

Livestock Sanitary Commissioner's Office, correspondence, 1924-1926

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This collection contains correspondence regarding indemnities for cattle killed by tuberculosis, concerns over the findings of veterinary inspection, discussion of an outbreak of rabies among Kansas dogs that affected cattle, complaints of veterinary treatments killing animals, and general discussion about livestock diseases. The correspondence is mostly between the Livestock Sanitary Commissioner and various livestock owners throughout Kansas.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
BUREAU OF ANIMAL INDUSTRY.

Immunization of Swine for Interstate Transportation.

Place Wichita, Mo. Date 3/25, 1925

Number INSPECTED 132

Number REJECTED * 3

Number TREATED 129

Treatment ☒ Serum alone. License No. 124-124
☐ Simultaneous. Serial No. 119-376-377

Administered by W. C. McQuinn

Supervised by W. C. McQuinn

Cubic centimeter virus administered 300

Cubic centimeter serum administered 9000

Weight of swine 6000 Date disinfected 3/25

How many cars cleaned and disinfected one

Owner or shipper Chas. Wagner

Address Wichita, Kansas

Date and hour loaded 5:00 pm

Shipped via Grand Island R. R.

Car Nos. and initials U.P. 45405

Consignee Chas. Wagner

Address Wichita, Kansas

Destination " "

No. certificate 13997

* Show reason on back of form.

(Sign) W. C. McQuinn

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3. *Ref. Oct 2*
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BUREAU OF ANIMAL INDUSTRY

1- *Memorandum*
1- *Abscess*
1- *Pharyngitis*

Number in *Copies Mailed*
Number *Reflected*
Number *Transmitted*
Treatment *From 2d Ind. Bldg*
Admin. *Joseph A. Kausa*
Supervised by *Mr. J. A. Mercer, Sanitary Com.*
Cable *Joseph A. Kausa*
Weight of swine *100 lbs*
Date *10/2/24*
How many cases *1*
Owes or *100*
Address *Walter G. McGraw*
Date and *10/2/24*
Shipped via *U. S. Mail*
Car No. and *100*
Consignor *Walter G. McGraw*
Address *100*
Destination *100*
No. *100*
Date *10/2/24*
(2/2)

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March 31st, 1925.

Mr. J. B. Petersen, County Agent,
Olathe, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Peterson:

Answering your letters of the 26th and 28th instant.

Arrangements can be made to have all the herds in Johnson county that have been tested by accredited herd veterinarians in the last 30 days to come under the modified area work.

The veterinary inspectors in the modified and accredited herd work are all instructed to make a careful physical examination of the cattle tested and while we do not require them to make a report of this work yet we know that they observe very closely the physical condition of the animal tested even though no tuberculin reaction is found. There is no reason why that in testing these herds that are furnishing milk to Kansas City, Missouri, they can not make a statement across the chart that they made a physical examination and we will have them do this when they start in on the work.

I am glad that you are successful in getting Mr. Murphy to agree to accept your test record. I am wondering, however, if you mean by this that he agrees to accept the test for the 3 year period or the 1 year period. If it was the 1 year period he couldn't do anything else but accept but I have been advised by the county agent of Leavenworth county that he has refused to accept the government and state certificate on the 3 year period. Let me know about this.

Dr. Christenson will be in Olathe Wednesday morning as heretofore advised.

Very truly yours,

JHM:P

Commissioner.

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March 26th, 1925.

Mr. John Chadd,
Courtland, Kansas.

Dear sir:

Mr. J. O. Ellsworth, formerly County Commissioner of Jewell county, was just in the office and handed me correspondence that you had turned over to him with respect to the indemnity on bull that formerly belonged to you and a Mr. Albert Boline and it had reacted to the tuberculin test and been disposed of in accordance with rules and regulations governing the matter.

