

Two states approved for stallion import from CEM-affected countries

NEW YORK — South Carolina and Virginia will be allowed to import stallions from countries affected with contagious equine metritis, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. These two states now have laws and regulations requiring further inspection,

treatment, and testing of imported stallions to insure that they are free of CEM, according to Pierre A. Chaloux, deputy administrator for the department's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service. Prior to this action, Kentucky was the only state

that was eligible to receive horses from CEM-affected countries. Contagious equine metritis is a highly transmissible venereal disease in horses. Stallions are mechanical carriers and can be freed of the bacteria through cleaning and scrubbing of

the genitals, followed by treatment with an antibiotic, stated Chaloux. If the organism infects mares, it usually results in the mare's failure to conceive or early abortion. To prevent CEM introduction, the department published regulations for importing stallions into the U.S. The January 4, 1980, regulations allow stallions to

be imported from CEM countries if cleaned and treated in the country of origin. The horses must pass federal quarantine and then must be moved directly to an approved premises in a designated state for followup treatment and testing. Countries presently considered to be affected by this disease include: Australia, Belgium, Federal

Republic of Germany, France, Ireland, United Kingdom, and Italy.

The addition of South Carolina and Virginia as approved states to receive stallions from CEM-affected countries was published in the Federal Register on April 11. This action facilitates the importation of stallions during the forthcoming breeding season.

Ephrata man appointed

alternate to American Egg Board

NEW YORK — Secretary of Agriculture Bob Bergland has appointed nine members and their alternates to the American Egg Board.

The eighteen-member board administers the producer-sponsored national research and promotion program for eggs. Newly appointed members and alternates will fill vacancies left by board members whose terms are expiring.

New appointments include:

North Atlantic states:

W. Robert Park, Valencia, Pa., member, and Donald E. Horn, Ephrata, Pa., alternate.

South Atlantic states:

Roland Coles, Bent Mountain, Va., and Ed Houston, Lumber City, Ga., members; Norman Sanders, Columbia, S.C., and George P. McCranie, Jr., Tifton, Ga., alternates.

East North

Central states: John D. Weaver, Versailles, Ohio, member, and

Ernest E. Brown, Forrest, Ill., alternate.

West North

Central states: Franklin J. Rich, Kalona, Iowa, member, and Gilbert Eckhoff, Omaha, Neb., alternate.

South Central states:

Jack M. Dubose, Gonzales, Texas, and R.K. Looper, Jackson, Miss., members, John K. Ashby, Clarksville, Tenn., and Gerald Holmes, Stonewall, La., alternates.

Western states:

Donald J. Long, Burbank, Calif., and Ernie T. Gemperle, Turlock, Calif., members; N.A. McAnnally, Yucaipa, Calif., and Michael F. Bromley, American Fork, Utah, alternates.

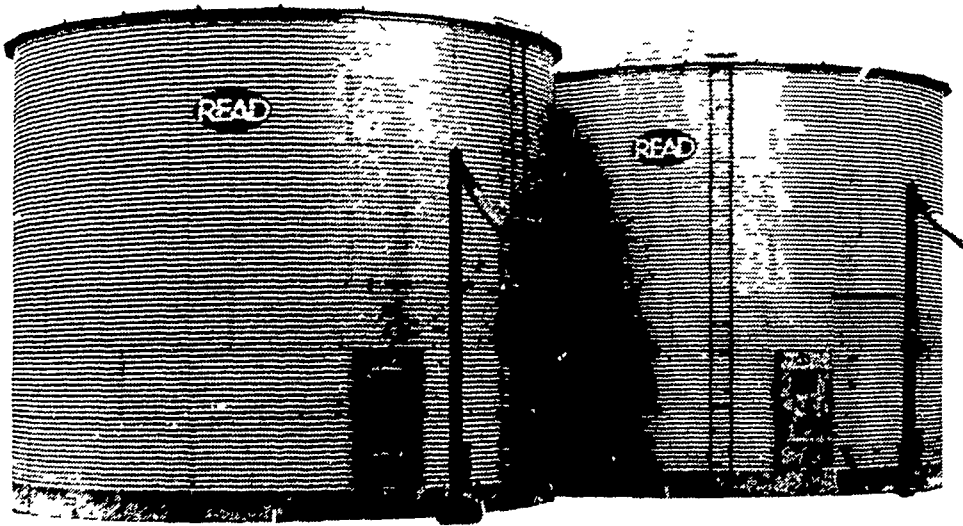
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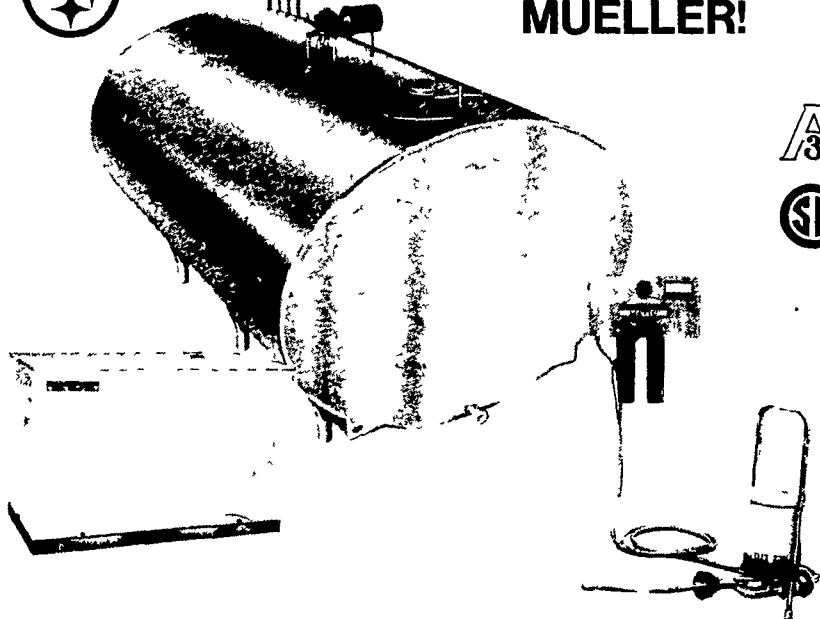
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