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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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WICHITA, KANSAS

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understanding of what we may expect to have to do with steers going into T. B. Free Counties in Kansas, as these counties are being cleared up more and more each year. If we know exactly what we have to do, then with the mailing system of the Commission Firms here we can inform every producer tributary to this market what he may expect when he buys steers to take home, and will try to do everything possible to eliminate so much dissatisfaction from the parties who buy steers here to go into Free Counties and claim they thought it was only their milch cows that were required to be Tested.

Yours very truly,

JHK



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June 3, 1927

Mr. J. H. King,
Secretary Wichita Live Stock Exchange Assoc.,
Wichita, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

While in Kansas City sometime ago my attention was called to a letter which you had written to R. L. Cuff, Live Stock Commissioner, Kansas City Live Stock Exchange, which had to do with the movement of cattle off the Wichita stockyards to modified free area counties. I am very much surprised at some of the statements made in your letter. I did not ask Mr. Cuff if this was a confidential matter but since you used my name in the letter, I feel free to write you concerning same.

If I made any reference whatever to the form you refer to as being "non-important" I stated that it was used and that we instructed our representatives at Kansas City and at Wichita to permit the movement of steers from the stockyards to clean area counties in carload lots especially without the tuberculin test and to be as liberal as possible in connection with range cows and heifers when they knew that the parties taking them out were going to graze them or feed them awhile and then ship them back for meat animals.

You state further, that one of your customers signed this "non-important blank" and that he was reported to the department here at Topeka and that he got a mail box full of letters from me "that were hot enough to melt pig iron." I challenge this statement and also challenge you to furnish me the name of your customer that made any such a statement as you report from this office.

Dr. Dotson's instructions with respect to the movement of cattle off the Wichita yards into county free areas are the same as Dr. Fowler's at Kansas City and they are instructed to permit the shipment of stocker and feeder cattle for grazing and feeding purposes without the tuberculin test whenever it is possible for them to do so in the interest and the protection of tuberculin tested herds in county free area territory and the records in the office at Wichita will show that Dr. Dotson is carrying out this instruction in about the same manner as is Dr. Fowler at Kansas City.

I do not believe that you have any records that will bear out the statement that you have made in your letter to Mr. Cuff and I do not understand why you would make such a statement. We have been dealing with the livestock sanitary problem of the farmers and live stock producers of Kansas for a great many years and while we may make mistakes, yet we believe the records will show that the services of the Live Stock Commissioner's department, generally speaking, meets with the approval of the livestock producers of Kansas, even though our acts may not always satisfy the Livestock Commission merchant at the public markets.

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I think the records will also show that we have made every effort possible to co-operate with the Wichita Live Stock Exchange and its members, and I am very sorry that the secretary of the exchange does not approve of our acts in this matter.

Very truly yours,

JHM/M

Commissioner.



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The Kansas City Live Stock Exchange

R. L. CUFF, LIVE STOCK COMMISSIONER

Kansas City, Missouri

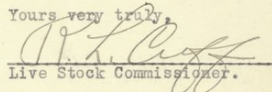
May 16, 1927.

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

My Dear Mr. Mercer:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter written me by Mr. J. H. King, Secretary of The Wichita Live Stock Exchange Association. The form of the certificate attached to the letter is 10-5093. I will appreciate further information in this situation.

Yours very truly,


Live Stock Commissioner.

RLC-GAL

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COPY

Wichita, Kansas,
April 28, 1927.

Mr. R. L. Cuff, L. S. Commissioner,
The Kansas City Live Stock Exchange,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Mr. Cuff:

Please pardon the delay in replying to your communication of sometime ago, but I have just been waiting to give the proposition a good tryout.

From personal experience I find our situation no better, in fact, I really believe it is being handled more strict here than ever.

I am enclosing you a Form that the person buying stock cattle to be taken into a Modified-area must sign, and while Mr. Mercer stated, at our meeting with him at the Lassen Hotel, that this didn't amount to much, in my opinion it is even a greater offense to violate one of these agreements than an Affidavit, for when this Form is properly signed it becomes a Law in itself. One of our customers signed one of these "non-important blanks" and his cattle were not kept separate from other cattle that had been T.B. tested, one of his neighbors called Mr. Mercer's attention to this, and he got a mail box full of letters that were hot enough to melt pig iron.

