

'Pseudorabies-Free' Status

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USDA, accredited veterinarians, and swine producers for working hard to make the announcement possible.

Dr. Lynne Siegfried, USDA Animal Plant Health Inspection Service's Veterinary Services, said, "The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture worked hard with USDA and producers to eliminate pseudorabies from its swine industry."

"This marks a significant advance for the commonwealth of Pennsylvania in the national

and international agricultural communities."

Pseudorabies is a viral disease in swine that affects the nervous and reproductive systems of swine. Pseudorabies has threatened the viability of the swine industry since the 1980s. The last pseudorabies-infected swine farm was released from quarantine in March 1999.

After one year without any new pseudorabies cases, Pennsylvania became eligible to apply for Level V "Pseudorabies-Free Status" in the Na-

N.Y. Farm Bureau Foundation For Agricultural Education Distributes Information Calendar

GLENMONT, N.Y. — The New York Farm Bureau Foundation for Agricultural Education, Inc. (NYFBFAE) has recently distributed an agricultural education calendar for third grade classrooms across

tional State-Federal Industry Pseudorabies Eradication Program. Pennsylvania's swine industry now can send swine without testing to any state in the nation.

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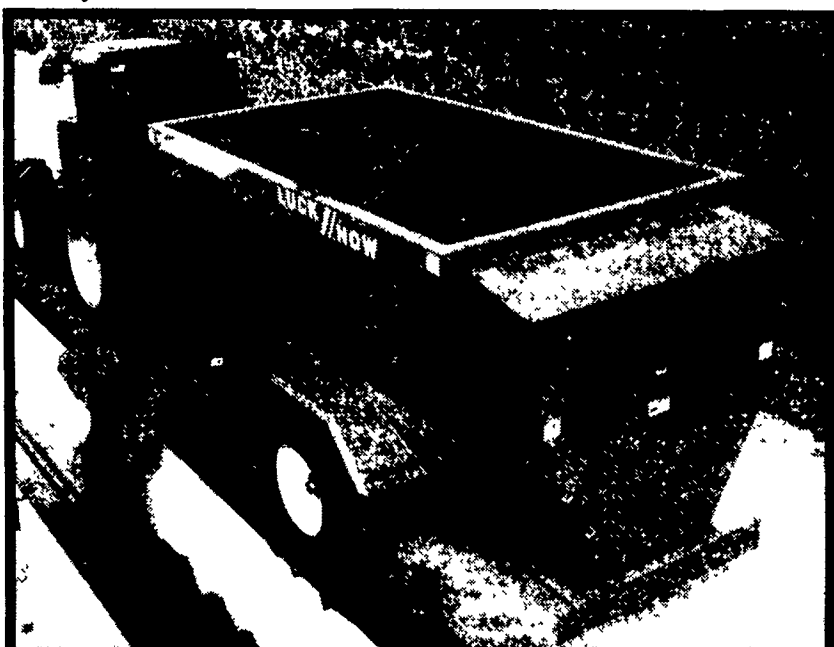
Each day of the week highlights an interesting agricultural fact or a bit of humor. The calendar was designed to spark the interest of children in farming and the impact of agriculture on our daily lives.

The Foundation's mission is to inform and educate all New Yorkers regarding agriculture and to increase the understanding between the farm and non-farm public. This calendar is just one example of how the Foundation accomplishes those goals.

The NYFBFAE is confident that this project will promote its

mission by creating an important resource for use in agricultural education. Other examples of NYFBFAE's projects include the distribution of agricultural videos on farm safety, agriculture's impact on communities and economics, and children's topics; awarding grants to the many agricultural organizations around the state that contribute to the public's knowledge of agriculture; and the preparation of educational displays for fairs and exhibits.

Interested individuals can view and download the calendar from the Internet at www.nyfb.org/nyfbfae.htm.



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