He stated that you were of the opinion that you should receive more indemnity on this bull than the amount the bull netted. The rule of the federal government does not permit them to participate in indemnifying an owner for a grade reactor bull or a steer. Therefore, there can be no indemnity secured from the government and under the state law you will only receive one-half of the appraised value of the bull, providing tubercular lesions were found on post mortem. The law reads that in case no lesions are found on post mortem you would be entitled to the full appraised value. Post mortem report on this bull shows that he was tubercular, copy enclosed. Therefore, if we would follow the state law you would receive an order for one-half of the appraised value of this bull which would be \$30 but from the fact that the net proceeds were more than one-half of the appraised value and from the further fact that there were two ownerships living in two different counties we felt that the quickest way to adjust this would be for you to take the net proceeds which is satisfactory, as I understand it, with the county that made the appraisal, to settle it in this manner.

Therefore, I am returning the correspondence and check with this explanation. I will be glad to have you advise me if this is satisfactory. If not, the only thing we can do is to have you return the check and we will send

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it to the county commissioners of the two counties and issue
orders for \$15 on each county.

Very truly yours,

JHM:P

Commissioner.

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April 1st, 1925.

Mr. Chas. Warren,
Mankato, Kansas.

Dear sir:

It has been brought to my attention that you refused to have your herd of cattle tested in line with the regulations governing the modified area tuberculin test that is now going on in your county.

I am quite sure if you fully understood this matter and the law governing same that you would not object but would give your cooperation and be a booster to the movement. The information that comes to me is that you have consulted a lawyer and he has advised you that there is no law in Kansas that could compel you to have your cattle tested. I am very sure indeed that the attorney who gave you such advice did not familiarize himself with the sanitary law of the state or he would not have given you any such advice.

To begin with about 85% or more people of your county signed petitions and sent to this office to test the cattle in your county. We do not have to have this petition if we had wanted to have ordered the test without it but adopted this method so the people of the county would become familiar with the needs of the work being done; hence this plan of securing petitions. We have plenty of records in this office to show that tuberculosis exists in cattle in Jewell county and under the law we could order all cattle to be tested in order to help the condition of the people of your county and the livestock. This work is being done at the government and state expense and I am at quite a loss to know why anyone who has dairy or breeding cows and especially a family who has them would oppose a move of this kind; hence the reason I felt that you did not fully understand the importance of the matter.

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I might add that we will test all the dairy and breeding cattle in the county and we want the cooperation of every owner in doing so and if we get that cooperation it will all be done in line with the work that is being done, otherwise we could proceed and have these cattle tested at your expense. We hope you will study this matter over and write me fully with respect to the matter.