Mr. Dotson, the Inspector in charge, tells me that he is following the instructions of Mr. Mercer and until he has other instructions in writing, he will continue to test all cattle going into these T.B. Free Counties, regardless of what they are, unless he has one of the enclosed blanks filled in.

With kindest regards and thanking you for your interest shown, I am

Respectfully yours,

(Signed) J. H. King
Secretary.

JHK

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Talmo Kansas August 10th 1927.

Miss Atchison,
Chief Clerk,
Topeka Kansas.

Dear Madam:

I received a letter from Mr. Mercer dated August 4th 1927 in which he states that he enclosed a voucher which he wished me to sign in blank and return same with statement of any service rendered during last month or this month.

Now there was no voucher enclosed therefor I wish you would mail one to me to sign after which I will return it to your Department.

The reason I am writing you is that Mr. Mercer stated that he would be gone for some two weeks.

Herewith is statement of expense for two days services together with receipts. Appraising cattle Marshall County July 13th 1927

Railroad fare from Wayne to Hanover	-----1.59
Dinner in Hanover	----- .60
Hanover to Marysville R.R.Fare	----- .54
Phone call to owner of Condemed cow	----- .20
Car expense from Oketo to Hanover 25 miles	1.50
Supper at Hanover	----- .50
R.R.Fare from Hanover to Wayne	----- 1.59
Appraising cattle Mitchell County July 26th 1927	
Use of car from Talmo to Concordia and return	----- 1.92
24 miles @ 8¢	
R.R.Fare from Concordia to Cawker City	----- 3.24
and return	
Phone call to Commissioner	----- .20
Breakfast at Concordia	----- .45
Dinner and supper at Cawker City	----- 1.10

Now Miss Atchison I note that I failed to have the R.R.Co. receipt this for me so if there is any question about it we will just cancell it.

This was for appraising cattle as per your letter dated July 25th

Total expense 13.43
two days.

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Yours very truly

B. N. Johnson



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 Lunch 50
 Own car Goodland 8.70
 Tulsa 63.
 Supper Ballou 15.00
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August 16, 1927.

Mr. J. H. Mercer,
Manitou, Colo.

Dear Mr. Mercer:

Your letter of August 13th received.

We are glad that you and the family are enjoying Colorado, but sorry to know that you are not feeling the best. I am enclosing a letter from Secretary Jardine relative to the direct marketing conference. Also copies of letters sent to Mr. Floyd, Mr. Berns and Col. Wentworth. We haven't heard anything more from Mr. Collett so expect he is resigned to his fate. If there is anything you want me to do in this regard please write me.

Miss Hayhow's father is not so well and she found it necessary to have her brother come from Colorado. The office work here is very light and we are getting along all right. Mrs. Hale and Dr. Christenson are in the office here and Dave is at the other office part of the time. He has attended to a few appraisements and there are three for him to take care of this week.

We have had the heaviest rains ever known at this time of year in Kansas. It had rained here almost every night. A man told me yesterday that even the ears on the cornstocks were mildewing so you know that is some rain. We are making up our paper today and will mail you a copy as soon as it is off the press. Use your own judgment about returning here for as far as I can see we are getting along all right, but if anything out of the ordinary occurs I will advise you immediately.

With best wishes to all, I am

Very truly yours,

W:MH


P.S. -- A long letter has been received from Clyde Reed addressed to you, advising that the Kansas Farm organizations have decided to send representatives to Minneapolis to defend the shippers. He says that Commissioner Meyer ruled against the shippers at Wichita and has permitted the railroads to offer testimony at Minneapolis regarding farm conditions in Kansas. Clyde wants the Association to contribute another hundred dollars to send Jess Greenleaf to Minneapolis. We will write Clyde that you are on a short vacation outing and on your return his letter will be brought to your attention.

WGW

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*Florida
Cattle
matter*

August 17, 1927.

Mr. G. P. Hutchinson,
Chanute, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

We are advised that you purchased cattle last spring or early summer which originated in Florida or the extreme South, and that among them were a number of bulls.

Complaint has been made to this department that your bulls are breaking through the pasture fences and causing serious damage to owners of registered cows and high grade cows in pastures near your cattle. Will you please advise if you are the owner of the Florida cattle and bulls in question.

