

Sulfa Violations Continue To Decline

The violative sulfa-methazine residues in market hogs continued to decline in the fourth quarter of 1988. Violations were found in less than 0.4 percent of the 15,571 samples tested, according to the Food Safety & Inspection Service (FSIS).

This represented a small decline from the 0.5 percent of violations discovered in testing conducted from March through September last year. However, the 0.4 percent was down significantly from the 4

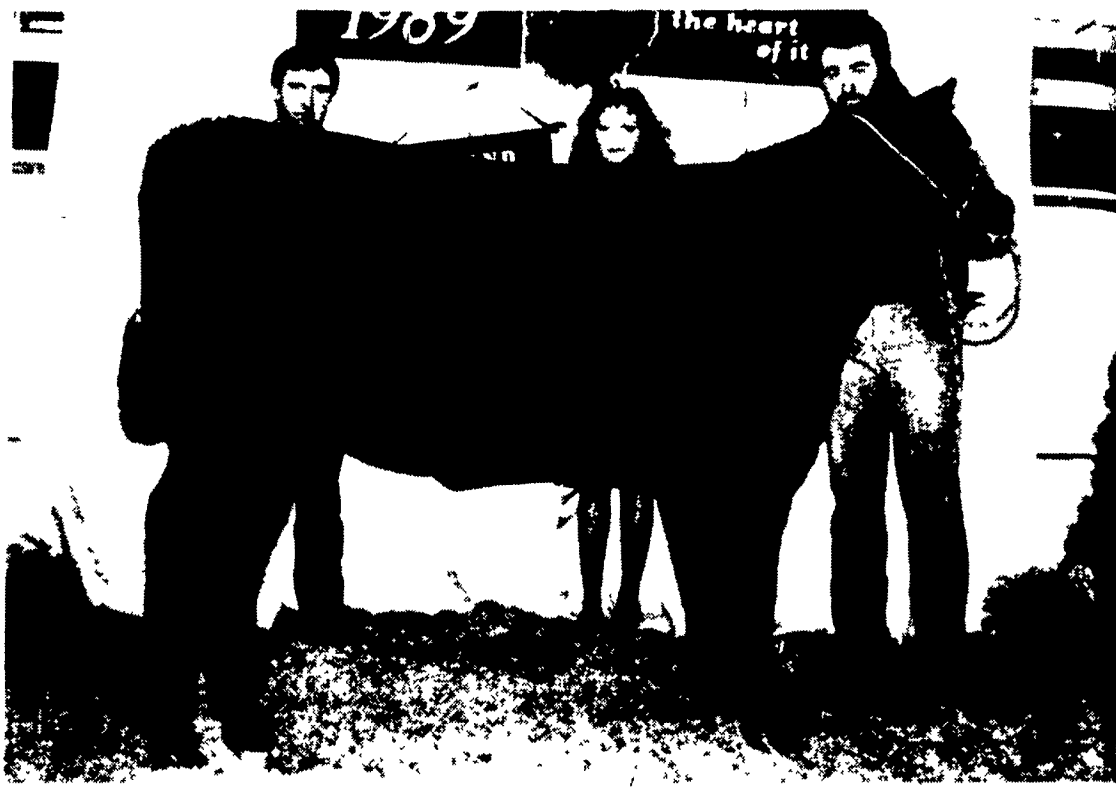
percent in 1987, the 4.6 percent in 1986, and the 9.7 percent in 1978.

The fourth quarter drop occurred even as FSIS increased its testing. Some 600 lots of hogs now are tested daily.