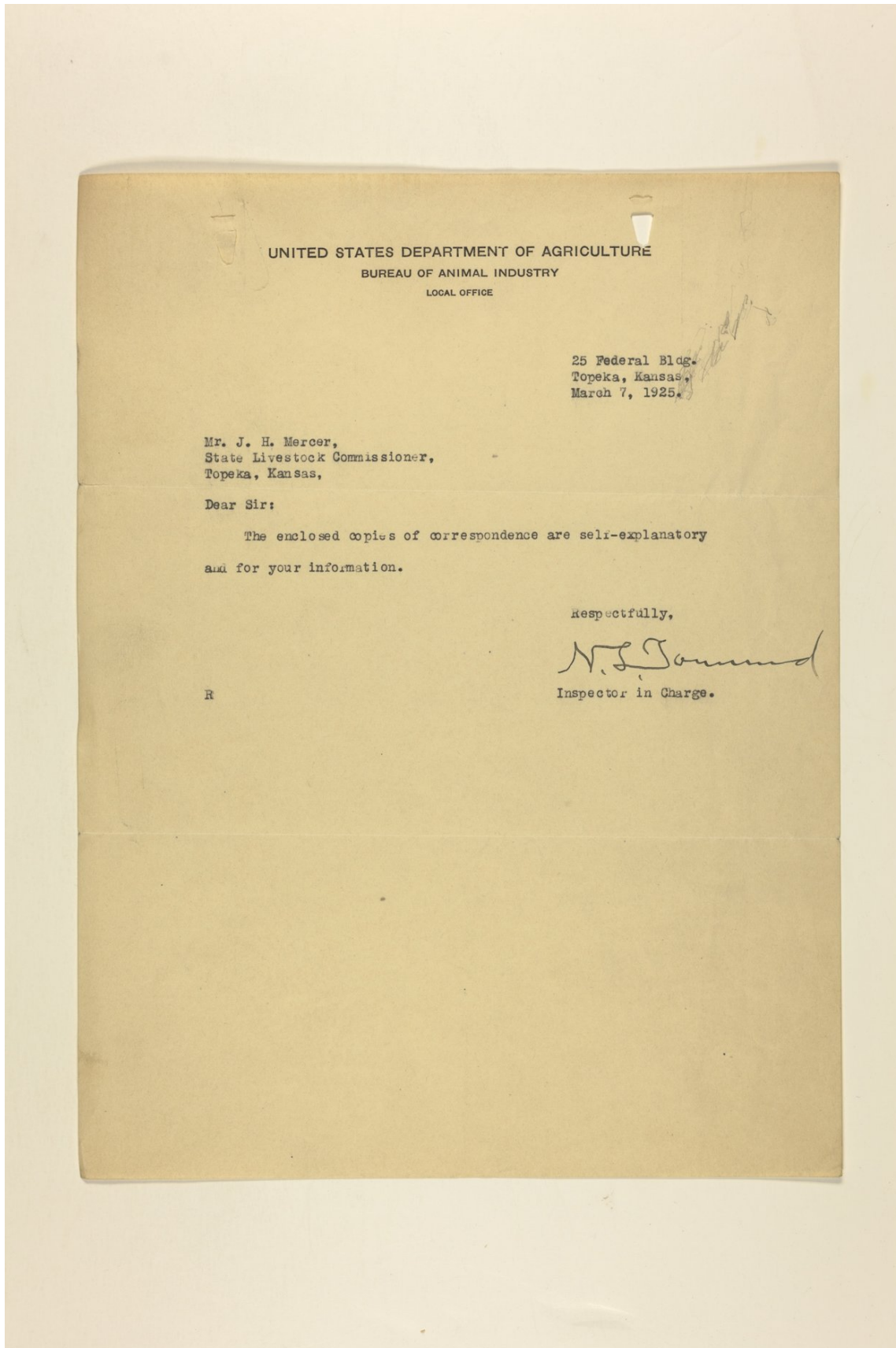
Very truly yours,

JHM:P

Commissioner.



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BUREAU OF ANIMAL INDUSTRY
LOCAL OFFICE

25 Federal Bldg.
Topeka, Kansas,
March 7, 1925.

Mr. J. H. Mercer,
State Livestock Commissioner,
Topeka, Kansas,

Dear Sir:

The enclosed copies of correspondence are self-explanatory
and for your information.

Respectfully,

N. J. Sound

Inspector in Charge.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
BUREAU OF ANIMAL INDUSTRY,
LOCAL OFFICE.

Mankato, Kansas,
March 5, 1925.

Mr. J. H. Mercer. State Livestock Comm.
Topeka, Kansas.
Through Dr. Townsend.

Dear Sir:

This is to notify you that the following herd owners were
called upon and refused to test their cattle.

Mr. Joe Smith of Superior, Nebraska.

Mr. C. J. Slates of Superior, Nebraska.

Dr. Latham of Superior, Nebraska tested around eight head
of milk cows and Mr. Slates has around 130 head of stock cattle
which he refused to have tested.

Respectfully,

W. A. Decker.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
BUREAU OF ANIMAL INDUSTRY,
LOCAL OFFICE.

Mankato, Kansas.
Topeka, Kansas,
March 7, 1925.

Dr. N. L. Townsend,
25 Federal bldg.,
Topeka, Kansas,

Dear Sir:

I have the following objectors to report.

O. Mellott, seven grade shorthorn said no and would not say much else only that State could not force it.

Charley Calahan said same thing and said a bunch of them had agreed not to test.

Ray John same as above.

Charley Warren said he knew all about it and had consulted a lawyer who told him there was no law in the state to compel him to test. Mr. Warren is a leader in his community and others are following in his decision.

Ray Calahan said he would not test first then if we would come back at six oclock when his cattle were up he might test but he wouldnt get them up for us then.

