

Vets urged to report unusual drug reactions

UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. Practicing veterinarians play a major role in assuring the animal drugs they and dispense are safe and effective, say experts at Penn State.

New animal drugs in the are initially approved by FDA for safety and efficacy. The approval is based on scientific studies performed with a relatively small number of test animals. But FDA also is

vitaly concerned to know how these drugs perform under actual field conditions. To that end, they sponsor a feedback program to obtain field reports on the safety and effectiveness of animal drugs. Practicing veterinarians are urged to participate in the program by reporting any unexpected adverse reactions to animal drug products.

The veterinarian's experience in recognizing unexpected drug responses is very valuable if he reports

them. These reports help FDA gather the facts needed to insure that only safe and effective drugs are used for animal health. The veterinarian should report any unusual effect or response, whether or not it can be attributable directly to the drug. FDA would also like to learn of any unusually favorable experiences with animal drugs under field conditions.

Each report received by the bureau is thoroughly

evaluated. Unless a reaction is serious, requiring investigation, the information will be collated with other reports on that drug, which over time, may develop into a pattern. Any practicing veterinarian encountering serious adverse reactions is encouraged to call Bureau of Veterinary Medicine (BVM) (301-443-3044) for assistance in documenting and resolving the clinical problem.

District VI horse judging held

BOILING SPRINGS, Pa. - The 1977 District VI 4-H Horse judging contest was held on June 25 at the Bonny Brook Riding Club show ring, near Boiling Springs, Pa. The contest was won by the Dauphin County team consisting of Robin Weatherby, July Fari, and Tracy Conrad with a combined score of 1073 points out of a possible total of 1350. The Cumberland County team of Deb King, Betsy Nichols, and Judy Long placed second with a score of

1059 while the Lebanon County team of Jeanne Pierce, Donna Lansberry, and Liz Wells placed third with score of 1037.

Highest placing individual in the junior division was Jodi Miller from Lebanon County. In the senior division, the highest score was awarded to Robin Weatherby from Dauphin County.

Fifty-eight members representing the county areas of Dauphin, Cumberland, Lebanon, Adams, York, and Perry were represented. Each team placed four classes on confirmation, giving reasons in two, and two pleasure classes, giving reasons in one.

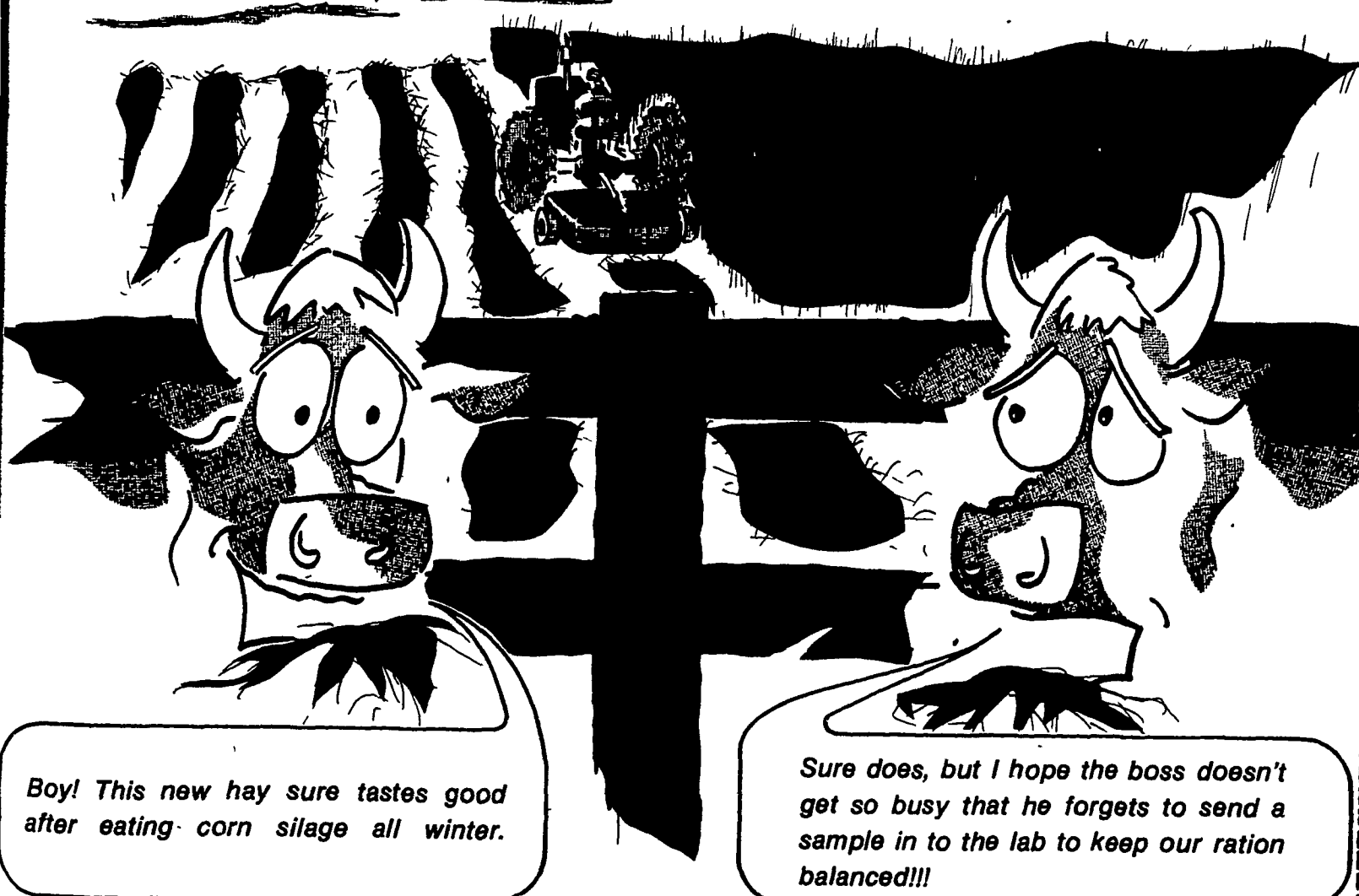


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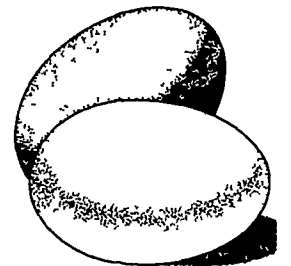
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