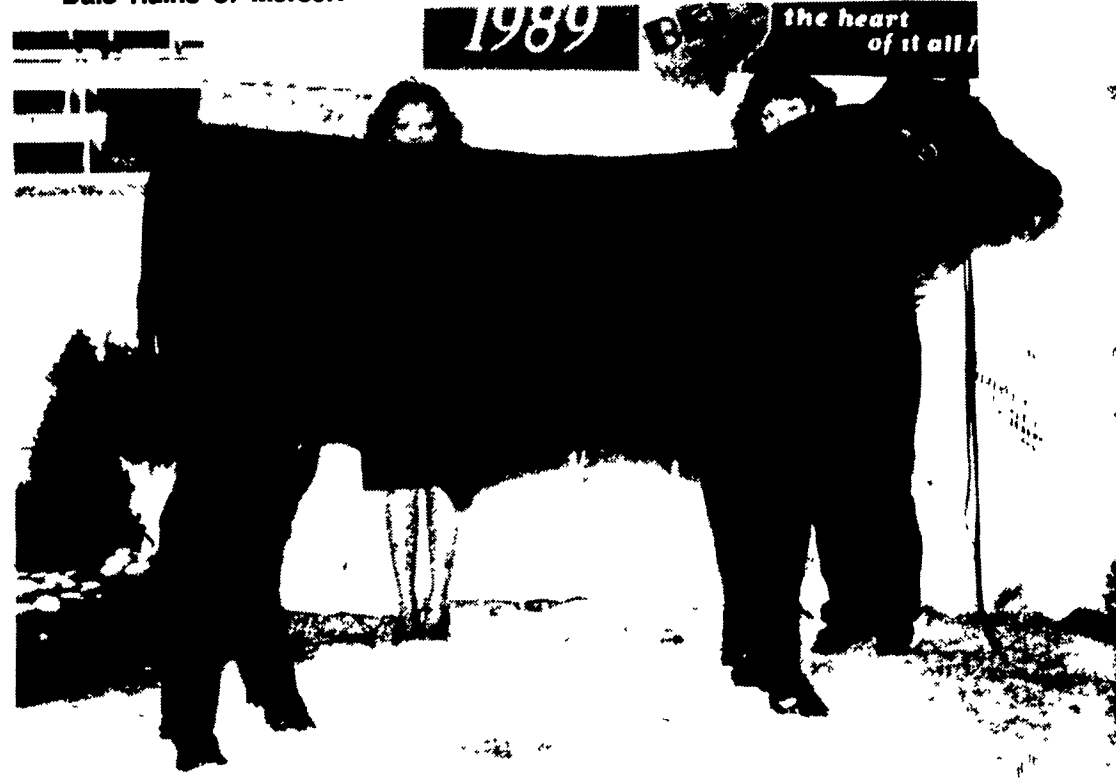
Checkoff-funded programs have helped educate producers about the correct use of sulfa, with producers deserving much credit for the decline in violations through their self-monitoring of the drug's use.

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Pennsylvanians Show Champions At Ohio Angus Show



Rains Lady TG2, the late junior calf winner, was named the grand champion female at the 1989 Ohio Angus Association Super Star Show. Rains Lady was exhibited by Dale Rains of Mercer.



GH2 Angus Associates of York led GH2 Royalty 3248 to the grand champion bull spot at the 1989 Ohio Angus Association Super Star Show held earlier this year in Columbus. Royalty had already won the early junior calf ribbon.

Lowdown on Layers

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The Poultry Sales and Service Conference will be held at the J. O. Keller Conference Center, Penn State University on April 11 and 12, 1989. The general program will start at 9:45 a.m. with excellent presentations on ventilation principles and instrumentation. This will be followed by a presentation by Dr. Reynnells, the USDA-Extension Service national program leader for Poultry, on dealing with animal rights and welfare issues.

The Tuesday afternoon program will be split into two parts. Issues and information concerning

TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 1989

9:00 Registration, Lobby, J.O. Keller Conference Center
10:00 a.m.

