

Leon Riegel

Ask the VMD



Tim Trayer

If you have a question you known as papillomatosis, Sheaffer of Valley Animal Hospital, Palmyra and Dr. Tim Trayer, Denver, send it in young cattle (under 2 to Ask the VMD, Box 366, Lititz, PA 17543. Questions will be kept anonymous on request.

What about warts? A reader writes:

What causes warts in beef cattle? What can be done to prevent this problem? Are warts contagious? What can be done to get rid of warts? Are there different types?

Dr. Riegel comments:

would like answered by Dr. are skin tumors caused by a Leon Riegel and Dr. Edgar virus known as the papova

> Warts are generally found years of age) and can be found anywhere on the animals' body, but are most often found on the head. neck, chin, shoulder, and dewlap.

> In order for a wart to develop, a break in the skin is necessary to allow the virus to get a foothold Hence, warts can be transmitted from animal to animal by direct contact to abraided skin. Other means of transmission are by using

contaminated tatoo equipment, dehorners, and

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through rectal exams Warts will generally go away spontaneously Because of this, they will rarely be seen in cattle over 2 years of age. This disappearance occurs because the affected cattle develop a natural immunity against the papova virus

Outbreaks of warts in a herd can be prevented or kept under control by use of vaccines. Either commercial or autogenous

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vaccines (vaccines made from warts taken from cattle in the herd to be vaccinated) can be used.

Although vaccines generate good immunity for prevention of warts, experimental evidence shows that once cattle have warts, vaccination does not hasten their regression In purebred show cattle, where a blemish such as a wart can be quite detrimental, the warts can be removed surgically

Like most things in medicine, there is an exception The exception is a growth called the atypical wart which is more broad based in its growth than the regular wart.

Virus particles which are very similar to the papova virus have been found in these growths But, the atypical wart is not transmitted with the same ease as the regular wart, nor is

Consequently, growths do

immunity developed to not regress spontaneously. The only means of getting rid of them is surgical removal

Broiler placements up 25%

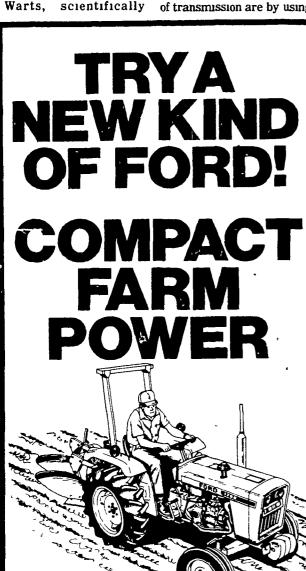
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in the commonwealth during the week ending November 1, were 2,311,000, according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service

The placements were 25 above a year earlier. percent above the Average placements during the past nine weeks were 16 percent above a year earlier. pounds.

Placements in the 21 key Placements of broiler chicks poultry producing states were 73,321,000, four percent below the previous week but 21 percent above the same week a year ago Average placements during the past nine weeks were six percent

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