

First outbreak of PRV in Chester Co.

HARRISBURG — Two swine herds that were under quarantine for pseudorabies came off the list last week, according to Dr. John W. Cable, head of the Swine Health Division of PDA's Bureau of Animal Industry.

These two breeding operations depopulated their herds and are beginning the clean-up process — scrubbing down barns, cleaning out manure pits, and getting ready for the Department's crew to come in to disinfect for Herpes virus (at no charge to the farmer). Then, after 30 days, these farms will be allowed to restock, said Cable.

Even though these two farms have come off the quarantine list, there are still two more farms on than what was reported a month ago.

Cable reported 24 herds presently are quarantined, consisting of 11 feedlots, 10 breeding herds, and 3 herds in the process of depopulating. The majority of the herds are in Lancaster County, although Lebanon County has one herd remaining under quarantine as does Schuylkill County.

A new county having a pseudorabies quarantined herd is Chester County. But, according to Cable, this PRV incident is unrelated to those occurring in the neighboring counties.

Pigs were brought in from Iowa to a research facility in Chester County, Cable explained. The shipment blood-tested negative back in Iowa, but the blood test taken 30 days after their arrival here tested positive for PRV.

Fortunately, the pigs were in isolation and were quickly sent off for sausages. So there will be no problems resulting from this herd. Since the hogs can be traced

back all the way to Iowa, we know exactly where the problem came from," Cable noted.

This is not the case in the other farm incidents of pseudorabies, unfortunately. Cable said the sources of the disease can not be easily traced since the pigs are com-

mingled and unidentified for farm origin.

One encouragement, said Cable, is the problem has been more or less confined to one area of the state.

To help eradicate the disease, Cable suggested farmers practice sanitary hygiene when working

around hogs or disposing of dead pigs, and only bring negative pseudorabies replacements into the herd. These replacements should be isolated for at least 30 days.

He also suggested cutting down unnecessary traffic through the

barn and keeping pets and wildlife predators away from the hogs.

Cold, icy weather lets the virus live a lot longer than it can during hot, summer months," he warned.

In closing, Cable emphasized pseudorabies contracted by hogs cannot affect humans treating or eating the swine —SM

Extension to offer hedging workshops

HERSHEY — Farmers will have a chance to learn how they can make the futures market work for them. Three two-day hedging workshops have been arranged by the Cooperative Extension Service, Penn State University.

The first day of these workshops will be held at Founders Hall, Hershey, March 9, York County Extension Office, Pleasant Acres, March 10, and The Valley Bank, Shippensburg, March 11.

Participants in all of these programs will combine for the second session at the Embers, Carlisle, on March 17, 1981. All programs will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

These programs will be directed chiefly at livestock producers and cash grain farmers who can benefit the most from hedging. Instruction will be given by Penn State Extension Specialists, local brokers and a representative from the Chicago Board of Trade.

Topics on the first day will include: The Role and Function of the Futures Market, What Is Hedging?, and Price Determination by H. Louise Moore, Extension Agricultural Economist, Penn State University. Know Your Cost of Production will be outlined by Roland Freund,

Area Farm Management Agent, PSU and Larry Yager, Area Marketing Agent, PSU will discuss Basis, its importance and how it is determined.

Highlight of the first day will be the brokers presentation on Marketing through the futures—how to get started, costs, and how you can hedge. They will present simulation models of hedging livestock.

In Hershey and Shippensburg this will be done by John Schreckengaust, Commodity Specialist with Bache Inc., Camp Hill. Harry Graver of Shearson Loeb and Rhoades Inc., York, will be on the York program.

The main speaker on the second day will be Keith Moens from the Chicago Board of Trade. Moens will discuss the language of the market, financial aspects, and grain marketing strategies. A panel of hedgers will share their experiences.

No pre-registration will be required for the first day meetings. Those present at those sessions will need to pre-register for the second day program.

Further information on the program may be obtained by contacting the Extension Offices in the area of the meetings or Lawrence Yager, 999 Lincoln Way

West, Gettysburg 17325, phone 717/334-6271, or Roland Freund, 112 Pleasant Acres Road, York 17402, phone 717/757-9657.

Elanco to hold pseudorabies session

BLUE BALL — Pseudorabies, a hog disease that has been causing livestock losses to hog and cattle feeders in Lancaster County and surrounding areas, will be the topic of an Adult Farmer Meeting to be held on March 12, at 1:30 p.m. in the Union Grove Alternative School.

Pseudorabies, a disease without an affective treatment, will be discussed by a panel of veterinarians including Dr. George Zimmerman, Dr. Robert Graybill who have their own veterinarian practices, and Dr. George Landis, veterinarian with the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture.

The panel will be discussing the extent of pseudorabies in the area. The symptoms of the disease and

what animals can be affected by or carry the disease will be discussed along with how the disease is spread into Pennsylvania and from farm to farm.

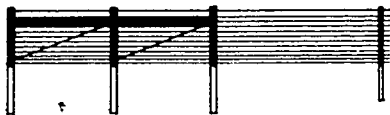
How to prevent the spread of pseudorabies to uninfected farms, what should be done if you think you may have the disease, and how the disease is confirmed will also be discussed by the veterinarians.

All hog and cattle farmers are encouraged to attend this meeting so that pseudorabies can be halted before it becomes a state wide problem.

The Union Grove School is located two miles north of Route 23 on Route 625 between Blue Ball and Bowersville.

Further information can be obtained by calling Don Robinson or Bob Anderson at 215/445-5041.

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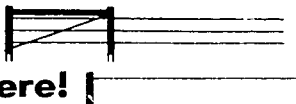
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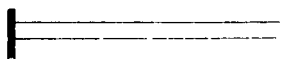
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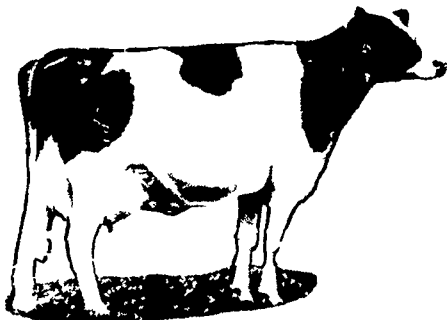
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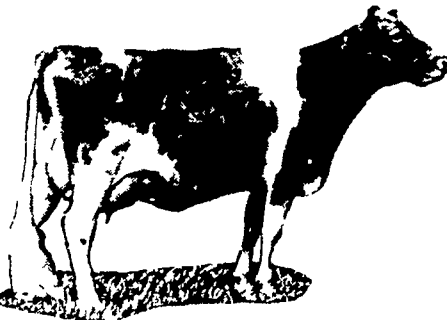


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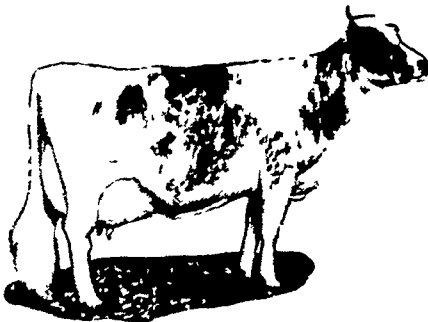
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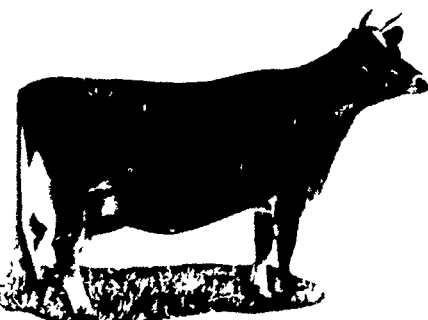


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