As you may know, all the breeding and dairy herds of Bourbon county have been tested for tuberculosis with the result of placing the county on the accredited list of free counties. It is therefore very important that cattle being fattened for slaughter upon grass, which have not been tuberculin tested, be completely segregated from breeding cattle.

In case these are your cattle and you are unable to prevent them from breaking through the fences it will be necessary for you to care for them properly, for it is our duty to protect the breeding cattle of Bourbon County. Upon receipt of this letter please advise us relative to the matter.

Very truly yours,

W:MH

Commissioner.

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J. H. MERCER
COMMISSIONER

State of Kansas

OFFICE OF
LIVE STOCK SANITARY COMMISSIONER
TOPEKA

Kansas City, Mo.
August 16th, 1927.

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

Attention Mr. West.

Dear Mr. Mercer:

Following your instructions of Aug. 13th wish to advise that I drove to Tom Johnson's farm, Mapleton, Kansas on that date and made a careful anti-mortem and also a post-mortem examination of the sick hogs and my diagnosis is hog cholera.

Dr. Mike Warren vaccinated the one hundred twenty(120) head of hogs for Mr. Johnson on or about the 15th of July. Mr. Johnson informed me that the hogs were healthy at the time they were vaccinated, but began dying in about ten(10) days. Up to the present time the total number that has died is twenty(20) head and about thirty-five(35) head more that will probably die.

I advised Mr. Johnson to revaccinate the balance of his herd. As to the cause of the break, will say that in my opinion, it was either inferior serum or was not properly administered. I also advised Mr. Johnson about using proper sanitary measures on his farm.

Under ~~separate~~ ^{same} cover, I am enclosing newspaper information pertaining to the Florida cattle which were shipped to Anna, Kansas and sold at auction. I might mention, too, that Mr. Morrison who is the Railroad agent there showed me a copy of instructions on waybill of the Florida cattle which read as follows: "Tuberculin test chart waived by Kansas State Veterinarian".

Several head of these cattle have died around Anna, but after making a careful investigation, I did not find anything that would give evidence that they died from any infectious or contagious disease. There has been no loss in Native cattle around that vicinity.

Yours very truly,

TAF:EE

J. A. Fowler

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August 15, 1927.

Mr. L. L. McCracken,
Pawnee Station, Kansas.

Dear Mr. McCracken:

We have your letter of August 13th relative to shipments of Florida cattle into pastures adjoining yours in Bourbon County.

This matter had been reported to us by the railroad agent at Pawnee Station and on August 13th we instructed our representative, Dr. T. A. Fowler, to make an investigation and report his findings to us. At this date we have not received Dr. Fowler's report. We hope that Dr. Fowler interviewed you with respect to this matter.

We will appreciate it if you will send us the name or names of the parties who bought the Florida cattle which are getting ~~into~~ through the fences and annoying you.

According to our regulations no breeding cattle are permitted to enter Kansas without having been tuberculin tested by an authorized veterinarian. In case that there were bulls among these Florida cattle and they were not tuberculin tested in proper manner, they entered this state in violation of our regulations. We will make a complete investigation of the matter after we have Dr. Fowler's report. Of course if these cattle are damaging you it is a very simple matter for you to have your county attorney assist you in recovering damages. Since that would be a civil action this office would have no authority in that respect.

I would be glad to have a reply from you giving me names of the owners of the cattle. Thanking you, I am

Very truly yours,

W:MH

Commissioner.

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I. E. MORRISON, P. M.

R. J. MORRISON

I. E. MORRISON

GENERAL MERCHANDISE
HARDWARE AND LUMBER

Shipping Point Anna, Kansas, Frisco R. R.

P. O., PAWNEE STATION, KANSAS

Aug 13 - 1927

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

About a month ago there was several cars cows, heifers, steers & bulls shipped to this place & sold at auction, these cattle was mostly from Florida & as near as we can find out ~~not~~ was not tested for T.B. Some of the cattle was purchased & remains in this county (Bourbon). There are about 60 some head of these scrub bulls in a pasture adjoining my pasture & these bulls get out & get into my pasture I have some registered cows & heifers & all are T.B. tested. I feel some thing is very much wrong about this & should be corrected at once. My brother & I shipped in two car loads of cows & was compelled to have them T.B. tested.

