

Pseudorabies

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to prevent any farther spread of the disease.

"We tried to make the guidelines as realistic as possible and as effective as possible," Shirk explained.

The guidelines for voluntary action will be distributed to pork producers by various cooperating sales and service personnel, such as feedmen and veterinarians.

A separate set of guidelines has also been prepared for sales and service personnel who visit hog operations.

Members of the Task Force will be present at the Sept. 14 and 15 meetings to discuss the guidelines with producers.

Producer members of the Task Force include William Fisher, East Earl; John Henkel, Strasburg; James Martin, Ephrata; John Miller, New Holland; Mark Nestleroth, Manheim; Earl Weaver, East Earl; Larry Weaver, New Holland; and John Zeiset, East Earl.

Veterinarian members are Drs. Robert Graybill, Lancaster; Larry Hutchinson, Penn State Extension veterinarian; Henry Kulp, USDA vet from Morgantown; George Landis, Bureau of Animal Industries at the Lancaster Stockyards; Timothy Trayer, Reinholds; and George Zimmerman, Ephrata.

Feed company representatives include Gerald Applegate, Pennfield Corp; Abram Fisher, John J. Hess, Inc.; Paul Hann, Ralston Purina; Harold Kurtz, Keystone Mills; Harry Morgan, AgWay Inc.; David Myer, Stevens Feed Inc.; and Richard Myer, AgWay.

Marketing representatives include Allen Diffenbach, New Holland Sales Stables; Ezra Good, Denver; and Edward Prosser, Lancaster Stockyards.

Educator representatives are Charles Ackley, vo-ag staff at Ephrata High School; Donald Robinson, Garden Spot School District, and Extension Agent Shirk

PRODUCER GUIDELINES ALL HERDS

1. Separate hogs from all other livestock.
2. No unauthorized people allowed in any hog house or on any livestock truck; authorized people should use disinfectant and foot bath, shower facilities or disposable clothing, etc. Post a sign, use locks, and heed quarantines.
3. Stray animals should be controlled - cats, dogs, rodents, wildlife, etc.
4. Pre-sort hogs for shipment; prevent hogs from entering truck, and then returning to pen.
5. Haul feeder pigs and breeding stock in cleaned and disinfected vehicles only.
6. Equipment shared with other farmers should be cleaned and disinfected especially if it contacted hogs and hog manure.
7. Clean and disinfect trucks and boots after visiting or hauling stock to any auction or buying station.
8. Dispose of dead animals promptly. Bury under one foot of cover, incinerate, or seal in plastic bag and give to a scavenger, etc.; beware of leaky scavenger trucks.
9. At fairs, separate hogs from other livestock. Fair rules should recommend hogs be negative to a test conducted within 30 days of show, or come from qualified pseudorabies free herds. Isolate and re-test breeding stock returned to farm.
10. Call veterinarian if questionable health problems exist.
11. Eradicate pseudorabies infections promptly. Ask your veterinarian, regulatory personnel or Extension personnel for assistance.

12. Encourage everyone to follow these guidelines - farmers plus sales and service personnel.

BREEDER HERDS

1. Test all newly-acquired breeding stock. Be sure they are negative before they come onto your farm.
2. Isolate all newly-acquired breeding stock for 30-45 days.
3. Re-test all newly-acquired breeding stock 30-45 days after arrival - before adding them to the breeding herd.
4. Health certificates should accompany all out-of-state hogs. Hogs should be individually identified.
5. Feeding stock should never be purchased and brought onto a farm that has breeding stock.
6. Seed stock producers should strive for a qualified pseudorabies free herd.

FEEDER HERDS

1. Health certificates should accompany all out-of-state hogs. Hogs should be individually identified.
2. Test 5-15% of all out-of-state auction pigs.

Guidelines for Sales and Service Personnel ALL VISITORS, SALES AND SERVICE PERSONNEL:

1. Keep out of hog houses, unless entry is necessary and authorized. Then,
2. Disinfect boots, or shower before entering and after leaving, or wear disposable clothing.
3. Train all personnel working for you, or with you. Be sure they understand and follow these guidelines.
4. Schedule infected herds as your last stop for the day.
5. Encourage everyone to follow these guidelines - farmers, plus sales and service personnel.

