

Cattle scabies outbreak reported in 11 states

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Psoroptic cattle scabies continues to plague the cattle business, F.J. Mulhern, administrator of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, said today.

This past January, Mulhern said, there were 59 scabies outbreaks in 11 states. He listed the cases:

Arizona — one case in Coconino county.

Idaho — one case in Payette county.

Iowa — one case each in Cherokee, Dickinson, Mitchell, Palo Alto and Sioux counties.

Illinois — one case in Fulton County.

Kansas — one each in Hamilton, Hodgeman, Ness, Rush and Scott counties; two

each in Edwards, Ford and Haskell counties; three in Meade county; four in Finney county.

Minnesota — two cases in Brown county.

Nebraska — one case each in Boyd, Box Butte, Dundy, Fillmore, Hall and Rock counties.

New Mexico — one case each in Colfax and Roosevelt counties.

Oklahoma — one case each in Beaver, Beckham, Cimarron and Texas counties; two each in Blaine and Major counties.

South Dakota — one case each in Aurora, Lincoln, Minnehaha and Turner counties.

Texas — one case each in Dallam, Donley, Hall, Hartley, Parmer, Potter and

Swisher counties; four in Deaf Smith county.

January's 59 outbreaks compare with the same number reported in January a year ago, and 41 last December. Nationwide for fiscal 1980, the total stands at 126 cases reported, the same as for this time as last year

Scabies has long been a problem in some areas of the Southwest, said Mulhern, but now it is appearing at an alarming rate in many midwestern and south central plains states. He said the only way cattlemen can keep scabies outbreaks down and prevent its spread is to check herds regularly and

refrain from mixing newly acquired cattle with already established herds.

A tiny, parasitic mite causes scabies. The mite punctures the skin of cattle to feed on body fluids released from the wounds. The mites spread by contact between animals. They are killed by dipping infested animals in pesticides ap-

proved by the USDA under state or federal supervision.

Mites cause serious economic losses to cattlemen and feedlot operators but do not affect the wholesomeness of meat, said Mulhern. Therefore, he said, infested and exposed herds are placed under quarantine until the animals are treated and found free of the disease.

Three Delaware farmers put 13,600 bu. in reserve

DOVER, Del. — Three state farmers had placed 13,602 bushels of their 1979 corn crop under price support loan as of January 31, 1980, according to A. Palmer Corey, chairperson of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation committee. For the same period a year ago, 67,451 bushels of 1978-crop corn were under loan. The 1979 corn loans in the state totaled \$29,652.

Placing grain under loan gives the farmers an opportunity to plan their management strategy and sell when the price is right. The loan provides operating cash while farmers look for better markets, he said.

Loan obligations are generally satisfied by repaying the money before the loan matures or by forfeiting the crop to the Commodity Credit Corporation if prices at loan

maturity are below the loan rate.

Grain under loan is stored on farms or in commercial warehouses, and must be inspected regularly to keep it in good condition. Until the loan is satisfied, farmers are responsible for both the quantity and the quality of farm-stored grain, the ASCS official said. Deterioration, shortage, or contamination can cost farmers money when it's time to settle.

Other 1979 grain crops under price support loan at 6829 bushels of soybeans and 9958 bushels of barley.



Sale reports

A Public Sale of shop equipment and antiques was held February 23 by Christian E. Stoltzfus, between Ninepoints and Andrews Bridge, Lanc. Co., Pa.

A pair of peacocks sold for \$70 each. Other items sold were: 12 gauge Gun \$60, Anvil \$360, Drill Press \$200, Table Saw \$250, Torch \$410, Tire Bender \$325, Electric Welder \$180, Wash Stand \$110, Flour Chest \$170, Corner Cupboard \$300, 2 China Dolls \$17.50 each and Carnival Dish \$40.

Auctioneers were Lloyd H. Kreider & Randal V. Kline.

Some prices received were: Sod Cutter Machine \$11,000, Small Bulldozer \$8800, Mack F700 Truck \$15,000, 1979 Cadillac \$6800, 1979 Chev. Pickup \$4000 and Small Ford Tractors \$4000 to \$6000.

Auctioneer was Nelson C. Weidenbaugh.

A Public Sale of farm equipment and dairy cattle was held February 21 by Mark B. Ebersole, 1/2 mile east of Fontana, Lebanon Co., Pa. A good crowd attended.

Some prices received were: 1 Horse Sleigh \$190, Platform Scales \$80, Corn-picker \$2900, Self-unloading Wagon \$1700, Hay Wagon \$600, Int. 350 Utility Tractor \$2300, Ear Corn \$77 per ton and the top cow \$1100.

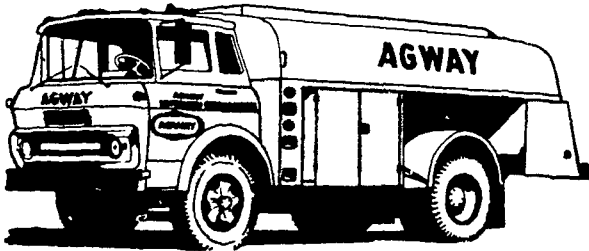
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