GENERAL PROGRAM - Room 312 Keller Building
Chairperson - Keene

9:45 Welcome to Penn State - Evans

10:00 Proper Ventilation through Motivation - Dykes

10:45 Instrumentation for Environmental Measurements in Poultry Houses - Meyer

11:15 How Can Poultrymen Deal with Animal Rights Groups? - Reynnells

12:00 Lunch (on your own)

BROILER PROGRAM - Room 115 Keller Building
Chairperson - Murr

1:30 Panel on Evaporative Cooling Systems - p.m. Muir, Eberly, and Woodward

2:30 USDA Film on Biosecurity - Reynnells

3:00 Break

3:30 Broiler and Broiler Breeder Vaccination Program - Singletary

4:00 Broiler Breeder Appetite - Barbato

4:30 Broiler Breeder Nutrition-Formulation and Feed Management - Liburn

5:00 Adjourn

PULLET - LAYER PROGRAM - Room 312 Keller Building - Chairperson - Schwartz

1:30 Allmet: A Successful Treatment for Urolithiasis - Wideman

2:00 Infectious Bronchitis Strains Affecting the Kidneys of Chickens - Cowen

2:30 Egg Industry Survey - Update - Madison

3:00 Break

3:30 How Many Birds Can I Put into a Cage? - Fouch

4:00 Wet Manure - Result of Management, Equipment, or Both? - Gladfelter

4:30 USDA Film on Biosecurity - Reynnells

5:00 Adjourn

7:00 Poultry Products Smorgasbord - Meat Centre Hills Country Club, East Branch Road, State College, Pa.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 1989

BIOSECURITY PROGRAM - Room 312 Keller Building - Chairperson - Kradel

8:00 The Pregnant Egg - Keirs

a.m.

8:45 Changes in NPIP Regulation Relative to Salmonella - Kradel

9:15 Aspects of Bacteriological Interrelationships Contributing to Contamination at the Hatchery - Keirs

9:45 Break

10:15 Controlling Salmonella in Rendering Plants - Cushman

10:45 Economic Outlook for Feeds, Feedstuffs, Broiler, and Eggs - Madison

11:15 Chickens Don't Eat People - Buescher

12:00 Adjourn

(1) broilers and broiler breeders, and (2) commercial egg pullets and layers. Tuesday evening, an event which has become traditional, is the Poultry Products Smorgasbord which features products produced and donated by eight Pennsylvania poultry companies. Other food and refreshments will be available so bring your appetites.

Wednesday morning features a biosecurity program relative to the Salmonella issue. The program will conclude on the light side with a very excellent presentation by Walt Buescher. With all the problems we face in agriculture, he brings these to our attention in a humorous fashion.

The complete program for the Poultry Sales and Service Conference is listed on the next page, along with registration information.

APPLICATION FORM

Please enroll me in the Poultry Sales and Service Conference, which will be given at Penn State University, University Park, PA, April 11-12, 1989.

I understand that I will make my own lodging arrangements.

Last Name _____ First _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone (area code) _____

Employer Name _____

Business Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Enclosed is remittance payable to Penn State University for \$_____ to cover the cost of _____ participant(s) in the Poultry Sales and Service Conference, April 11-12, 1989.

MAIL TO:
Agricultural Conference Coordinator
Penn State University
409 J.O. Keller Building
University Park, PA 16802
Phone 814-865-9647

Feedback Kills Bill-Back Plan

The Packers & Stockyards Administration (P&SA) last week announced it would withdraw its tentative proposal for a program to allow packers to bill producers for carcasses condemned for drug residues.

An "intent to withdraw" the bill-back proposal was published in the March 16 issue of the "Federal Register."

P&SA Administrator Bill Jones said the intent to withdraw did not, however, "alter the agency's commitment to assuring a meat supply free of drug residues."

Jones said both veal and swine producers have made a lot of progress in cleaning up residues in recent months, but he said P&SA may have to move later to provide some increased incentive for some meat groups.

P&SA published an "intents to propose" a bill-back program last year. The proposal drew strong negative response from most of the

industry. Most packers favored the idea, which would help cut losses when carcasses are condemned by federal inspectors.

Market operators, however, said the proposal would simply dump the problem in their laps in many cases. The National Cattlemen's Association and other major beef organizations also had opposed the program.

Jones said that 87 percent of the industry comments received on the intent to propose were negative. Problems most commonly cited concerned animal trace-back and establishing where in the production and marketing chain the contamination had occurred.

Jones also noted that packers now have the right to seek compensation from producers who market contaminated animals that later are condemned.

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