

Brucellosis indemnity boosted to 88.5% of market price

LANCASTER — An indemnity that will change with the average, fair-market replacement cost for cattle slaughtered because of brucellosis has been approved by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The new rates are based on 88.5 percent of the average market price of replacement animals less the average market price of slaughter animals. The effective date was June 27.

Paul Becton, director of brucellosis eradication for

USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, said the new rates go a long way toward assuring cattle owners of fair compensation for reactor animals.

Cattle that react to brucellosis tests are branded and must be sent to slaughter within 15 days. Owners receive an indemnity plus the slaughter price of the animals.

Becton noted that indemnity rates vary for purebreds and grade beef

dairy cattle are computed quarterly. Such data on purebreds is computed annually.

Previously, owners of reactor cattle were indemnified at the flat rates of \$250 for purebreds, \$50 for grade beef cattle and \$150 for grade dairy cattle. These amounts are now the minimum rates for the three categories of cattle.

These minimums were included in response to comments received during the public comment period that ended April 28. Maximum rates of \$1000 for purebreds, \$250 for grade beef cattle and \$750 for grade dairy cattle were also set.

In another response to comments, one feature of the proposed plan was deleted. This called for deducting any indemnity paid by states when computing federal rates.

Becton explained 14 states pay supplemental indemnities based on appraised values. The original plan for upgrading federal

indemnity would have conflicted with the indemnity laws or regulations of these states. Not all states pay indemnities. Some pay only small flat amounts per reactor.

Brucellosis, or Bang's disease, affects cattle and other livestock. It causes losses due to abortion, decreased milk yields and the need to buy replacement cattle. The disease may be passed from animals to humans, but meat from reactor animals poses no health risk to consumers.

Brucellosis has been greatly reduced as a result of cooperative efforts by states, the federal government and industry. The higher prevalence states include Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma and Texas.

The new indemnity plan will be published in the June 27 Federal Register. Copies may be obtained at USDA, APHIS, Veterinary Services offices or by writing to USDA, APHIS, Veterinary Services, Federal Building, Room 805, Hyattsville, MD, 20782.

Make your gardening 'mulch' easier

NEWARK, Del. — Want to do a better job in the yard and garden this growing season? Then try summer mulching, says Delaware extension specialist David Tatnall. Summer mulches serve to hold moisture in the soil, prevent growth of weeds, and keep the soil cooler.

Most garden plants benefit from a mulch. The practice often results in improved yields of fruits and vegetables and better-looking flowers and foliage. Mulched plantings look neater, too.

Remember that mulching can also save wear and tear on the gardener. You won't have to do as much watering and weed-pulling, which means you'll have more time for other, more enjoyable activities.

Mulches are a must for warm-weather vegetable crops like tomatoes, peppers, beans, and squash, says Tatnall, and they're equally important for small fruits such as strawberries and raspberries.

Garden flowers, both annuals and perennials, do better when mulched. Always apply a mulch when planting marigolds, petunias, scarlet sage and

other annual flowers. They'll fill out and flower much better.

And be sure to mulch newly set trees, shrubs and ground covers, and especially shallow-rooted broadleaf evergreens like rhododendrons and azaleas.

Many materials make good mulches. Your choice, however, will often depend on cost, availability and appearance. Organic materials are usually best, since they add humus and sometimes nutrients to the soil.

Some of the best materials are grass clippings, wood chips, shredded bark, licorice root, rotted sawdust, and clean straw. And don't forget mushroom soil. It's mostly composted corn cobs and hay, and is cheap and easily obtained in this area. Mushroom soil delivered direct from the growing house is preferred, because it's essentially weed-free.





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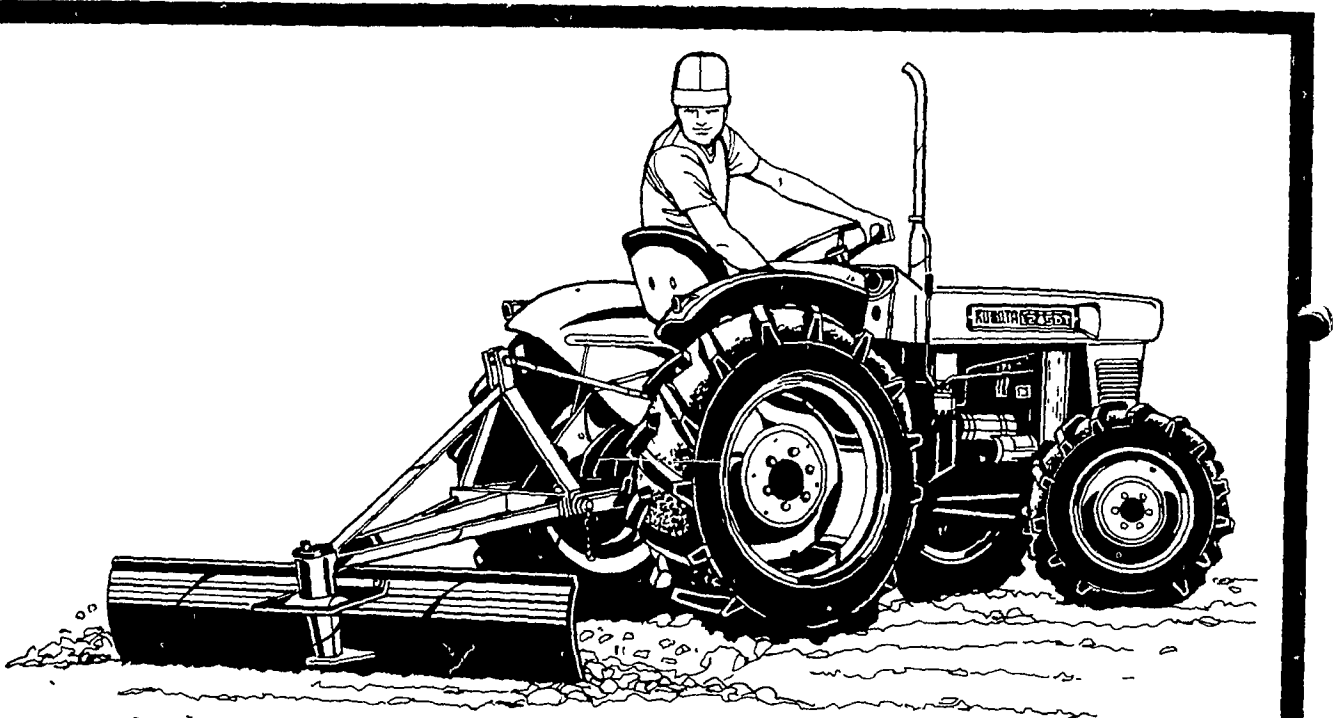
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