

Officials tracking cows suspected of brucellosis

HARRISBURG — Officials of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture's Bureau of Animal Industry are currently tracing and testing over 400 head of cattle which have been potentially exposed to brucellosis, according to State Agriculture Secretary

Penrose Hollowell. Brucellosis is a bacteriological infection which may cause abortion, stillbirth, infertility and a decrease of milk yields in cattle. Swine, although less frequently infected, can pose a public health hazard when affected by the disease.

Hollowell said 18 herds of cattle are now under quarantine in five counties of the commonwealth. Ten newly infected herds have been discovered in Lancaster, Lebanon, Berks, Chester and Union Counties, all with cattle purchased through the same sources.

Hollowell said four dealers are being investigated and that the Department is considering prosecution for

violations of the Dealer Licensing Law.

According to Max A. Van Buskirk, Jr., VMD, Director of the Bureau of Animal Industry, state and federal personnel are also conducting surveillance testing on herds which neighbor the infected herds as a precautionary measure.

Van Buskirk noted the origin of the new Pennsylvania outbreak is unknown. The infected animals were purchased through dealer channels. At least two other infected herds were the result of illegal importation of brucellosis reactor animals into Pennsylvania by dealers.

Because brucellosis has a variable incubation period, a single test may not detect the disease. Retesting at three to four weeks intervals is necessary to detect new reactors and insure herd health.

Pennsylvania was recognized as certified-free of brucellosis in 1972, but recently, many herds have not been vaccinated to prevent the disease and are susceptible to infection.

In several cases in eastern Pennsylvania, the herds have not shown a positive blood test until many months after the disease entered the herds. This poses further

problems in herd health and hinders the efforts to trace back the disease. The Bureau of Animal Industry has increased its milk ring surveillance testing to six times a year in an effort to make a timely diagnosis.

Van Buskirk noted the state-federal indemnity program provides payment for up to 90 percent of the appraised value of condemned reactor animals (including salvage value). The state indemnity,

however, can never be more than \$1,000 per animal, which means endemities will not equal the replacement costs of the animals infected.

Hollowell said the Department would continue to devote its full efforts to tracing and eradicating this outbreak, and cautioned livestock producers to purchase only cattle with health charts from herds known to be free of brucellosis.

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Auctioneers were Steve Petersheim & Everett Kreider.

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A sale was held at the farm of D. Elmer Hawbaker, Mercersburg, Pa. on Wednesday, August 27.

The sale was well attended and cattle sold went into six states. Top Cow brought \$3250, next at \$3100. Eighteen animals sold for 2500 and over with avg. on 109 lots including many young heifers and calves was approx. 1450. Ralph W. Horst, Marion, Pa. was Sale Manager with Horst and Art Kling as Auctioneer and Fred M. Naugle, Carlisle, Pa. handling pedigrees.

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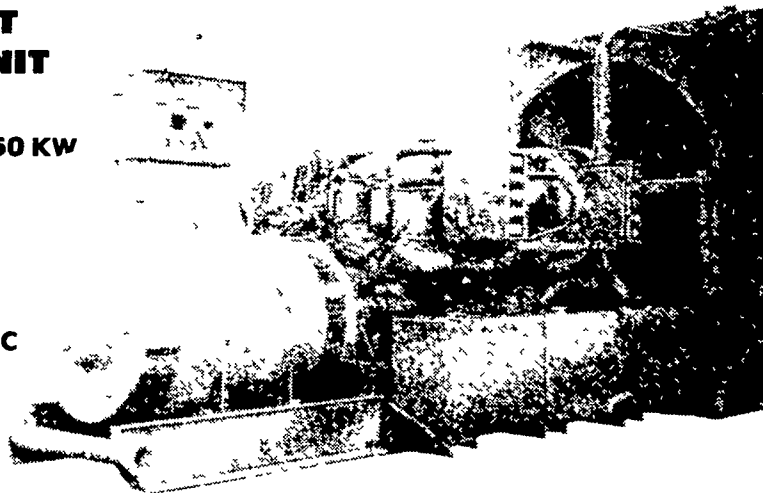


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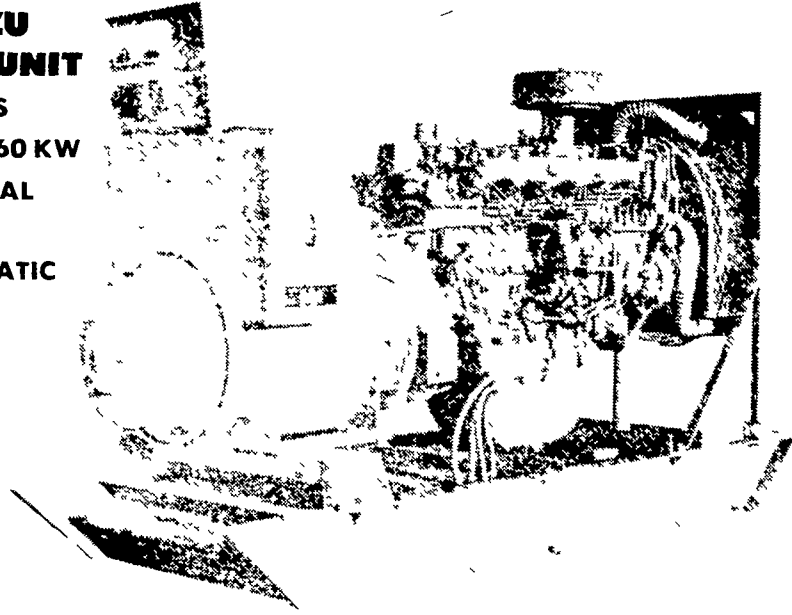
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