

## **Livestock Sanitary Commissioner's Office, correspondence, 1926-1929**

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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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May 25, 1927

Mr. Ed McClung,  
Ruleton, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

It has been requested that we furnish you a copy of the post mortem report of your two head of reactor cattle that were disposed of at the Kansas City market under date of April 18th. I am herewith enclosing same. You will note that both cows in question showed tubercular lesions yet both passed for food.

Very truly yours,

JHE/M

Commissioner.

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May 25, 1927

Mr. Robert Amos,  
Ruleton, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

It has been requested that we furnish you a copy of the post mortem report of your two head of reactor cattle that were disposed of at the Kansas City market under date of April 12th. I am herewith enclosing same. You will note that both cows in question showed tubercular lesions yet both passed for food.

Very truly yours,

Commissioner.

JHM/M





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OFFICE, 1107½ MAIN ST.  
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CO-OPERATIVE EXTENSION WORK  
IN  
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KANSAS STATE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF  
AGRICULTURE AND SHERMAN COUNTY FARM BUREAU, COOPERATING

EXTENSION SERVICE  
COUNTY AGENT WORK

GOODLAND

May 19 1927

Mr. J. H. Mercer,  
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

If you read my letter of May 14 you should know that the farmer I referred to was Amos. The information we want is the post mortem report on cattle condemned belonging to Mr. Robert Amos and Mr. Ed McClung both of Ruleton. These men are not complaining concerning the appraisement placed on their cattle but the reports received from commission firm indicated that three of these four cows were not infected. If that is true then your office should be liable for the full amount of the appraised value.

These men are not unreasonable and if you can show an official statement of post mortem examination showing the infection they will be satisfied. This should be shown on report from commission firm for part of them do show such report. If the report from the commission firm shows this on part of the cattle it should show it on all of them.

I will refer your letter to Mr. Zuspann and he can take this matter up with you direct.

Enclosed find voucher filled out. Mr. Meredith took the branding iron with him also any other material that he may have had. Dr. Songer did likewise.

Very truly yours,

*N. E. Rucker*  
N. E. Rucker,  
County Agent.

## Livestock Sanitary Commissioner's Office, correspondence, 1926-1929

May 18, 1927

Mr. N. L. Rucker,  
Co. Agent,  
Goodland, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Answering yours of the 14th instant.

We keep a complete record of all reactor cattle appraised and disposed of in this office. Had you given us the name of the parties you refer to as having two milk cows that were appraised at \$75 each we could have looked up and found just what the record shows. However, I would take it that the owner of the cattle in question feels that he is entitled to more indemnity than he received. This is not so.

In order that you might fully understand the method in which reactor cattle are appraised and disposed of, I am enclosing you, a printed copy of the rules and regulations and call your special attention to rule 13 on pages 4 and 5.

With reference to Mr. Zuspahn - what he should have done was to have had all shipping expense, and cleaning and disinfecting charge, taken out of the proceeds of the reactor cattle he shipped. The only way that this can be handled now would be for the owner of the reactor cattle to pay Mr. Zuspahn the shipping expenses. The state has no fund with which to pay items of this kind. If you will have Mr. Zuspahn send me the account sales or make up a statement showing just what shipping expenses he paid and give me the names of the reactor cattle that he handled, I will take it up with these owners and endeavor to have them pay Mr. Zuspahn whatever is coming to him.

We are enclosing you a voucher covering the item of the branding iron furnished to Dr. Meredith. Go before a notary public and qualify to this voucher and return to us at your earliest convenience.

Very truly yours,

JHM/M

Commissioner.

P.S. What did Dr. Meredith do with the branding iron. Did he leave it with you or take it with him?

J.H.M.





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GOODLAND

May 14, 1927

Mr. J. H. Mercer  
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Sir:

A farmer here has made a request for some information from your Department in regard to returns from condemned cows. He had two milk cows condemned, appraised by the committee at \$75.00 each. On shipping these cows the return made by the Commission men was for \$47.09 for the two cows. The Commission man's report states that one cow showed TB infection in the head. The other cow was marked "passed". This man thinks, and rightly so I believe, that the State should pay him fully appraised value for this cow that was condemned and failed to show any tuberculosis on final inspection. One other man in this county, Mr. Ed McClung, had two cows condemned, both of which came back marked passed. From the statement made on Mr. Amos' report that one cow was infected in the head, it would seem that they had found no tuberculosis present in the other three carcasses. I do not know what action you take in cases of this kind, but certainly the State has no right to condemn an animal that does not show tubercular systems upon post-mortem examination. And it would not seem that it would be necessary to take legal action to recover damages in this case.

