

Pa. livestock dealer agrees to suspension

WASHINGTON, DC — Jacob Dressler, III, who bought livestock in western Pennsylvania, eastern Ohio and western Maryland has agreed to a suspension of his livestock dealer business and a cease and desist order from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. B.H. (Bill Jones, head of USDA's

Packers and Stockyards Administration, said Dressler, of Evans City, Pa., agreed to the penalties to settle charges that he operated without a bond, was insolvent, and failed to pay for livestock.

The USDA order specifies that Dressler's registration will remain

suspended until he obtains a satisfactory bond and shows he is no longer insolvent, and until he makes full payment for livestock purchased at public markets at Kidron, Ohio, and New Wilmington, Pa.

In agreeing to the order, Dressler neither admitted nor denied the charges which were filed by USDA last August in an administrative complaint under authority of the Packers and Stockyards Act.

The P&S Act is an antitrust, fair trade practice and payment protection law. It is designed to maintain integrity in the marketing of livestock, poultry and meat, and in the marketplace.

Scott heads Cornell research

ITHACA, N.Y. — Norman R. Scott has been appointed director of research for the New York State



Brockett's Ag Advice

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PROPERTY OWNERSHIP

How should you own property and why are questions many people ask. Let's look at some of the ways property can be owned by individuals.

1. Joint tenants of the entireties - jointly owned property between husband and wife. The survivor automatically gets the property. It can be used with any type of property.

2. Joint with rights of sur-

vivorship - jointly owned property between people other than husband and wife where it is desired that the survivor receive the property

3. Joint as tenants in common - jointly owned property with each party owning a share of the property. Example: Bill Brown and Joe Green own a house as tenants in common. Bill can sell or will or gift his share without Joe's approval unless they have a prior agreement otherwise. The shares are as if they were owned individually. This method of ownership can be for husband and wife as well as for other people.

4. Individual - anyone can own this way.

5. Uniform Gift to Minors Act - Custodial account-owner is a person under the age of 21. The custodian can be any adult. Income of the property goes to the minor if the minor's Social Security number is the one listed.

JOINT TENANCY BETWEEN HUSBAND AND WIFE

Advantage - There will be no PA inheritance of Federal estate tax on the estate of the first spouse to die. The surviving spouse will automatically get the property with no probate and nominal fees. The surviving spouse can continue the business as is with no need to account to anyone.

Disadvantage - Property owned like this can not be willed by the first spouse to die. Thus it could not be used to fund a by-pass or non-marital trust (to escape taxes upon the death of the second spouse). The first spouse to die has no legal say over the disposal of this property.

Suggestion - Be careful that you understand the full implication of this type of ownership. Personally, I would want all of my farm real estate and my house to be owned in this way. Owned any other way will probably result in extra taxes or extra costs for a trust or reduced flexibility in operating the farm business.

Swine dysentery info available

ST. PAUL, MN. — A pamphlet featuring a checklist for programs to eliminate swine dysentery from a herd is now available from Livestock Conservation Institute. Published by LCI's swine dysentery committee, the pamphlet points out that the disease takes a major economic toll among producers annually.

A single copy may be obtained without cost by sending a stamped self-addressed envelope to Dysentery, Livestock Conservation Institute, 239 Livestock Exchange Building, South St. Paul, MN 55075.

Swine dysentery elimination techniques outlined in the LCI

pamphlet, says Swine Dysentery Committee Chairman Dr. Robert Glock, have been successfully tested in swine production herds.

While research continues to provide information on the disease-causing organism, control of the swine dysentery and other aspects of the problems, steps can be taken by pork producers to reduce spread of the organism, risk to their herds or to eliminate herd infection should that occur, Glock said.

In addition to elimination techniques, the pamphlet contains basic information on swine dysentery, and on reducing the risk of herd infection.

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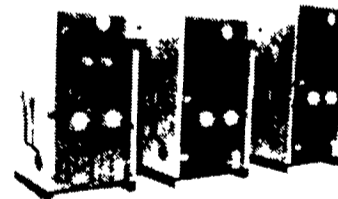
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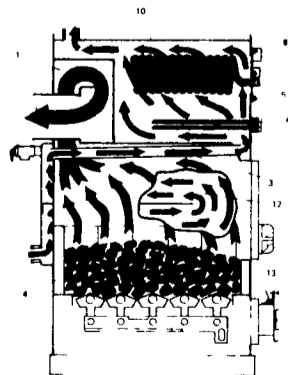
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