

PRV depopulation

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operations during a time when the hog cycle is turning up; other lost breeding stock sales on gilts and premiums for market gilts and added expenses, such as cleanup and disinfecting and higher trucking fees due to the disease.

In addition to these tangible economic losses are other intangibles such as the blood lines developed through a breeding program and the time expended in attaining these lines.

Hog producers are asking why some form of indemnification can't be arranged under the mandatory depopulation that would at least cover the breeding value of the stock and help reduce the large losses being incurred.

Further complicating the financial picture are the significant losses that have been sustained by producers this past season when corn yields suffered due to the drought.

And after depopulation, a hog operator has no guarantee that his new herd can't become reinfected since there are no regulations restricting the movement of feeder pigs into Pennsylvania or of the movement of vehicles, such as feed trucks or custom haulers, between farms or between auctions and farms.

The PRV virus is believed to remain alive for up to four days in some kinds of feed such as whole corn and for up to two days in manure. Thus, it might easily be transported to farms where herds even have no direct contact with outside animals.

In the most recent breeding

operation outbreak, only four animals were introduced into the herd in the past two years. These came from a PRV-free herd, which

was even revaluated only three months after the animals were introduced.

Also, since there was no movement of animals between buildings on the breeding operation and pseudorabies was found in all areas of the farm,

there is further support to the belief that the virus is transmitted by humans or other carriers through such means as the manure.

It is expected that the Pennsylvania Pork Producers will be meeting in the near future on the

state's forced depopulation policy without indemnification to determine if any changes can be made or if any assistance can be found for those hog operations, particularly the breeders, being so hard hit by the eradication program.

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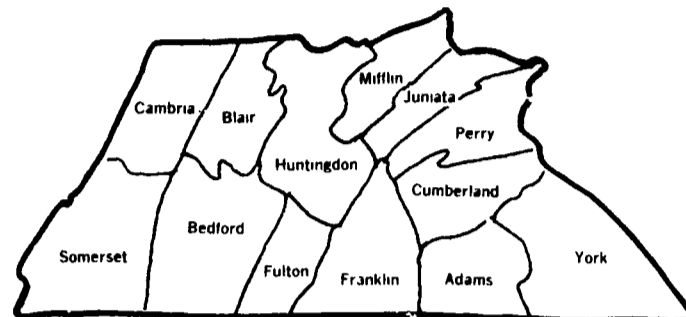
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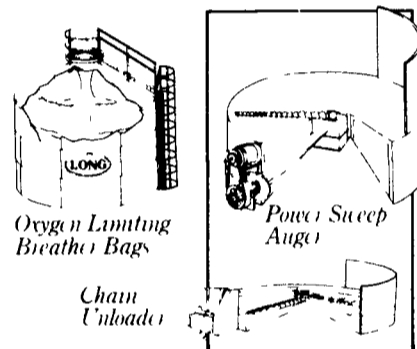
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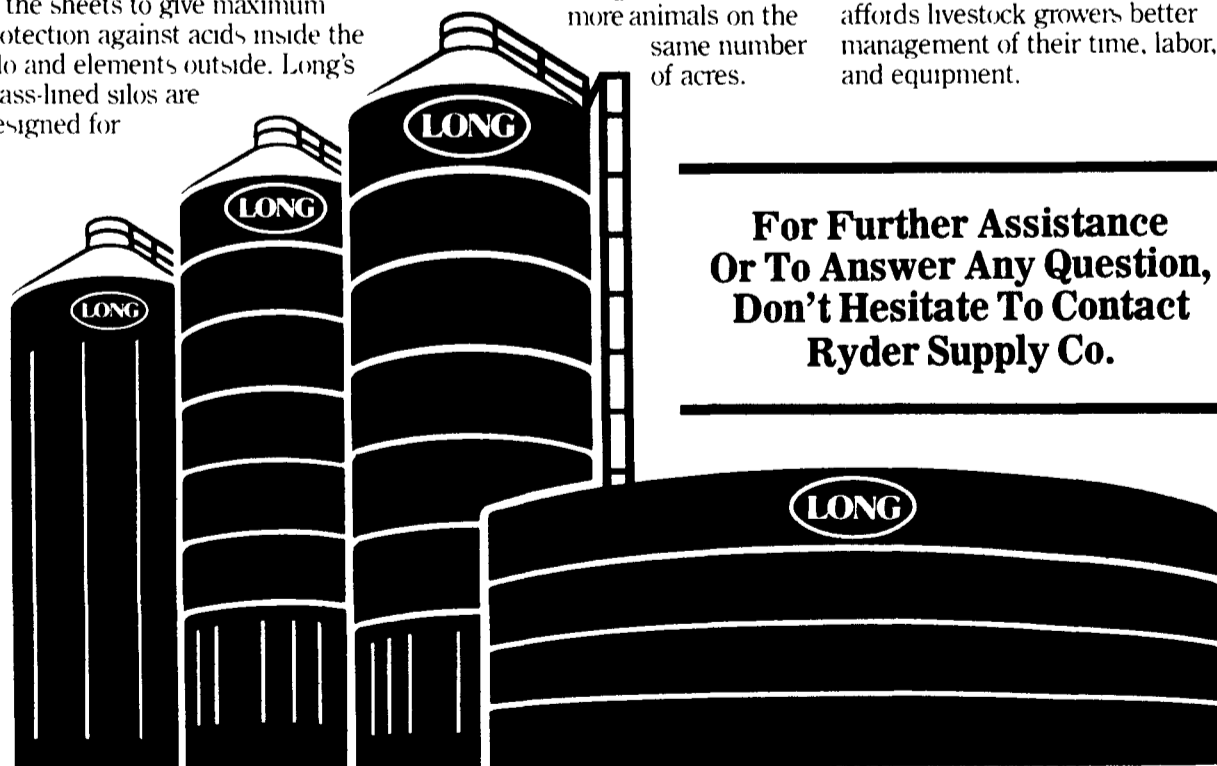
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