Mr. Zuspann was good enough to allow one shipment of TB cattle to be made in a car load that he took in a short time ago, including the cattle from the Miller herd and the Franklin herd. He was charged up by the Commission men for \$2.50 disinfecting a car because it had held tubercular cattle. It would seem that this charge should have gone to the State, or have been taken as part of the expenses on the cattle before the money was returned to the owners of this condemned stock. The result will be that it will be almost impossible to ship any more condemned cattle here, except in full car loads unless you see fit to secure an adjustment for Mr. Zuspann in this case. He practically dominates the shipping business at this station.

I am still holding the sack personally to the extent of \$1.50 for branding iron that was furnished to Dr. Merideth. I have written to you about this twice and would appreciate receiving a remittance. Hoping that you can adjust these matters satisfactory, I am

Yours truly,

*N. L. Rucker*  
N. L. Rucker  
County Agent

NLR:IKP

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J. H. MERCER  
COMMISSIONER

### State of Kansas

OFFICE OF  
LIVE STOCK SANITARY COMMISSIONER  
TOPEKA

May 31st 1927

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

Dear Mr. Mercer:

In regard to the investigation of the rabies situation in Coffey County; there seems to be no alarm among the country people or the County officials. Much of the reports recieved by the County Health Department have been greatly enlarged upon. There seems to be a growing doubt in the minds of several fair minded people, relative to the reliability of the labratory tests from Manhattan. In this connection the Lebo case early in the year is an example. In this case the mayor of Lebo placed a quarantine upon the dity as many dogs and other animals were exposed or bitten. To date not one animal has reacted or shown anyrabid tendencies.

According to the she riff, the County Commasioner and the health department, quarantines have proven, expensive, ineffective and troublesome for all county officials. They all are of the opinion that a compulserly vaccination of all dogs in county,would eliminate a large number of worthless,dogs and protect valuable dogs and people. The health department while anxious to cooperate in any way, and showed me the utmost courtesy, feel that the problem is out of their jurisdiction , but believe that some definite steps should be taken.



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COMMISSIONER

### State of Kansas

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TOPEKA

On the 16th of May a strange dog appeared at the home of Mrs Grace Hoover near Atumna. This dog was quiet and except for excessive drooling at the mouth showed no unusual tendencies. Mrs Hoover sent for a neighbor who killed the dog and burned it. Since then her own dog has been confined. There is nothing to support any rabies idea in this case, altho the report was recieved at the health department headquartes that 18 dogs were exposed.

On May 16th a strange dog went to the farm of J.M. O'Conner and Ray Skellinger, where it attacked dogs on both farms inflicting much damage. This dog was Killed the next day, and all dogs known to have been exposed were killed at once, by their pwners. This head was not examined. Mr. Skellinger and Mr O'Conner stated that this dog was foaming at the mouth and very savage.

The people are taking no chances with any dogs which appear unnatural, but are indifferent to the danger until some outbreak occurs. A record of all these cases is on file in the health department office, which office believes that the state Commissioner should make a statement relative to the situation.

Seargent McCollough of the National Guard, a successful and well known dog breeder, stated that several of his puppies were subject to running fits brought on from worms, and recovered upon being treated for worms. He believes that much of the excitement is due to similar ca ses, as the symptoms are alike in both cases.

Respectfully

*David Gray*





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June 2, 1927

Mr. N. L. Rucker,  
Co. Agent,  
Goodland, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Answering yours of the 26th ultimo. I am quite sure that you do not fully understand the magnitude of the business of this office or you would not suggest that county agents be furnished the official records as to who has condemned cattle, etc. These records are furnished the owners and in almost all instances the county commissioners have no difficulty in determining whether or not a reactor passed for food or was condemned. To furnish sale records and post mortem records of all reactor cattle would require the entire time of one person in the office. We are conducting the county area tuberculosis program in about the same manner that we did when we commenced the work over three years ago and we have had but little complaint from any source.