Harris Roe is working for Charley Warren and is milking one of his cows and said he was told not to have her tested.

Four cattle owned by R. McDaniel or webber, Kansas were injected but no observation made as he moved in the meantime, ten miles and when we arrived to observe them found everything vacated.

Respectfully,

Signed) L. C. Songer.

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Harper Co.

April 1st, 1925.

Mr. E. H. Atcher, County Agent,
Anthony, Kansas.

Dear sir:

Answering your letter of the 30th ult.

We are having the plans, rules and regulations governing the modified area tuberculosis work printed in a pamphlet form and this will be out of the printer's hands in the near future and we will send you a copy.

I might add that we are going to push this work along as rapidly as we can with the funds available. We asked the legislature to give us \$50,000 for the special tuberculosis work but we only got \$25,000 and we now have on the waiting list five counties that have sent their petitions in in line with the provisions of Part II of bulletin 18, copy enclosed. It would appear that the thing for you to do would be to get your petitions circulated and get them in as soon as you can.

Very truly yours,

JHM:P

Commissioner.



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Telephones
Office, 107
Residence, 638

Office, Court House
Office Day, Saturday

CO-OPERATIVE EXTENSION WORK
IN
AGRICULTURE AND HOME ECONOMICS
STATE OF KANSAS

Kansas State Agricultural College, United
States Department of Agriculture and
Harper County Farm Bureau Co-operating

Extension Service
County Agent Work

ANTHONY
March 30 1925

Mr. J. H. Mercer,
State Livestock Sanitary
Commission State House,
Topeka, Kansas;

Dear Mr. Mercer:

WE are planning Tuber-
culosis Eradication Work in this County.
Will you please advise details according to
State regulations, and whether or not funds
will be available beginning fore part of
1926 to carry on this work.

Very truly yours,

E. A. Tucker
County Agent.

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April 1st, 1925.

Mr. Fred O'Daniel,
Westmoreland, Kansas.

Dear sir:

Answering your letter of the 28th ult.

We have not yet secured the final post mortem report on your T. B. cattle. It takes quite a little while for this report to get around and as soon as we receive it we will send you copy of same.

With respect to the sore mouth cattle you refer to. This trouble has been quite bad in the state this winter, coming in in every instance through shipments of cattle from the public stockyards. We have had this matter up with the stockyards people and also with the federal government and it is quite a problem to handle. While the disease is not very dangerous and does not spread from farm to farm yet it causes quite heavy losses because of such heavy shrinkage.

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The best way to handle/is to segregate the infected animals from the well ones. It is very necessary that this be done for the reason that if it is not done the disease will likely go through the entire herd. Then if the animal's mouth is extremely sore they should be treated by painting the blisters with iodine. If not so bad, a mouth wash of 4 to 6 ounces of boric acid to one gallon of water is good. Cattle and horses should be fed a soft kind of food as long as their mouths are infected.

I have not written to any of these people you refer to but you can instruct them and if you think it necessary we will send someone from this department to make an investigation.

Very truly yours,

JHM:P

Commissioner.

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FRED O'DANIEL

Commissioner First District
—Pottawatomie County—
Westmoreland, Kansas

March 28 1925.

Mr. J.H. Mercer.
Topeka Kansas.

Dear Sir:-

Received the check for the cows today, would like to have Postmortem report on them if it not to much trouble on your part.

WE have two cases of that sore mouth trouble in the County, is there much danger of it spreading what the best or first thing should do for it? Elmer Modin's work horses are haveing it, W.A. Scott shiped in 60 head last week he has lost one and several more sick.

Very truly yours,

Fred O'Daniel

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J. H. MERCER
COMMISSIONER

State of Kansas

OFFICE OF
LIVE STOCK SANITARY COMMISSIONER
TOPEKA

Canton, Kans., April 2, 1925

Mr J. H. Mercer,

Topeka, Kans.

