

PENNSYLVANIA PSEUDORABIES VACCINATION PROJECT

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We also looked at farms which became quarantined to see if they were using vaccine before they became infected. Since 1989, 157 Pennsylvania swine herds have been quarantined for pseudorabies. Only two of these herds were being vaccinated before they became infected. In one of these two cases, a "hot strain" of pseudorabies infected the grow/finish animals and signs of pneumonia were seen. The grow/finish animals had

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In conjunction with the project, we are encouraging non-quarantined producers who are threatened by an infected herd in the neighborhood to booster their herds with pseudorabies vaccine. We have determined that there are about 200 swine producers who are within two miles of an infected herd and are not using pseudorabies vaccine.

Often, swine producers ask us whether pseudorabies vaccine will prevent their herd from becoming infected. According to our investigations, the answer is a resounding "Yes!" We looked at nonquarantined Pennsylvania swine herds which have been using pseudorabies vaccine and are threatened by at least one quarantined herd within two miles. We found 58 such herds. These herds were potentially exposed to area spread of pseudorabies for an average of 16 months, yet they all have remained free of the infection. Nine of these herds have had a neighbor with pseudorabies for more than two years.

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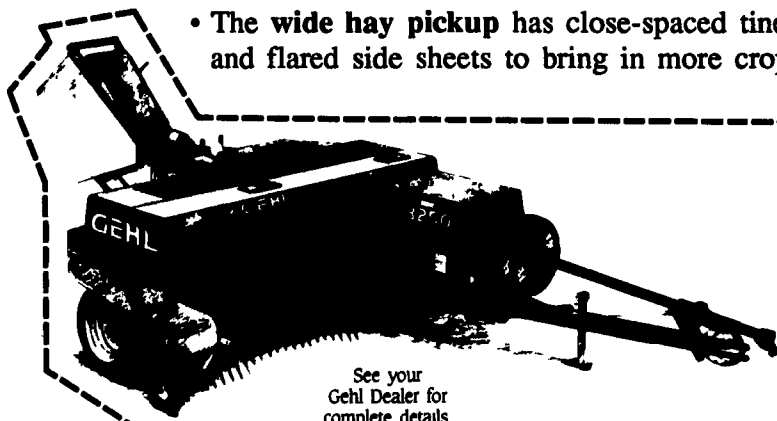
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