Yours truly L. E. Mc Carver

P.S. I feel this law should be repealed as it is of no value I would be pleased to hear from you.

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August 13, 1927

Mr. W. J. Morrison,
Lawnee Station, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

We have your letter of August 12th
in regard to shipments of Florida cattle in
your locality.

We have instructed our representative
Dr. T. A. Fowler to make a personal investiga-
tion of this matter and we will await his
report before taking further action.

Thanking you for your interest in the
matter, I am

Very truly yours,

WCW/M

Commissioner.

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Pawnee Station, Kansas.
August 12th, 1927.

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

During the month of July there was shipped into Anna Kansas, twenty six (26) cars of Florida cattle, shipment consisted of Cows, Calves, Heifers, Steers, and Bulls. these cattle were sold at public auction and a large per cent were shipped out to various points.

About one hundred (100) head of cows were moved about 5 miles west of Pawnee Sta, and are in pasture.

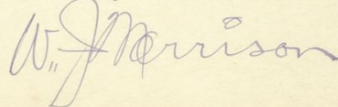
However there remains in the pasture just south of Pawnee Sta, about sixty (60) Bulls. these scrub Bulls are getting out of the pasture and getting into pastures that contain graded cows and heifers, and it has come to a point that something must be done.

The way-bills covering movement of these cattle from Florida bear notation, " T.B. TEST WAVED BY KANSAS STATE VETERINARIAN" personally I doubt if these cattle have been tested for T.B.

In the meantime I would kindly ask that you investigate in order that this territory may be properly protected. Your preferred attention will be appreciated.

PS I can give your
representative
the names of owners.

Yours truly



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Chanute Kan 8-19-7
Dear Sir your letter to
hand note what you
say about my cattle
clin. broken back &
will say many thanks
for your advice & will
give it my personal
attention do this my
first knowledge of any
kind to me will be a
partly surprised to hear
of the thing
Very truly
your obedient servant

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J. H. MERCER
COMMISSIONER

State of Kansas

OFFICE OF
LIVE STOCK SANITARY COMMISSIONER
TOPEKA

September 6th., 1927

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

Dear Mr. Mercer;

Regarding the hogs of Tom Johnson, of Mapleton, Bourbon County, I was unable to locate Mr. Johnson, but interviewed Dr. Warren. Dr. Warren says that at the time he was called to vaccinate the hogs against hog cholera, he suggested to Mr. Johnson that they be vaccinated also against swine plague. ~~This~~ Mr. Johnson refused to do, and the hogs were given the double cholera treatment. Dr. Warren was called to post some of the dead hogs and found no worms, or any indications of Cholera or Interitus. He believes that the death of the hogs was caused by swine plague. The hogs were partly raised by Johnson, and some of them bought in the neighborhood. All were local animals.

Respectfully yours

David Gray

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J. H. MERCER
COMMISSIONER

State of Kansas

OFFICE OF
LIVE STOCK SANITARY COMMISSIONER
TOPEKA

September 3rd., 1927

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

Dear Mr. Mercer:

In regard to my recent investigation of the shipment of Florida cattle into Bourbon County, by the Miller Brothers of Bliss, Oklahoma.

I went to Anna, or to Pawnee station, and interviewed several men in the community. At present the people involved in that neighborhood are not at all alarmed about the T.B. Situation, and do not ask any intervention of the Commissioners Office. Several feel however that these cattle as well as many others shipped into Kansas by the above firm, were brought in on some fraudulent representation to the Commissioner. According to Mr Millers statement to the railroad agent at Pawnee station, he has sold in Kansas, some 100,000 of these cattle, which are of the poorest type and quality to be imagined.

As far as I can find out, less than one hundred head of these cattle now remain in Bourbon County, and are not likely to cause any trouble. Mr. Hutchinson of Chanute, who owns the bulls in question, has repeatedly offered to remove them or do pay any damage. He has sold about one half of these troublesome animals, and has placed a fence rider in charge of the pasture. This pasture contains about 30 head of the little bulls and about fifty head of steers belonging to Col. Morrow, at Ft. Scott. The newspaper clipping gives all I could find out about the disposition of the cattle sold at the sale.

About sixty head died at the sale and it is believed that

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many more died in the brush, and have not been found, as a portion of the pasture is heavily wooded.

