

Five new members named to Cornell extension board

ITHACA, NY — The Advisory Council for Cornell Cooperative Extension has five new members; they represent Monroe, Niagara, Oneida, Sullivan, and Warren counties.

Appointed for a three-year term are Robert R. Leberman of Rochester, Agnes Printup of Sanborn, Barbara Cowdery of New Hartford, James Gorman of Parkville, and Glenn L. Pearsall of Johnsbury. Their appointments were made by Lucinda A. Noble, director of Cornell Cooperative Extension.

Made up of 25 members selected from among residents of New York State, the advisory council advises the director of Cornell Cooperative Extension on program directions, priorities, finances, and other matters of concern to Cooperative Extension Associations in counties.

A partnership of county, state, and federal governments, Cornell Cooperative Extension has field offices in each of the 62 counties.

Part of the New York State College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, the New York State College of Human Ecology, and the New York State College of Veterinary Medicine, Cornell Cooperative Extension reaches residents of the state through its diverse educational programs designed to promote the quality of life for all. Programs include home economics, 4-H youth development, agriculture, sea grants, and community issues.

Leberman, executive director of the Monroe County Youth Advocacy Program, is currently serving as president of the Cooperative Extension Association of Monroe County and also as president of the Center for Missing Children and the Lakeview Heights Community Inc. In addition, he is a member of the board of directors for the Black Seeds Inc., Educable Inc., the Adam Walsh Resource Center of Rochester, the Mental Health Chapter of Rochester, the

National Council on Alcoholism for the Rochester area, and the Finger Lakes Properties Inc.

Printup is a member of the 4-H urban advisory committee of the Cooperative Extension Association of Niagara County and of the advisory committee of the Cornell American Indian Program. Previously, she shared as secretary of the Niagara County Cooperative Extension Association

and also as chairperson of the association's home economics committee.

Cowdery, a realtor associate in New Hartford, previously served as secretary of the Cooperative Extension Association of Oneida County. She is currently a member of the association's board of directors and personnel committee. She also served on the

association's home economics program committee and has been a member and secretary of the board of directors of the Utica Family YMCA.

Gorman, a supervisor in the Town of Neversink, is chairman of the finance and administration committees of the Sullivan County Board of Supervisors. He has served as the representative of the

Sullivan County Board of Supervisors to the Cooperative Extension Association of Sullivan County.

Pearsall, an account executive for E.F. Hutton & Co. in Glens Falls, is president of the Cooperative Extension Association of Warren County. He is a member of the Town of Minerva Planning Commission and of the Johnsbury Economic Development Council.

USDA revises regs on interstate swine shipping

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Department of Agriculture has announced changes in its pseudorabies control regulations to give the livestock industry more latitude in shipping swine interstate. The changes take effect Dec. 12.

"In making these rule changes, we've tried to establish a balance between adequate protection against the spread of pseudorabies in swine and needless interference in the movement of swine between states," said Bert W. Hawkins, administrator of USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service. We've been discussing proposed revisions with the industry since 1982."

USDA's pseudorabies regulations and rules were established to restrict the spread

of pseudorabies, a virus disease generally fatal to newborn pigs. Swine can transmit the disease to most other warmblooded animals, but not to humans.

"The changes we're now implementing clarify the current regulations, remove inconsistencies and bring the regulations in line with current industry practices," Hawkins said.

The changes will provide the following:

- An alternate method for removing swine herds from the "known infected" classification.

- An alternate method for attaining or regaining herd "qualified pseudorabies-negative" status.

- An improved method for monitoring herds vaccinated for pseudorabies.

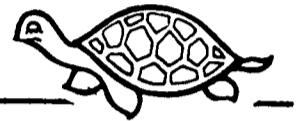
- An alternate way for shippers to move swine interstate to approved livestock markets, feedlots and quarantined herds.

Hawkins said five states - Iowa, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin and North Carolina - currently are cooperating with USDA in pilot projects to evaluate various methods of combating the disease. In addition, Hawkins said, Ohio

officials are conducting a pseudorabies eradication program in that state with USDA assistance.

The comment period on USDA's latest proposal on this topic closed May 31. The 16 comments received were carefully reviewed and considered in drafting the final revisions. These revisions are scheduled to be published Nov. 14 in the Federal Register.

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