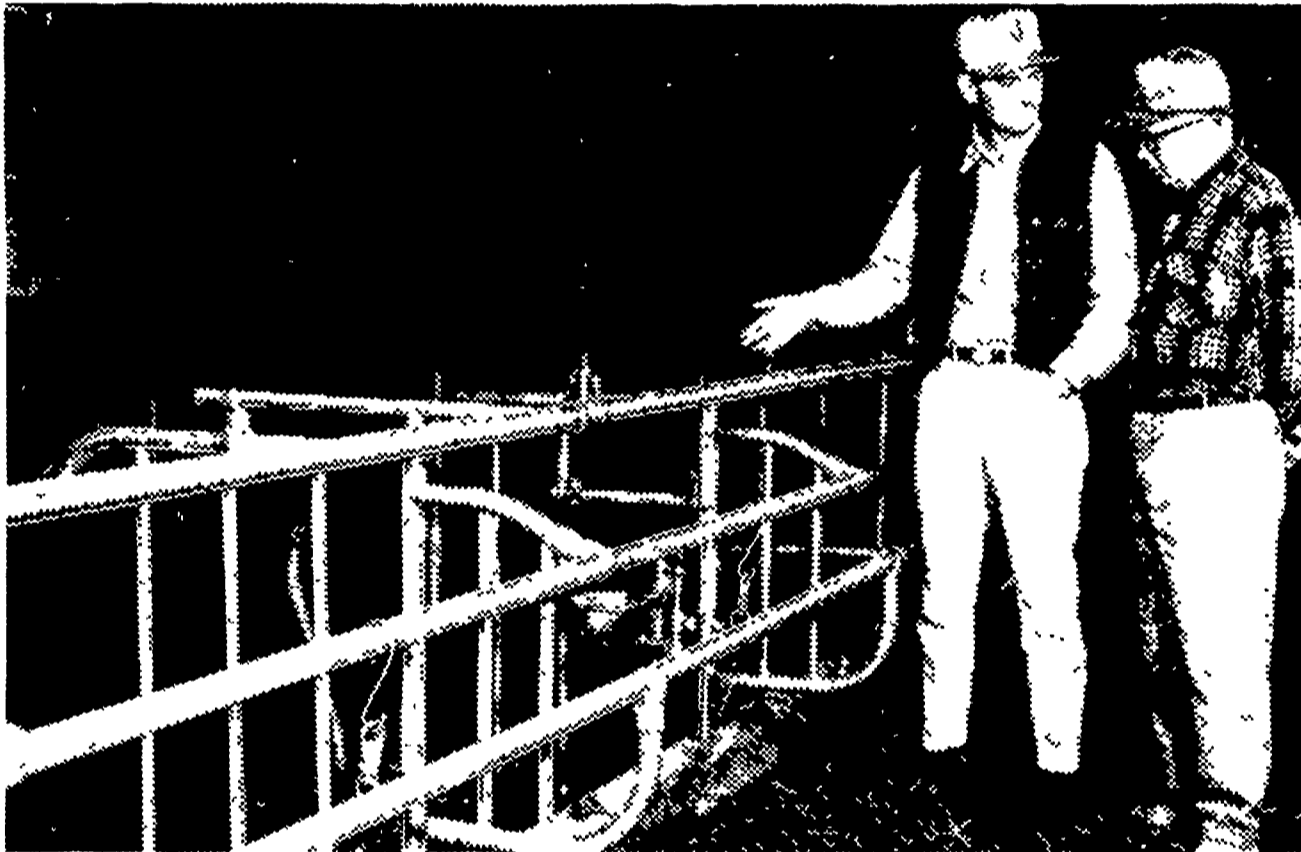
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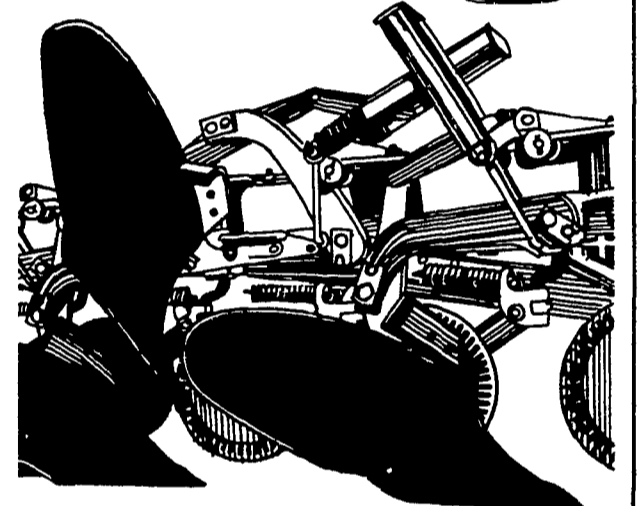
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