

Yoxheimer To Head PDA's Cattle Health Division

HARRISBURG — A former federal official with more than 20 years of experience in administering animal health control programs in Pennsylvania will fill a key post in the State Department of Agriculture.

The appointment of Ronald E. Yoxheimer as chief of the Department's Cattle Health Division was announced recently by Secretary Richard E. Grubb.

Since 1983, Yoxheimer has been the area veterinarian in charge of the Federal Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service in Pennsylvania. He left federal employment on Aug. 1.

Grubb said that in addition to directing the cattle health division, Yoxheimer will temporarily oversee the Department's Avian Health programs. The post of chief of Avian Health is vacant at the present time. In both assignments,

Yoxheimer will report to Dr. Max A. Van Buskirk, Jr., director of the Bureau of Animal Industry.

"The Department is fortunate," Grubb said, "to have a person with Dr. Yoxheimer's knowledge and experience to direct the state's efforts to assure animal health in the cattle and poultry industries - both important to Pennsylvania's economy."

Grubb said Yoxheimer will be directing cattle and poultry disease control programs administered by the veterinary and technical staffs in each of the Department's seven regional offices throughout the Commonwealth.

Yoxheimer, a native of Northumberland, brings broad experience in livestock and poultry health programs to the state post. He was associated with the federal APHIS program in Pennsylvania

for 21 years, both as a field veterinarian and in supervisory capacities.

He served as acting veterinarian in charge of veterinary services from 1978 to 1982 prior to his appointment to the top post in 1983.

He has played a prominent role in disease eradication programs and served on a number of disease control task forces throughout the United States and in neighboring countries during his federal service.

He conducted the original epidemiology that located hog cholera in Pennsylvania in 1973 and served with the task force charged with eradication of the disease.

In addition to the California Newcastle Disease eradication program, he was assigned in 1975 to the Long Island task force on

Exotic Newcastle Disease. He has performed similar duties on two such groups concerned with eradication of that disease in Pennsylvania.

Yoxheimer completed more than 20 training programs and courses conducted throughout the United States during his service with APHIS.

Beef Council Members

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Both Bono and Mitzel will attend the first meeting of the Cattlemen's Beef Promotion and Research Board Sept. 4-6 at Dallas, Tex.

Also named to the New York Beef Industry Council are Jean Shwartz of Earlville, the second New York Beef Cattlemen's Association representative; Ray Strahan of Freindship, the second Farm Bureau dairy representative; Peter Nixon of Westfield,

the Farm Bureau beef representative; Harold Maynard of Savona, representing the caucus of New York beef breed associations; and Harrison Stanton of Holland Patent representing the Livestock Marketing Association. Dairy organization representatives Lee Shimel of Lafargeville and Keith Handy of Palatine Bridge. Still to be named are a representative of the New York Association of Meat Processors and a representative of veal producers.

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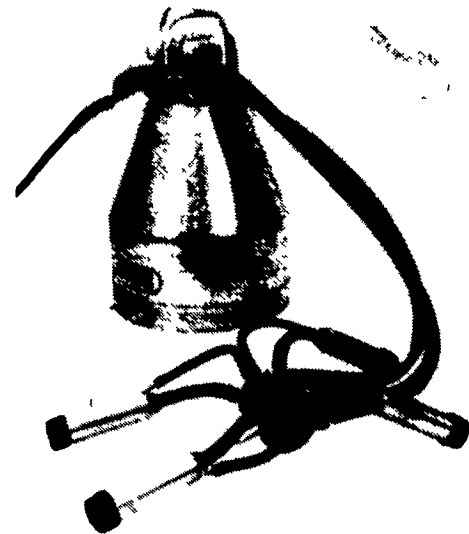
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