In so far as this department giving consideration to the county agent is concerned, I am sure that you haven't any reason to complain in any way in the consideration that we have given you or any other county agent co-operating with the department in the state work. You are mistaken about this department having or taking any jurisdiction whatever over county agent's work. No county agent need circulate petitions for the county area work unless he wishes to do so. Of course, if it is the demand of the people of his county, then in order to have the work done either he or some other agency is required to circulate the petitions and we are always glad to furnish the county agent all the information we can and always send him a copy of the biennial report of the department's work. The last biennial report was sent you some time ago and if you will look through the report beginning on page 46 you will find a general report of the accredited herd and county area work. Also, on page 78 you will find the financial statement of reactors disposed of, etc.

I note that you state you did not receive the bulletin containing the rules and regulations and that we sent you a bulletin that had to do with seed control instead of livestock control. Some one else sent you the seed control bulletin as we have no such bulletin in this office. More than likely the State Board of Agriculture sent you the seed control bulletin. I am enclosing you another copy of the printed rules and call your special attention to rule 13 on pages 4 and 5. This same rule can be found on page 43 of the biennial report that was sent you some time ago. To furnish you any more detailed report than these sent, we could not do so. Of course, if there was any special case that required detailed records we would make them and send them to you.

Very truly yours,

JHM/H

Commissioner.



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GOODLAND

May 26, 1927

Mr. J. H. Mercer  
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Sir:

Please do not get the idea that I was in anyway trying to dictate to you in my recent letter. I was trying to give you the idea that these men came to me with. You may not realize it, but County Agents in the field get the most of the first kicks and blames that follow T.B. testing. More than that, we are left completely in the dark so far as official records are concerned as to who has condemned cattle, and how serious the infection has been. It seems to me that considering the amount of work the Agent and Farm Bureau does in securing the signers for these petitions that we are entitled to some of this information. The inspectors naturally report to your office, but I think that it would save a lot of confusion and trouble if we had an official statement as to the men who had condemned cows, the amount of appraisals, damages and infection found. You do not seem to hesitate in using the County Agent wherever there is anything that he can help you in testing, so my personal opinion is we should receive consideration from you in order that we may give intelligent answers to the questions that come to us about condemned cattle.

A bulletin covering rules and regulations that you sent me is the one containing information in regard to seed control instead of livestock control. However, I think I have the bulletin you mentioned.

Is it your policy to mail to the owner of condemned cattle with his final settlement, a copy of the results of post-mortem examination? How soon may these men expect to receive the State's share of their indemnity?

Trusting that this will make my position clear to you, I am

Yours truly,

*N. L. Rucker*  
N. L. Rucker  
County Agent

NLR:IKP



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J. H. MERCER  
COMMISSIONER

### State of Kansas

OFFICE OF  
LIVE STOCK SANITARY COMMISSIONER  
TOPEKA

Canton, Kans., June 10, 1927.

Mr J.H. Mercer,  
Topeka, Kans.

Dear Mr Mercer:

When I went to Luray, Wed. the 8th, to investigate the rabies situation, I found that the outbreak was in two counties, Orborn and Russell. Since the situation seemed serious, eight members of one family under pasteur treatment by Dr Drear, and excitement and apprehension reigning, I decided best to call a joint meeting of the county officials of the two counties to determine what steps to take to best handle the situation. The meeting was held in Luray. We discussed the advantages and disadvantages of a quarantine and decided that it would be better not to put on a quarantine at this time but to warn everybody in the neighborhood of the necessity of extra precaution in taking special notice of their dogs, also in keeping them tied up and kill as many as possible of the worthless dogs or those not especially cared for. This plan was unanimously adopted, and Dr H.D.O'Brien and Dr. H.S.Dreher are going to look after the situation. Will run notices in all the local papers and have a bunch of hand bills struck warning the people of the rabies outbreak and place them in automobiles and distribute them thoroughly throughout the vicinity. In event that this method fails and it becomes necessary to put on a quarantine these Drs are to notify the department so that action can be taken at once.

There were three dogs in the vicinity supposed to have had rabies. The first one belonged to a family by the name of Parker living northeast of Luray. This dog bit eight members of that family. They called Dr O'Brien who killed the dog and sent the head for analysis, the report showed positive rabies. The other two dogs acted strangely and were killed but they were not known to have bitten any thing and no analysis was made.

