

# Pork producers call for swine fever research

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The National Pork Producers Council has called for increased funding for research on African Swine Fever and other swine industry concerns. Ritchie Jordan, NPPC Legislative Committee chairman, testified during hearings on the 1981 federal budget before the U.S. House and Senate Appropriations Committees Monday and Tuesday.

Jordan asked that an additional one million dollars be directed to the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service for increased garbage feeding surveillance and disease

diagnosis. He asked that this effort to control ASF be concentrated in high risk areas such as ship ports and international airports.

"ASF is certainly a disease that we are very concerned about. I feel it is no exaggeration that this million spent now could save billions in the future," Jordan said. The NPPC also asked for \$600,000 in additional funding for other research on ASF.

In his testimony Jordan explained the National Pork Producers Council does not suggest increasing the budget to cover research in these austere times, but rather that funds be

redirected to the most productive programs.

David Meisinger, NPPC's Director of Research, said the estimated return on investment in swine research is about 52 percent.

"This is higher than any other species of livestock and is much higher than most manufacturing firms. I think this just emphasizes the productive nature of these programs," he explained.

Jordan also urged funding for a comprehensive review of the need for nitrite in food processing, the hazards of eliminating it from food and the economic impact of banning it.

Support for funding unbiased research on the possible relationship between diet and coronary heart disease was expressed by Jordan. Similar research was also proposed on nutritional labeling, with a moratorium on further

changes in the regulations until conclusive results are known.

During his testimony, Jordan also advocated full funding of the Roman L. Hruska U.S. Meat Animal Research Center at Clay

Center, Nebraska, increased funding of cooperative research on animal health and pilot project funds for the development of a comprehensive swine record system by the extension service.

## Lancaster Co. Farm Women

### Executive Board meets

The Executive Board of the Society of Farm Women of Lancaster County met Tuesday at the home of Kathryn Wagner, Quarryville.

State president, Helen Hess, installed Joan Hershey

as 2nd vice-president for the county and Liz Heistand, president for the new Society 32.

Joan Hershey announced a collector's spoon with the Farm Women insignia will be for sale along with the jewelry.

The League of Womens Voters and ARCO issued an invitation to members of Farm Women to participate in a free car-care clinic. In-hand instructions on maintenance and trouble shooting enabling women to help themselves will be presented. Dates and locations will be announced in local papers.

Hospice of Lancaster County, a program for the terminally ill and their families, was voted to be the County Project for 1980. Contributions should be sent to Audrey Myer, county treasurer.

Mary Alice Fyock presented the suggestions of her committee for a memorial for Mary Alice Gregory. After discussion, it was decided to purchase a clock for the Lititz Public Library.

The next meeting of the Executive Board will be held June 3.



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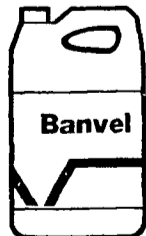
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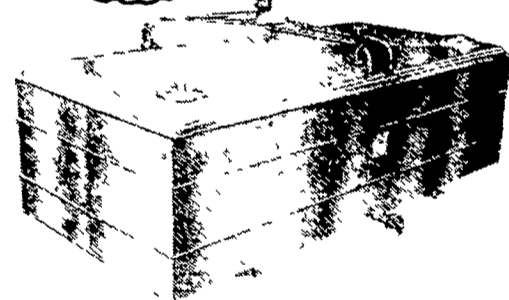


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