

# Pseudorabies

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"Due to the difficulty in controlling the spread of this disease, improvement is needed for greater awareness of disease control in all phases of the pork industry and improved sanitation in all phases of swine production and transportation.

"The Lancaster-Chester Swine Producers Association will be actively soliciting support of various agricultural organizations, allied industries, the Bureau of Animal Industry and the State Legislature for implementation of

a program which will control PRV and provide indemnity to those producers who are forced to depopulate."

The committee next plans to carry their statement for endorsement to the Pennsylvania Pork Producers Council and then to various statewide farm organizations, such as the Pennsylvania Grange and the Pennsylvania Farmers Association.

The committee, in addition to the indemnification, is seeking better control of the movement of feeder pigs and transportation of animals between farms or farms and auction or slaughter locations.

Some of the most recent con-

firmations were found through the slaughter house surveillance program of blood testing for brucellosis and pseudorabies and through blood sampling for TGE.

Also, some of these cases have been found in rather large "closed" operations where breeding and finishing operations are affiliated.

In addition to the tracing of animals to find the extent and source of infections, extensive testing is being done to try and determine if new PRV strains are now evident or if they are similar to the original strains in the four-year-old pseudorabies outbreak.

Last August 1, in an effort to

eradicate the disease, the Bureau of Animal Industry instituted a mandatory program of depopulation and cleanup of infected herds that includes no provision for indemnification. While quarantined animals may be sold for slaughter, farrow-to-finish breeding operations particularly

sustain extensive losses due to the difference between breeding and slaughter value, downtime and cleanup.

Efforts at indemnification would ultimately require legislative action since neither the state or federal programs have such provisions.



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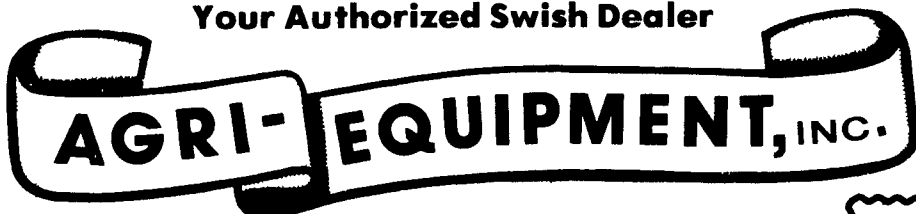
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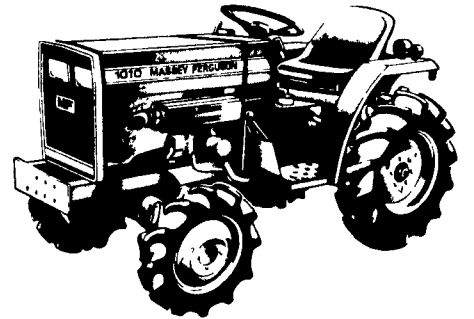


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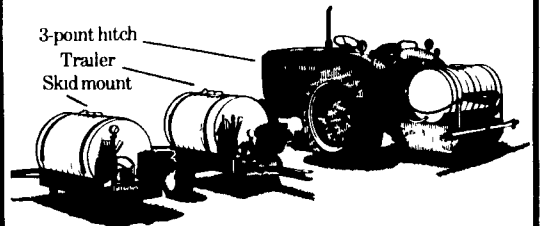
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