The neighborhood asks that all the she stuff of this shipment if any still remains in the county, be subject to the tuberculin test in protection to the tested herds. Mr. Kappa of Hiatville bought some cows at the sale, but it is reported that he has shipped them.

Agent W. F. Morrison, at Pawnee Station has written, the agent at Pineland, Florida, about the release of these cattle, and his letter was returned. He has since written the postmaster to investigate this.

Pat Dorman, of Girard, acted as manager of the sale. He rents the pasture from representative Jackson of Ft. Scott. Mr. Jackson says that he understood that Mr Dorman was to pasture steers on the land, and knew nothing of any sale, or the building of the sale pens.

In my opinion there is nothing to do in Bourbon County, but the customary enforcement of our free area regulations. Some time ago a shipment of she cattle was made from Kansas City, by the Morrison Brothers, who offered to furnish an affidavit that the cattle would be sold in Kansas City within 90 days, if the tuberculin test was waived. This was refused, and the Morrison cattle were all tested. Shortly afterwards the Florida shipment was made and many people in the neighborhood, who knew the facts of both cases were naturally indignant. Some people believe that the Miller Brothers, because of their position, are putting over things that would be illegal for the little fellow.

Respectfully yours

David Gray

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J. H. MERCER
COMMISSIONER

State of Kansas

OFFICE OF
LIVE STOCK SANITARY COMMISSIONER
TOPEKA

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

Topeka Kans
8-19-27

To-day the city health department called and advised that E. R. Welborn of 2037, Florence Topeka Kansas, had recently had a dog killed that was infected with Rabies and that Mr Welborn still had some of the dogs pups that had not been destroyed. I called on Mr Welborn and advised him that the pups would be classed as exposed to the disease as they were nursing at the time their mother was infected with the disease Rabies, and that the pups would have to be killed.

I took the 5 pups to the Topeka Dissection Plant and killed them. Mr Welborn was advised in regard to cleaning and disinfecting the garage where the dogs were kept. I furnished him with the disinfectant.

Very Respectfully
R. B. Christensen

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Lynn Faw
Aug 20-22
my J. H. mader
Topeka Kans
Dear Sir
I received Draft for
my cow for \$14.50 from
Washington D. C.
Last Monday week
So it is settled Thanks
J. W. Harris
I will return you.



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July 18, 1927

Mr. P. W. Harris,
Lyons, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Answering yours of the 15th, I am quite sure it will not be necessary for any further correspondence in connection with the final settlement of your claim against the government for \$14.50. There is no doubt but what you will receive a check for this amount in due course of time. It will probably have to go around over the desks of from 25 to 50 useless employees of the federal government before it is ready to be sent to you but it will come sooner or later and I am in hopes you will have received the check by the time this letter reaches you.

I might add, however, should the check not reach you by the first of August, drop me a line and I will then take the matter up with Senator Curtis and have him direct them to send the check.

I am returning the Washington correspondence, as suggested in your letter.

Very truly yours,

JHM/M

Commissioner.

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COMPTROLLER GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES

WASHINGTON

Jul 1, 1927

F. W. Harris, of Lyons, Kansas, requested June 11, 1927, review of settlement No. 0161641, dated May 3, 1927, disallowing his claim for \$14.50 being the difference between the amount paid to him by the Department of Agriculture for the slaughter of two of his cattle, condemned as tuberculous, and the amount which the Secretary of Agriculture subsequently reported should have been paid.

It appears that the claimant was the owner of two Holstein cows, one "pure-bred" and one "grade", each of which was condemned as tuberculous and slaughtered May 20, 1926, in Rice County, Kansas, by authority of the Bureau of Animal Industry; that the first appraisal report gave the value of the "grade" Holstein cow (tag No. 4395) as \$150 and of the "pure-bred" Holstein cow, (tag No. 4394) as \$100; that the salvage realized from the destroyed animals amounted to \$31.51 on the "grade" cow and \$7.08 on the "pure-bred" cow; that under the cooperative agreement between the United States Department of Agriculture and the State of Kansas relative to the work of controlling and eradicating the disease of tuberculosis of animals, payment to claimant was made by the Department of Agriculture in the sum of \$25 for the "grade" cow and \$30.97 for the "pure-bred" cow; and that subsequently it developed that an error had been made in the appraisal report and same was corrected to show the value of the "grade" Holstein cow, at \$100 and of the "pure-bred" Holstein cow at \$150.