The Commissioners of both counties agreed to be responsible for the payment for pasteur treatment and advised the Drs not to be slow in sending in their bill and to see that no case was neglected where such treatment was necessary. They also agreed to take care of all expense incurred in handling the situation.

The following persons were present at the meeting at Luray: J.E.Lenshay C.H.O. L.T.Storer, Co Com.



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F. E. Fritchen, Co. Com. Osborn County. Ed Heitzschmidt,  
Co. Com. F. L. Dilnor, Co. Com. John Stumpff Co. Com.  
John Wroman Co. Com. P. A. Peterson, Sheriff Russell  
County Dr H. D. O'Brien, Luray, Dr H. S. Dreher, Luray and  
the following farmers from the Luray vicinity: Nels  
Nelson, Elmer Barton, Toy Crawford, Dave Tate, Tom  
Hampl, Alex Hampl.

Yours truly,

*J. H. Mercer*  
*Sec.*

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June 3, 1927

Mr. C. W. Grigsby,  
Kenneth, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Following up a communication from this office of some time ago and in answer to yours of May 20th, I have investigated the matter at Kansas City as to why they tuberculin tested the six head of steers you purchased at the yards and took out to your farm.

The records show that you advised the government representative at Kansas City that it would be impossible for you to keep the steers segregated from the tuberculin tested animals on your farm, hence the reason that they required you to test the steers. I think if you had advised them that you were taking the steers out for feeding and grazing purposes and that you would keep them separated from your tuberculin tested cattle as best as you could, that they would have permitted the movement of the steers without the test. However, since you told them that you could not keep them separated under the regulations applying to modified free area counties they could do nothing else but test the steers.

The load of heifers and steers you refer to that were shipped from the stockyards to Lenexa - the owners of the cattle in question or their agent signed a statement that they were taking them out for grazing purposes and that the cattle would be shipped back to the yards for beef purposes and that they would keep them segregated from other cattle. If you know they have not done this, I will be glad to have you advise me, as we will see to it that no one is given any preference in so far as the movement of cattle into these county free area territories is concerned.

Very truly yours,

JHW/m

Commissioner.

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Kenneth Ks.  
May. 20, 1927

Mr J H Mercer.  
Topeka Ks.  
Dear Sir.

I have your letter  
of 19.4.27 and note same.  
The <sup>government</sup> Commissioner at K.C.  
made us vaccinated for G.B.  
We bought the steers of  
J.E. Maxwell through  
W. H. Reed commission.  
company at K.C. stock  
yards.

The name of the veterinary  
was Dr. F. P. Lamborn.  
At the Kansas <sup>examined</sup> steers.

Yours truly  
C. W. Briggsby



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May 19, 1927

Mr. C. W. Grigsby,  
Kenneth, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 14th and note same.

I wish you would furnish me a little more detailed information with respect to the load of steers in question. Advise me from whom you bought the steers, who required you to have the steers "vancinated" and the name of the veterinarian that examined the steers. Furnish me this information right away and I will take the matter up and find out why it was required of you to vaccinate these steers.

I would take it that when you refer to vaccination that you mean that they required you to have your steers tuberculin tested. It is the policy of this department to treat everyone alike and if anyone at Kansas City that is connected with this department required anything unfairly of you, we will see that it is corrected.

Thanking you for calling my attention to the matter, I am

Very truly yours,

JHM/M

Commissioner.

Kenneth, Kansas.  
May 14, 1927.

J. H. Mercer  
Topeka Kansas.  
Dear Sir:

The Dr. was here  
to see the steers and  
they were alright. He  
said these were the  
first steers he had  
heard of being vaccinated  
and it was an unneces-  
sary expense. There were  
a load of heifers that  
were loaded just ahead  
of my steers that  
were not vaccinated  
that went to Leavenworth  
Kansas. ~~I will not~~

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my neighbor got a  
load of steers about  
a week ago and they  
were not vaccinated  
and I see no reason  
for vaccinating mine.  
We are out \$1.00 unnecessary  
expense on the steers. I  
If they must be  
vaccinated they should  
all be vaccinated that  
have the stock yards.  
I think every person  
should be treated the  
same.

Yours Truly.

C. W. Grigsby.



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J. H. MERCER  
COMMISSIONER

### State of Kansas

OFFICE OF  
LIVE STOCK SANITARY COMMISSIONER  
TOPEKA

Kansas City, Mo.  
May 31st, 1927.

