

## Grangers attend leadership conference

# Vermont joins ranks of Brucellosis-free states

NEW YORK, N.Y. — Vermont's 5000 plus cattle herds are now free of brucellosis following a costly outbreak that began in 1972, a U.S. Department of Agriculture veterinary official reports.

The Vermont outbreak was at its worst in 1975 when about 45 cattle herds were quarantined. Not counting producer losses, state and federal governments spent about \$3.6 million on the outbreak from 1972 to 1980.

The last quarantine was lifted Dec. 28, 1979—in time for the state to enter the New Year with a clean cattle population.

"Great credit for this victory over disease must go to the State's farmers," said Paul Becton of USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service. "They have worked diligently with State-Federal animal health authorities to free their herds of brucellosis."

Vermont's costly outbreak resulted mainly from the importation of exposed cattle. This happens all too frequently in other states as well, Becton noted. He believes it's time everyone involved in the program accept responsibility for stopping the movement of exposed animals.

Becton, who directs the national brucellosis eradication program, said Vermont joins the ranks of 11 other states with no cattle herds under brucellosis quarantine. The others are: Alaska, Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Maine, Maryland, New Hampshire, North Carolina, North Dakota, Rhode Island, and South Carolina.

Becton urged farmers to remain alert. Brucellosis still exists in many states. It is most often spread when newly purchased cattle are

added to a herd without precautions.

Producers who raise their own breeding stock stand no chance of "buying" brucellosis. But for those who do buy replacements, Becton has some recommendations:

—Buy from sources with a reputation for selling brucellosis-free cattle or from certified brucellosis free herds.

—Buy animals that were calfhood vaccinated as shown by ear tags, tattoos and health records.

—Buy cattle that were tested negative for brucellosis within 30 days of purchase.

—Isolate newly purchased cattle for 45 to 120 days and then have them retested before mixing them with the established herd.

—Cattle buyers should know that one negative test is not enough to be sure an animal is free of brucellosis, said Becton. It takes anywhere from one to three months — sometimes longer — for exposed animals to develop a positive blood test reaction.

Brucellosis, also called Bang's disease, is an infectious bacterial disease of cattle and other animals. It can be transmitted from animals to humans as undulant fever.

The most common sign of cattle brucellosis is abortion or birth of weak calves. Early detection of the disease allows the infection less opportunity to spread, thereby reducing losses.

"Any farmer or rancher who suspects he has brucellosis in his herd should seek immediate veterinary assistance and get his cattle tested," said Becton. "Prompt action can prevent serious losses."



Six members of the Maryland Grange attended the leadership conference held this past Saturday and Sunday in Carlisle, Pa. Discussing effective programs and state plans are, from left, C. Rodman Myers, Maryland Master; Louisa B. Hott, Womens

Activity Director; Nancy Wolfe, State Lecturer; Ethel Brauer, Director of Junior Grange Activities; and Alan Brauer, Master of the Frederick County Pomona Grange.



Pennsylvania Grange leaders shared ideas on communications and program planning at the Grange leadership conference held in Carlisle. Participants included, from left, Ruth Hoover, director of womens activities; Sandy Westover,

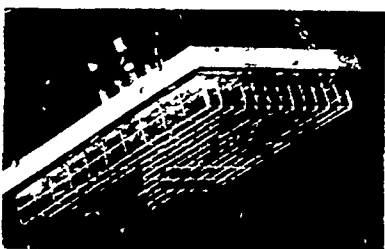
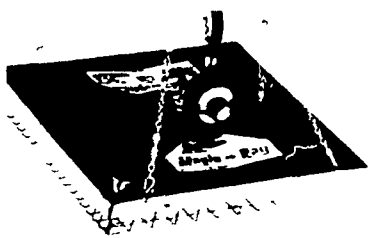
Junior Grange activities director; Charles E. Wismer, Jr., State Master; Mary Buffington, State Lecturer; H. Carl Deibert, state secretary; and Douglas Bonsall, state youth director.

If you eat a good breakfast, you'll work and study better. Why not include a cup of old-fashioned cocoa to make breakfast a meal no one can refuse? To make four cups of the beverage, mix one-fourth cup each of cocoa and sugar with one-half cup of water. Bring to a boil and cook one minute, then add three and one-half cups of milk and one-half teaspoon vanilla. Heat to serving temperature, beating with rotary beater to make it frothy, thus keeping skin from forming on top. Serve with a fluff of whipped cream to make it irresistible.

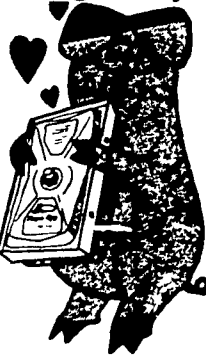
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