Dear Mr Mercer:

Am herewith submitting a report on tuberculosis eradication work done in the week ending March 21, 1925

J. W. Hellstern	South Haven	1	Reactor
W. E. Ruthroff	South Haven	1	"
A. M. Knox	South Haven	1	"
Chas Hutchinson	South Haven	1	"
W. E. Zimmerman	South Haven	1	"
E. D. Hutchinson	Wellington	1	"
Fred Harvey	Newton	1	"
Bob Richardson	Mulvane	1	"
R. J. Prather	Wichita R. R. 7	1	"
E. L. McCormick,	Clearwater	1	"
A. F. Worntriger	Haven	3	"
A. J. Miller	Haven	1	"
J. P. Miller	Haven	4	"
D. J. Yoder	Haven	1	"
Susie Schrock	Hutchinson	1	"
Harry A. Orenier	Hutchinson	1	"
Joe Linnebur	Goddard	1	"
Ray McDonald	Wichita R. R. 5	1	"
L. T. Crofts	Partridge	1	"

Yours truly,

W. E. Ruthroff

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J. H. MERCER
COMMISSIONER

State of Kansas

OFFICE OF
LIVE STOCK SANITARY COMMISSIONER
TOPEKA

Canton, Kans., Apr 2, 1925

Mr J.H.Mercer,

Topeka, Kans.

Dear Mr Mercer:

Herewith report for tuberculosis eradication work for week ending Mar 28 1925.

A. E. Whismore	Quinter	1	Reactor
Ed Allenger	Bushton	1	"
V. Bossi	Arkansas City	1	"

Yours truly,

W. W. Journey

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J. H. MERCER
COMMISSIONER

State of Kansas

OFFICE OF
LIVE STOCK SANITARY COMMISSIONER
TOPEKA

Canton, Kans., Feb 24, 1925

Mr J.H.Mercer,

Topeka, Kans.

Dear Mr Mercer:

I herewith submit a report on tuberculosis eradication work for week ending Feb 21, 1925.

J.M.Kessler	Maize	Sedgwick Co.	1	<i>Reuter</i>
Jones & Hendrick		Wichita	1	
G.S.Wierick		Wichita	1	
M.J.OConner		Wichita	1	
John Albert		Maize	1	
W.Calloway		Peck	1	
Carl Meechtlen		Peck	1	
J.E.Morning		Clearwater	1	
Roy Hopkins		Clearwater	1	
Elmer Dunn		Wayneville	1	
Alphons Youngers		Wayneville	1	
J.M.Girrens		Goddard	1	
H.Tamobar		Wichita	3	
A.T.Cartwright		Wichita	1 appr. 1 salvage d	
Kansas Sanitarium		Wichita	3	
Sisters of St Mary		Wichita	3	
J.T.Capp		Wichita	3	
I.C.Huggins		Wichita	4	
F.Biering		Wichita	4 appr. 1 Salvgd.	
O.F.M.Bratney		Wichita	1	
John Lies		Colwich	1	
Alice Hope		Clearwater	2	
Herman Rolf		Bushon	2	
E.M.Leach		Wichita	1	
Dunham		Wichita	1	
J.M.Brown		Wichita	1	
Mendenhall		Wichita	1	
E.H.Dowd		Wayneville	1	
I.B.Crabtree		Oatville	1	
O.A.Hunt		Oatville	9	
R.Bolliar		Oatville	1	

Yours truly,

W.C. Downey

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J. H. MERCER
COMMISSIONER

State of Kansas

OFFICE OF
LIVE STOCK SANITARY COMMISSIONER
TOPEKA

Canton, Kans., Feb 19, 1925

Mr J. H. Mercer,

Topeka, Kans.

Dear Mr Mercer:

Herewith appraisements on the following
Sedgwick County reactors:

Jones & Hendrick	Wichita	1
G. S. Wierick	"	1
M. J. O'Connor	"	1
John Albert	Maize	1
W. Calloway	Peck	1
Carl Maechtlen	"	1
J. E. Morning	Clearwater	1
Roy Hopkins	"	1
Elmer Dunn	Bayneville	1
Alphons Youngers	"	1
J. M. Girrens	Goddard	1
H. Tamboer	Wichita	3
A. T. Cartwright	"	2
Kansas Sanitarium	"	3

A. T. Cartwright has two but one of them is a grade bull
tag # 4940 which he is going to sell and take salvage on,
and the cow was appraised tag # 4941.

