

# Disease

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regulation. Hogs delegated to slaughter facilities had to be inspected by a veterinarian and be free from cholera along with their counterparts in the herd. The hogs are required to be moved in a sealed truck only and under permit of the federal government. Hogs from the quarantined states must go directly to slaughter without going through secondary facilities such as auctions or markets.

As of the middle of the week, Pennsylvania eased its two-week old embargo on slaughter swine from New Jersey. Hogs directly destined to markets were allowed in the state except from the Gloucester area of New Jersey and the four counties (Norfolk, Bristol,

Barnstable and Plymouth) quarantined in Mass. The hogs were allowed across the border only under federal permit and inspections.

With no new cases of the virulent disease confirmed during the week, encouragement was noted by several officials. "We still have a long way to go," stated Hietsch but "we are encouraged that no new developments have come up."

Dr. Homer Forney of the Pa. Bureau of Animal Industries also expressed relief, "we hope this has been confined and that marketing can resume quickly."

The first case of hog cholera was confirmed in Gloucester County in New Jersey on Feb. 26. A total of five herds in that area had confirmed cases with two herds suspected as having been exposed to the disease. In the first few days of

March, cases were also confirmed in Massachusetts and in Rhode Island. As many of the slaughter hogs from New Jersey filter through slaughter operations and markets in the Pennsylvania, a state embargo was slapped on even before the cases were diagnosed in New England.

The USDA is now in the process of paying indemnities to the producers of seven herds in New Jersey which were destroyed to prevent the disease from spreading. With 9000 hogs destroyed, indemnity payments have reached into the one million dollar mark already.

Research into the probable cause of the disease continued through this week but no conclusions have yet been drawn.

"There are many ways the

disease could have been introduced," Hietsch explained, "research will be continuing for some time - it's still a rough road ahead."

Although the total embargo was eased this week in Pennsylvania, Forney noted that it would still keep intact the restrictions against those affected areas in New England and New Jersey. "We have modified the embargo but are awaiting more word from the infected areas before lifting it totally," the official stated.

Encouragement was on the lips of every official this week but although no new cases have developed, research into the possible germination point of the disease is still continuing and will so for many weeks to come.

## Hurlburt receives new Sperry post

Joseph C Hurlburt, senior research engineer in Sperry New Holland's Engineering Research Department, has been promoted to product manager for industrial products. He succeeds C. Clark Allenbrand, who has been assigned to the sales organization in Arlington, Texas.

In his new position, Hurlburt will oversee development of Sperry New Holland's industrial product line which now includes utility loaders, trenchers and centrifugal dryers.

Hurlburt joined the company in 1961 as an engineer trainee. He was promoted to design engineer in 1963 and also was a senior design engineer and a project engineer before being promoted to senior research engineer in early 1975.

A native of Canaan, Connecticut, Hurlburt was graduated from Pennsylvania State University and has a degree in agricultural engineering. He and his wife Susan, reside in Leola and have three children.

## Farm Calendar

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Lebanon County - private applicators meeting (pesticides) - must register for meeting by calling 237-3748; also secure correspondence course.

Harford County, Maryland, Holstein Association holds annual banquet, 7 p.m. at Emory U.M. Church, Street, Maryland.

Friday, Mar. 19  
Lancaster County Conservation District meets at Cloister Restaurant, Ephrata, for dinner and "First Acre Ceremony," 12:30 p.m.  
Regional Grape Growers

meet at the Farm and Home Center, 9:30 a.m.  
Lancaster County Swine Association annual banquet at the Blue Ball Fire Hall, 6:30 p.m.

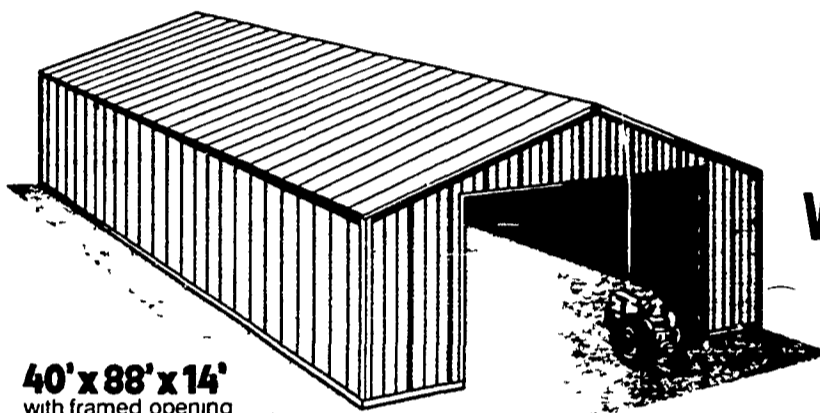
The Lancaster County Farmers Association sponsors "Meet the Candidates" at the Farm and Home Center, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Mar. 20  
Maryland Cooperative Milk Producers' annual meeting at the Hunt Valley Inn, Cockeysville, Md. 10 a.m.

Franklin County Apple Queen Contest and Banquet, 7 p.m. at Lemasters Community Center.

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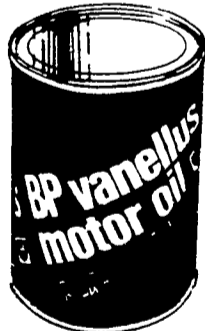
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