

National PRV Eradication Program Recommended

RICHMOND, VA — A milestone was reached in the effort to eradicate pseudorabies from the swine population during the 92nd annual meeting of the United

States Animal Health Association. The organization approved and recommended to the U.S. Department of Agriculture program standards guide the program at the

national level.

Philip E. Bradshaw, pork producer from Griggsville, Ill., and president of the organization, hailed the approval of the program standards as an important step in

pseudorabies eradication. The standards are the result of a year of sub-committee activity and discussions throughout the pork industry. Dr. J. E. Slauter, Missouri state veterinarian and chairman of the pseudorabies committee, said the program standards adhere closely to an eradication plan drawn up and approved by the pork industry.

They call for a five stage program — A preparatory stage involving formation of state advisory committees, which 40 of the states have already done, control, mandatory herd cleanup, surveillance and finally free.

United States Animal Health Association is a 1,600 member organization of state and federal animal health officials, veterinarians, livestock producers and the scientific community. It plays a major role in writing programs such as the pseudorabies eradica-

tion effort, as well as in making recommendations to the states and USDA on livestock and poultry diseases.

The pseudorabies committee heard reports on developments on a number of new gene-deleted vaccines and accompanying diagnostic tests. The organization approved a resolution calling for rapid evaluation for official status of the first diagnostic test which can differentiate between vaccine titers and those resulting from field exposure.

Another resolution involves infection of feral swine with pseudorabies, swine brucellosis and other diseases. The organization called for a workshop to discuss the significance of this reservoir of infection in wild pigs as a potential hazard to the health of domestic swine and to develop a program of research and surveillance.

Salmonella To Be Discussed At Conference


NEWARK, DE — The third annual conference of the Mid-Atlantic Cooperative Extension Poultry Health and Management Unit (MACE) will take place Monday, December 12, at Clayton Hall on the University of Delaware campus.

Dr. Bob Baker of Cornell University's department of poultry

and avian sciences, a leading researcher in poultry products development, heads the list of speakers who will explore the issue of poultry biosecurity and salmonella during the day-long meeting. Baker will discuss ovarian transmission and eggshell transmission of *Salmonella enteritidis*.

Other speakers will address monitoring methods for poultry and eggs and concerns about salmonella in chicken feed. Members of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture will discuss food inspection at the processing level.

The conference should be of interest to poultry producers and live-market and small-flock managers, as well as processors, dealers, truckers and other individuals concerned about salmonella control in poultry.



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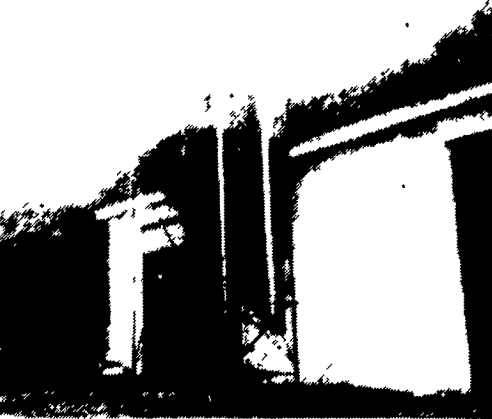
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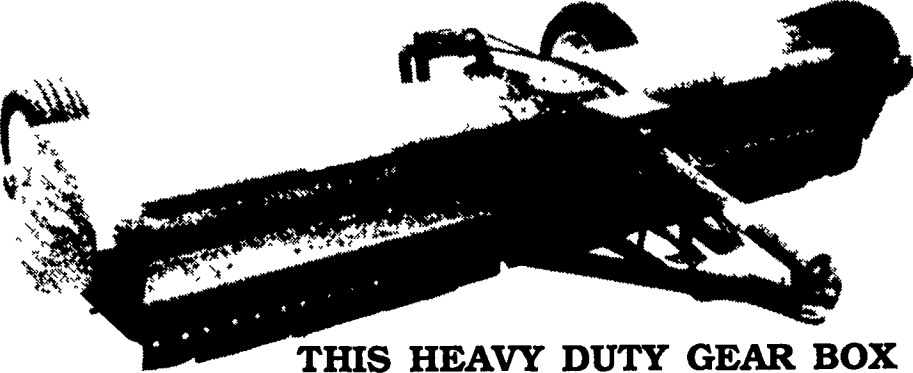
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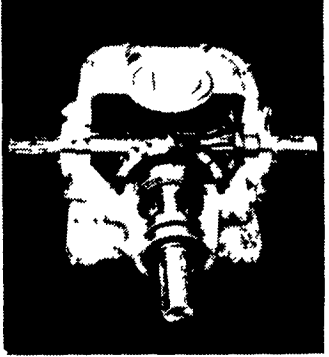
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