Yours truly,

W. C. Downey

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J. H. MERCER
COMMISSIONER

State of Kansas

OFFICE OF
LIVE STOCK SANITARY COMMISSIONER
TOPEKA

Canton, Kans., Jan 31, 1925

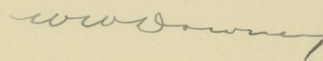
Mr J.H. Mercer,
Topeka, Kans.

Dear Mr Mercer:

Weekly report of tuberculosis eradication
for week ending Jan 31, 1925.

H.F. Fields,	Hutchinson (Reno)	1
G.A. Schuler	"	1
Paul Howard	Sylvia "	1
R.A. Simkins	Nickerson "	1
G.W. Discn	Darlow "	1
Ben Kerr	Garden Plaine (Sedg.)	2
Dr Fulton	Wichita	1
J.E. Smith	Garden Plaine	1

Yours truly,



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J. H. MERCER
COMMISSIONER

State of Kansas

OFFICE OF
LIVE STOCK SANITARY COMMISSIONER
TOPEKA

Canton, Kans., Feb., 5, 1925.

Mr J.H.Mercer,

Topeka, Kans.

Dear Mr Mercer:

Am enclosing cattle appraisements made for
the following owners in Sedgwick County:

Ora Johnston,	Clearwater	1
F.A.Weber	Wichita R.R.8	1
Nick Schoenecker	" "	1
Carlson Bros	" "	1
W.E.Benson	" "	1
J.A.Benson	" "	1
A.J.Hansen	Maize	1
Ed Jaax	Goddard	1
Edward Jaax	Maize	11
F.E.Snider	Clearwater	10
C.C.Miles	Clearwater	1
C.L.McLaughlin	Clearwater	1
Ray Kimmel	Viola	1
Roy Watt	Clearwater	1
N.I.Miles	Clearwater	2
E.J.Mathews	Clearwater	1
John D Stitt	Clearwater	3
Roy Launterbach	Clearwater	1
Ben Kerr	Garden Plaine	2
C.E.Rippel	Derby	1
C.F.Butts	Mulvane	1
W.E.Thompson	Mulvane	3
J.M.Crom	Peck R R 1	1
Bert Baker	Wichita R R 7	1

You will note Mr Baker did not sign the appraise-
ment. He had a very poor holstine cow, very thin in
flesh and old. He thought he should have had \$75.00
for her, but Mr Kernan offered him \$50.00, which in
my judgment was considerably more than she was worth.

Edward Jaax had fifteen head of reactors, four steers
and one grade bull; We gave him a state appraisement
of \$60.00 on the bull. The steers he will take salvage
on. Ben Kerr, of Garden Plaine had five reactors,
two cows and three steers. The cows were appraised and
the steers he will take salvage on.

Yours truly,

W.C. Downey

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J. H. MERCER
COMMISSIONER

State of Kansas

OFFICE OF
LIVE STOCK SANITARY COMMISSIONER
TOPEKA

Canton, Kans., Feb 7, 1925

Mr J.H.Mercer,

Topeka, Kans.

Dear Mr Mercer:

Weekly report of tuberculosis eradication for week ending Feb 7th 1925.

Ora Johnston,	Clearwater	1
F.A.Weber	Wichita R.R. 8	1
Nick Schoenecker	" "	1
Carlson Bros	" "	1
W.E.Benson	" "	1
J.A.Benson	" "	1
A.J.Jansen	Maize	1
Ed Jaax	Goddard	1
Edward Jaax	Maize	11
C.C.Miles	Clearwater	1
C.L.McLaughlin	Clearwater	1
Ray Kimmerl	Viola	1
Roy Watt	Clearwater	1
N.I.Miles	Clearwater	3
E.J.Mathews	Clearwater	1
John D.Stitt	Clearwater	3
Roy Lauderbach	Clearwater	1
C.E.Rippel	Derby	3
C.P.Butte	Mulvane	1
W.E.Thompson	Mulvane	3
J.M.Crom	Peck R.R. 1	1
Bert Baker	Wichita R.R. 7	1
F.E.Snider	Clearwater	10
H.K.Stover	Garden Plaine	1
Fred Harvey	Newton	5
F.J.Meise	Colwich	1
Mike Siebert	Colwich	1
O.W.Shipley	Goddard	3
P.J.Strunk	Colwich	2
W.M.McClure	Wichita	1
M.R.Reiserver	Wichita	1
John Linnebar	Goddard	2
Tom Shipley	Goddard	1
E.S.Reece	Colwich	1

Yours truly,

W.D. Jolley

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Johnson Co.,

April 4th, 1925.