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

Dear Mr. Mercer:

Your letter of the 24th inst. at hand, regarding the six(6) steers belonging to C. W. Grigsby, Kenneth, Kansas and which I started in test here at the Yards, to be released at destination by Dr. F. P. Lamborn.

My reason for testing these steers in question was because Mr. Grigsby stated to me that it would be impossible for him to keep them segregated from his cows, which are now on the Tuberculin accredited list.

My only interest in the matter was to protect Mr. Grigsby and cooperate with the Government office here as nearly as possible.

I note that Mr. Grigsby states in his letter that there was a load of heifers shipped from the Yards to Lenexa and were not tested, also that one of his neighbors got a load of steers which were not tested. Our records here will show that either the owner or the commission firm, as they agent, signed an agreement, here in the office, to keep the cattle mentioned, segregated from tested cattle on their respective places.

It is my policy and intention to treat every man the same, and would have no reason for doing otherwise, and regret very much that Mr. Grigsby should feel as he does.

Regarding the Kennon-Larson deal, have written Mr. Larson for further information and will write you as soon as I hear from him.

Yours very truly,

TAF:EE

*J. H. Fowler*

## Livestock Sanitary Commissioner's Office, correspondence, 1926-1929

June 7, 1927

Mr. W. T. McBride,  
Parker, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 2nd instant  
and note carefully same.

The case you refer to is one that would  
require the attention of a skilled veterinary surgeon.  
Under the circumstances I would not feel disposed to  
even offer a suggestion as to what you should do. If  
the animal in question is a real valuable animal and  
is doing quite well, more than likely with the proper  
surgical attention she would get well. It is probable  
that she would bring but very little if you would send  
her to market, hence as above stated, if she is worth  
quite a little, it would be worth while for you to  
secure the services of a trained veterinarian.

Dr. W. H. Seute located at Pleasanton  
ought to be able to advise you as to what to do. Dr.  
O. O. Wolf of Ottawa is one of the best veterinary  
surgeons in the state and you no doubt could get him  
to look after this case. If it was within the law  
for me to do so, I would send a veterinarian to help  
you but, under the law, we can only send veterinarians  
to investigate diseases of a contagious or infectious  
nature.

Very truly yours,

JHM/m

Commissioner.



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FARM ADJACENT CITY: RESIDENCE  
QUARTER MILE WEST OF TOWN.

W. T. McBride

BREEDER AND FEEDER

PUREBRED DUROC JERSEY HOGS

PARKER, KANSAS.

June 2 1927

Mr J H Mercer

Topeka Kansas

Dear friend

Well - friend Mercer I am asking for some information and advice  
I have a registered short horn heifer that calved and the calf had to  
be pulled and in pulling the calf we tore the dung hole loose from the re-  
ctum , I had veterinary Ruble down here to say and we made a thorough  
examination of her we put our hand down eight or ten inches and got hold  
*of the rectum* pull it out. Now is there any way of pulling that  
out and fastening it so it will grow back. It seems to me if we had a big  
tube with a plange on the out side end , pull that gut out over that and  
cord it and sew the other part to it that it with proper treatment would  
get well. The large tube would make a passage way from the bowels.  
and the plange would hold it from going back inside, after she was well  
pull the tube out, or would it be best to just dry her up and ship her out.  
she is doing well and giving about two gallons of milk a day.

let me hear from you in regard to the same.

Thanking you for advice I remain as ever

As

Your friend

W T McBride



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June 25, 1927

Mr. W. A. Browne,  
Harper, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 23rd instant.

All the dairy and breeding cattle in Kingman county have been tested under the modified free area regulations. However, the county has not as yet been placed on the accredited list, nor will not be until a retest of the infected herds is made.

More than likely the Jersey cow Mr. Jacobs purchased in Kingman county was tested when the area work was made in Kingman county a few months ago. However, since you did not mention the name of the owner in question in Kingman county we would have no way of telling, and if you will have Mr. Jacobs advise us by giving us the name of the party in Kingman county from which he purchased the Jersey cow, we will then advise as to the need of her being tested, etc.

I might add that under the federal regulations you could not test cattle located in a free area county, or accredited herds. Before you can do this you would have to take an examination from the federal government for the purpose. There will not be a federal examination held again until sometime in the fore part of next year and at that time, no doubt you will be back in school.

Very truly yours,

Commissioner.