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The payments authorized by the act of February 10, 1925, 43 Stat. 828, to be made by the Secretary of Agriculture to owners of animals destroyed in the effort to control and eradicate tuberculosis are subject to the statutory restrictions therein stated as follows:

" *** Provided further, that out of the money hereby appropriated no payment as compensation for any tuberculous animal destroyed shall exceed one-third of the difference between the appraised value of such animal and the value of the salvage thereof; that no payment hereunder shall exceed the amount paid or to be paid by the State, Territory, county and municipality, where the animal shall be condemned; and that in no case shall any payment hereunder be more than \$25 for any grade animal or more than \$50 for any purebred animal, and no payment shall be made unless the owner has complied with all lawful quarantine regulations; "

Under the corrected appraisal of the destroyed animals, the amounts of indemnities to be paid the owner by the United States and the county of Rice, Kansas, are shown to be \$70.47 each, as follows;

Tag No.	Description of Animals Destroyed.	Appraisal	Salvage paid to owner	Difference	Amount due from: United States	County;
4395	Pure-bred Holstein cow, Registered #442229 Name: Muro Co. Ona J. Johnson	\$150	\$7.08	\$142.92	\$47.64	\$47.64
4394	Grade Holstein cow	100	31.51	68.49	22.83	22.83
	Totals	<u>\$250</u>	<u>\$38.59</u>	<u>\$211.41</u>	<u>\$70.47</u>	<u>\$70.47</u>

It appears that the indemnity of \$70.47 approved by the Department of Agriculture for payment to the owner of the animals destroyed is one-third of the difference between the appraised value thereof and the salvage therefrom; that it is equal to the amount of indemnity paid to the owner by the county of Rice, Kansas, where said animals were condemned; and that said allowance does not exceed the statutory limitations for payments to owners for grade and pure-bred animals destroyed.

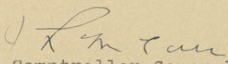
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The evidence submitted clearly shows that claimant is entitled to the sum of \$70.47 as indemnity from the United States for the destruction of said two Holstein cows, and as only \$55.97 of this amount has heretofore been paid to claimant, payment of the balance of \$14.50 is now authorized.

Therefore, upon review of settlement No. 0161641 there is certified as due F. W. Harris the sum of \$14.50 for which amount a check will issue in due course.


Comptroller General
of the United States.

J. W. Harris

Lyons Kans
July 15 1927

Mr J. S. Meren
Topeka Kans

Dear Sir

I received yours of 11th inst.
I received a Letter from Comptroller
General acknowledging error
and saying Chuck would
follow. but none had arrived
Looks like he could have
sent in same mail.
will send his letter to you.
if it becomes necessary to
write Dan Curtis you can
use it. Return this D.C.
Letter to me. It has been along
time getting a few \$

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July 11, 1927.

Mr. F. W. Harris,
Lyons, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of recent date.

I would take from your letter that you have written the Washington office only once. If you have heard nothing about this claim by the time you receive this letter I would suggest that you write the Comptroller General another letter calling his attention to your letter of June 11 and state to him that unless you receive a satisfactory reply in due course of mail that you will be compelled to turn the matter in question over to Senator Curtis for investigation. I would write this letter at once and then in two or three weeks if you do not hear anything favorable, let me hear from you again and I will take the matter up with Senator Curtis and ask him to take the matter up with the Comptroller.

I feel that I cannot write to the Comptroller again because I note I stated in my letter to him of May 19 that unless I got a favorable reply I would take the matter up with Senator Curtis. Therefore, I do not feel that it would be worth while for me to write direct to the Comptroller again.

Very truly yours,

Commissioner.

JHM:A

Lyons Kans
June 30 - 27

Mr J Sommers
Topek Kans

Dear Sir

I received your letter some time ago
I wrote Washington Official June 11
Have received no reply. Looks as though
they were not going to. I wrote as your letter
indicated and added a little to it.
now as to this claim I wish you would make
them take notice. It seems the only
way is to get hard boiled with them.
Hoping you have or will receive ~~some~~
an early reply.

I remain
yours
O W Harris