Dr. S. L. Stewart,
Olathe, Kansas.

Dear sir:

Answering your letter of the 31st ult.

I will be very glad to have you take part in the modified area work in Johnson county but I do not think you could possibly arrange matters so you could take care of your clients also. I think you can readily see that that would disorganize the whole program unless your clients would include all the people in a certain township. We could give you a township in line with the provisions of the memoranda enclosed. You will note this memoranda is arrangements made by the local veterinarians in Douglas county.

It is our plan now to send 3 veterinary inspectors into Johnson county to begin work Monday. Dr. Christenson will be there and he can go over this matter further with you and it is hoped satisfactory arrangements can be made so you can participate in the testing of cattle in your county.

Very truly yours,

JHM:P

Commissioner.

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OFFICE OF
State Veterinarian
of Arizona
Phoenix
DR. S. E. DOUGLAS

April 6, 1925

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Arizona
Mr. J. H. Mercer
Live Stock Commissioner
Topeka, Kansas.

My dear sir:

On April the third, there were two consignments of Arizona cattle to Kansas points, as follows: La Osa Live Stock Company, Amado Arizona, destination Grenola, Kansas, 312 head; and same company, 96 head to Sedan, Kansas. These cattle are from land adjoining scab infected area, and since shipment our inspectors have determined that there is grave danger of these cattle being direct contact with scab, and I am making this report for your information. I would suggest that these cattle be kept under close observation, as there is a possibility of infection showing up in the next few weeks.

As soon as we have our infected areas defined, an executive proclamation will be issued, and nothing allowed to move from such areas. When that is done, we will mail you a copy of quarantine for your information.

Yours very truly

S E Douglas

State Veterinarian

SED:P

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April 11th, 1925.

Dr. S. E. Douglas, State Veterinarian,
Phoenix, Arizona.

Dear sir:

I have yours of the 6th instant advising
of the shipment of cattle belonging to La Osa Live Stock
Company, destination Grenola and Sedan, Kansas.

We will have these two shipments of cattle
located and have an inspection made within the next thirty
days and find out whether or not mange develops.

Thanking you for calling our attention to this
matter, I am,

Very truly yours,

JHM:P

Commissioner.

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April 11th, 1925.

Mr. C. W. Floyd,
Sedan, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Floyd:

I have information that there was a shipment of 96 head of cattle from Amado, Arizona, shipped by the La Osa Live Stock Company to Sedan, Kansas, for summer grazing. It is reported that these cattle may be infected with mange.

Will you please find out who is handling these cattle; where they are located and advise me accordingly? The railroad agent can give you the name of the consignee.

Thanking you in advance for this information, I am,

Very truly yours,

JHM:P

Commissioner.

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April 11th, 1925.

Mr. W. M. Kiser,
Grenola, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Kiser:

I have information that there was a shipment of 312 head of cattle from Amado, Arizona, shipped by the La Osa Live Stock Company to Grenola, Kansas, for summer grazing. It is reported that these cattle may be infected with mange.

Will you please find out who is handling these cattle; where they are located and advise me accordingly? The railroad agent can give you the name of the consignee.

Thanking you in advance for this information, I am,

Very truly yours,

JHM:P

Commissioner.

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J. H. MERCER
COMMISSIONER

State of Kansas

OFFICE OF
LIVE STOCK SANITARY COMMISSIONER
TOPEKA

April 11th, 1925.