JHM/H



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Harper Kansas  
June 23, 1926

Hon J. H. Mercer.  
Topeka, Kansas.  
Dear Mr. Mercer.

I am a senior student in the Division of Veterinary medicine at the State Agricultural College. I am practicing this summer on a permit from the state board of Veterinary examiners and under the preceptor ship of Dean R. R. Dykstra.

A client of mine Mr. A. O. Jacobs Harper, Kans., bought a Jersey cow about a month ago in Kingman County- and shipped her to his farm at Harper. Now he wants me to test this cow for tuberculosis. Harper County ~~is~~ is a modified free area and I understand that Kingman Co. is not. I instructed Mr Jacobs to keep this cow quarantined and gave him instructions as to how this should be done.

What is the regulations on such a case - ? At the time Mr Jacobs bought the cow he had no way of knowing that Harper County had been placed on the free area list.

Can I ~~if~~ make an official test on this cow? If I can test will you please supply me with the necessary tuberculin and blanks on which to make report. Any cost will be paid on delivery.





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For reference as to my standing as a  
Veterinarian I refer you to Doctor Dykstra  
at Manhattan and Doctor Kirkin at  
McPherson.

yours truly  
W.D. Browne





J. H. MERCER  
COMMISSIONER

## State of Kansas

OFFICE OF  
LIVE STOCK SANITARY COMMISSIONER  
TOPEKA

Topeka Kansas  
6-23-27

Mr J. H. Mercer,  
Live Stock Commissioner,  
Topeka Kansas,  
Dear Sir:

Dr Waller called yesterday and asked that I go with him to see some pigs on the farm of Thomas Wm Drunklin of Chantrille.

Dr Waller vaccinated with Anti-Pog Cholera Serum and virus 116 head of pigs June 16<sup>th</sup>. According to the statements of Dr Waller and the Drunklin Bros the pigs seemed to be healthy at the time of vaccination. Four pigs have died since they were vaccinated, I held a post-mortem on two of the dead pigs and found lesions of Swine "Flu" or mixed infection. The lungs and heart were the principle organs involved.

The remainder of the pigs look fairly good and no high temperatures were found.

It is my opinion that the pigs were infected at the time of the vaccination and that the serum + virus caused the sudden death of the animals.

I believe that in a couple of days other trouble will



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COMMISSIONER

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subside. Dr. Waller gave Irenlin Bros  
some murexoptone to give in the drinking water.

The farm of Irenlin Bros is near the river  
and the lands are very flat with several  
mud holes.

Very Truly  
R. B. Christensen





J. H. MERCER  
COMMISSIONER

## State of Kansas

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TOPEKA

*Topeka Kansas  
6-25-'27*

*Mr J. H. Mercer,  
Live Stock Commissioner,  
Topeka Kansas,  
Dear Sir:*

*My official activities for the week  
ending June 25<sup>th</sup> were as follows.  
June 20<sup>th</sup> - work in office  
June 21<sup>st</sup> - Investigation on farm of J. M. Peters - Burlington  
sick cattle - see special report.  
June 22<sup>nd</sup> - office work and Hog cholera investigation  
on farm of Leonard Wm. Quinlin, Chantrille. Special report.  
June 23<sup>rd</sup> - office work and call at Wolff's Packing  
Plant to see hogs shipped from Darwell Refr. by Wm. Bros.  
special report.  
June 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> office work.*

*Very Truly  
RBC Christensen*





J. H. MERCER  
COMMISSIONER

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TOPEKA

Topeka Kansas  
6-23-'27

Mr. J. H. Mercer,  
Live Stock Commissioner  
Topeka Kansas,  
Dear Sir:

Following instructions I made an investigation June 21<sup>st</sup> of a condition among cattle belonging to J. M. Peters of Burlingame.

Mr Peters purchased 58 head of very common Jersey mixed stock on the Kansas city market June 8<sup>th</sup>

One animal died Sun June 19<sup>th</sup> and three more had died when I arrived on the farm.

Most of the animals were very quiet and their temperatures ranged from 105.8<sup>°</sup> to 107<sup>°</sup>. One animal died a short time before I arrived.

I held a post-mortem examination on the animal and found lesions of Hemorrhagic Septicemia of the pulmonary form.

I advised the vaccination of the remaining animals with Hemorrhagic Septicemia Vaccine.