TRUCKERS

1. Visitor's guidelines, above should be followed.
2. Clean and disinfect truck and footwear before hauling feeder pigs and breeding stock.
3. Don't mix breeding stock from different farms.
4. Don't mix breeding stock or feeder pigs with slaughter hogs.
5. Prevent hogs from entering your truck and then returning to their pens. To help accomplish this, encourage farmers to pre-sort hogs for shipment.

AUCTION AND MARKETING PERSONNEL

1. Provide facilities for truckers to clean and disinfect their trucks. Provide clean bedding, and a separate place for discarded bedding.
2. Discourage movement of any slaughter animals back to farms.
3. Keep off trucks.
4. Keep truckers and farmers out of auction pens, loading ramps, etc.
5. Train all personnel. Be sure they understand and follow these guidelines.

State leads in mushroom production

HARRISBURG — Pennsylvania, the leading state in mushroom production, harvested 237.5 million pounds of mushrooms during the 1980-81 season, up 11 percent for a year ago, according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service.

Fresh sales totaled 78.9 million pounds, up 13 percent while sales for processing, at 158.5 million pounds, were up ten percent. The value of fresh market mushrooms sales for the 1980-81 season was \$69.2 million compared with \$59.4 million during the 1979-80 season. The sales value of processed mushrooms was \$78.3 million compared with \$82.2 million a year ago. Pennsylvania produced 50 percent of the nation's total this

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Buses transported people to and from research and conservation tours.

Research highlights included discussions by several agricultural engineers, horticulturalists and management specialists.

The conservation tour included several methods of soil and water conservation, and visitors got a chance to tour the experimental woodland plot which depicts the various stages of forest development.

Each day there were field demonstrations on hay-making, corn-chopping, silo-bagging, and mowing.

Several Pennsylvania legislators visited, Wednesday, for a tour of the facilities and a luncheon with Agricultural Secretary Penrose Hallowell, on hand to distribute various awards and certificates of recognition.

The highlight of Thursday, the final day, was the Safety Tractor Driving Contest for 4-H and FFA members. Look for results in next week's issue of Lancaster Farming.

Events for women included microwave cooking, the 2nd Annual Pennsylvania Recipe Contest and safety demonstrations. The winning recipes from the Recipe Contest will also be available in next week's issue.

Although not publicized as a livestock event, there were several species of livestock on hand. In the Penn State dairy and livestock tent, visitors got a chance to see some Chianana, beef cattle, a horse and foal, young goats, chickens and an incubator which provided entertainment for the children.

The 4-H kept busy with such events as rocketry, a leader dog puppy graduation, a therapeutic riding demonstration with Lipizzaner horses and several individual demonstrations included clowning, snakes and plants.

By late afternoon Thursday, the many visitors headed back to farms and homes a little tired but a lot enlightened.

Berks completes resource inventory

LEESPORT — The Berks County natural resource inventory has been completed, reports Joe Filanowski of the Soil Conservation Service.

To gather the necessary data, Soil Conservation Service personnel traveled to more than 300 sites within the county. Each site was 107 acres in size and had three points which had to be evaluated. At these points technicians recorded such things as the land cover, the degree of erosion and the conservation treatment needs.

Now that the field work has been completed, the data will be processed in order to provide guidelines for the long range planning of a soil and water resources. These guidelines will then be made available to the people who are making decisions which involve our natural resources.

Questions concerning the natural resource inventory should be directed to the Berks County Soil Conservation Service office located at the county agricultural center.

year compared with 45 percent last year.

Pennsylvania producers had 72.0 million square feet in production during the 1980-81 crop year, a decrease of a little more than one percent from 73.0 million square feet a year ago. Intentions are to utilize 70.8 million square of bed or tray area in the 1981-82 crop year, a decrease of two percent.

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