Mr. W. M. Kiser,
Grenola, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Kiser:

I have information that there was a shipment of 312 head of cattle from Amado, Arizona, shipped by the La Osa Live Stock Company to Grenola, Kansas, for summer grazing. It is reported that these cattle may be infected with mange.

Will you please find out who is handling these cattle; where they are located and advise me accordingly? The railroad agent can give you the name of the consignee.

Thanking you in advance for this information, I am,

Very truly yours,

J. H. Mercer
Commissioner.

JHM:P

Grenola, Kans.
April 17, 1925.

Mr. J. H. Mercer,
Topeka, Kas.

Dear Friend: - As near as I can find out, the above cattle was billed for Grenola but was changed to Sedan and Grand Summit. Two cars to Grand Summit and the rest to Sedan. Mr. R. J. Thompson, Grenola, Kans., is looking after these cattle. The cattle at Sedan were put in a Thompson pasture about 4 mi north west of Sedan. Sincerely yours, W. M. Kiser



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Dr. S. E. Douglas, State Veterinarian,
Phoenix, Arizona.

Dear sir:

Further reference to your letter of April 6th.

I have advised the owners of the pastures where these cattle are located of the probable mange exposure of the cattle and to keep close observation on them and if they note any indications of mange to notify this office. Mr. J. C. Kinney, President of the La Osa Livestock Company, was in the office today and advised me of the situation in Arizona, of the serious drought condition and the emaciated and weakened condition of the cattle on their ranch in Arizona. He also advises me they have secured pastures for quite a number of these cattle in Chautauqua, Butler and Elk Counties, Kansas, and assures me should any cattle he ships into this state develop any mange that our requirements for treatment will be complied with to the letter at his company's expense and that because of the emaciated and weakened condition of his cattle at this time they could not undergo a dipping treatment. Therefore, we want to be just as considerate as possible in letting these cattle into the state for grazing purposes under the circumstances and will waive any dipping requirement on mange exposed cattle.

I am advising you as to this for the reason that Mr. Kinney seems to feel that unless they can get their cattle out of Arizona to grazing districts such as Oklahoma and Kansas that they will sustain very heavy losses. After these cattle have been here for 30 or 40 days we will have an inspection made and if mange develops in any way we will then require them to be treated and will advise you as to same.

Very truly yours,

JHM:P

Commissioner.

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OFFICE OF
State Veterinarian
of Arizona
Phoenix
DR. S. E. DOUGLAS

April 23, 1925

Mr. J. H. Mercer
Commissioner
Topeka, Kansas

My dear sir:

In reply to your letter of April 14th regarding the movement of cattle from the quarantined area in Arizona, to pastures in your state, it would appear from your letter that the Kansas live stock authorities are not very much concerned about cattle scabies in Kansas. I am perfectly frank to say that I do not approve of the method, or I might say lack of method employed by you to eradicate cattle scabies.

The Live Stock Sanitary Board of Arizona has an entirely different attitude toward the disease and we are trying to be as cautious as possible to keep it out of the state. In my opinion the methods now employed by you are directly responsible for a number of outbreaks in other states, and as a result we have deemed it necessary, in order to safeguard the cattle of our state, to require all range cattle of any nature coming into Arizona from Kansas to be double dipped under federal supervision before entering the state.

This state never had a case of cattle scabies until two years ago when a small area in Apache county became infected, and after dipping all infected and exposed cattle twice there was no further evidence of the infection until the early part of this year, when several sections of the state became infected through a shipment of bulls.

We have entirely different conditions here from what you have in your state, and should we once get the infection well established on our rough open ranges we could never get rid of it, and that is the main reason why we do not intend to temporize in our quarantine measures. We also desire to protect other states as well. No one knows the deplorable condition of the cattle and the cattle men better than I, and also I realize that unless relief comes soon, a great many cattle will not survive. Notwithstanding these adverse conditions we do not intend to allow any cattle to move that will in any way endanger this and other states.

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Quarantine lines were made after due consideration and diligent investigation, and we feel that no territory has been included that should not be. Therefore, no cattle will be allowed to move out of any of the quarantined areas until after they have been dipped twice under federal supervision.

Very truly yours

SED:P

S E Douglas
State Veterinarian