Dr. Robertson of Burlingame and Tomlinson of Secanton were present at the Post-mortem examination

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I advised Mr Peters to build a wire pen in  
one corner of the pasture and to handle the cattle as  
quietly as they can for the treating of the sick  
animals will only make the condition worse.

very truly  
R.B. Christensen





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June 27, 1927

Mr. Earl Moran,  
R.F.D. #23,  
Auburn, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 18th instant.

I have got quite a correspondence with respect to the hogs that were bought at the Kansas City yards by Mr. Larson, trucked to Dover, two of which were sold to you.

I was in Kansas City last Friday and met Mr. A. L. Kennon and was looking over the records in the state and government office. I found that Mr. Kennon had 19 head of hogs vaccinated, single method, under date of March 19, 1927 and he states that four head of the 19 hogs vaccinated were sold to Mr. Larson. However, he was not given any permit either by the state or the federal government to move the hogs off the Kansas City stockyards. He at first contended that he had made this sale and moved the hogs off the yards in compliance with federal regulations but he could not produce any certificate or copy of a certificate from the federal government office and the records show that he never was issued any certificate, so he has violated not only the federal regulations but has violated the Kansas regulations also with respect to the movement of hogs into the state.

He admitted that the hogs he sold were brood sows and, of course, would come under rule 9 on page 2 of the printed regulations, copy enclosed.

We have no authority to compel Mr. Kennon to refund any money in transactions of this kind. However, we have authority to file complaint against him for the violation of the law both from a federal standpoint and a state standpoint. We are more interested, however, in having him make a refund of the purchase price of these hogs so that you and Mr. Lister might be paid back some of your loss. Therefore, I would suggest that you make up a statement of your loss as nearly as you can estimate same and sent to me and we will present the same to Mr. Kennon for his consideration. In making up this statement set out just the number of hogs you had on your farm and a reasonable value on same and also the price you paid for the two hogs that you bought from Mr. Larson, and any expense that you might have been to in the way of employing a veterinarian in treating your hogs, or burying the dead carcasses. In fact all items of expenditure in connection with the transaction. Show just how many hogs died and how many were sick and got over this trouble. Make your items of charges





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fair and liberal so that he could not raise a question that you were trying to get more for your stuff than it was actually worth. Do this and send to me at your earliest convenience and I will present same to Mr. Kennon and see what he has to say.

Very truly yours,

JHM/H

Commissioner.

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June 17, 1927

Mr. A. L. Kennon,  
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Sir:

A short time ago Mr. Earl Moran of Auburn Kansas, called our attention to having purchased two brood sows from W. Larson of Dover, Kansas and that a short time after purchasing these sows one died and after about ten days from the time of the death of this sow other hogs on his farm began to show signs of sickness and that he called Dr. Coffey of Eskridge, a graduate veterinarian, to treat his hogs and that he pronounced the trouble a typical case of hog cholera. According to the records there had never been any hog cholera on the Moran farm, so far as they knew.

Mr. Larson sold the other two sows that he purchased from you to a Mr. Lister, with about like results. Several hogs died on both farms.

I have made quite an investigation of this transaction and we find that Mr. Wm Larson gave you a check on March 21, 1927 for \$120 and this check bears your indorsement and was paid at the Dover State Bank, Dover, Kansas, on March 24th. Mr. Larson advises that he purchased these hogs of you at the Kansas City stockyards and loaded them soon after the purchase on the same day, between 11 and 12 o'clock on March 21st.

Dr. Fowler has had this matter up with you before with the request that you furnish him the information, or copy of records giving you authority to move these hogs off the Kansas City stockyards. Under date of June 8th, Dr. Fowler advises that you informed him that you kept no record of your business for more than one or two weeks at a time and that you had no remembrance of making the sale to Mr. Larson and that you do not care to sell any more hogs going to Kansas. This report is not sufficient. Therefore, unless you can show that you handled these hogs in compliance with the Kansas law there is only one course for this department to pursue and that is to enforce the law governing matters of this kind.

I expect to be in Kansas City one day next week and in the meantime it is suggested that you look up the records in connection with this transaction so that you can furnish me same. Dr. Fowler will advise you the day I will be at the office in the Exchar Building later. Since Dr. Fowler failed to furnish me your local p office address, I am sending him this letter with the request that hand you same.

Very truly yours,

JHM/M

Commissioner.