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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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December 2, 1927.

Mr. S. S. Chittenden,
County Clerk,
Hays, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

In line with your suggestion of November 19 we wrote Mr. Mike Vonfeldt of Walker, Kansas, and asked him to advise whether or not he shipped a reactor belonging to Mr. Anton P. Dreiling of Victoria, Kansas. Mr. Vonfeldt advises that he did ship the reactor in question but states that he does not know when shipment was made or how much the reactor brought. He also states that he bought the animal from Mr. Dreiling.

In order that we may take this matter up further we will appreciate it if you will look up the records in your office and find out whether or not order for payment which was drawn on the Board of County Commissioners of Ellis County under date of June 16 in the amount of $30.00 has been presented and paid. We note in our letter to the Board of County Commissioners under date of October 31 we stated that order had been drawn in the amount of $31.50 but this was an error as copy of the order issued shows that appraisement amounted to $60.00 and the amount of the order was one-half of that amount or $30.00.

If Mr. Dreiling received payment from the county it will be necessary for us to trace the shipment made by Mr. Vonfeldt and see to it that net proceeds from the sale of the Dreiling reactor goes to the county.

Very truly yours,

Commissioner.

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Victoria Kans
Nov, 25, 1927

J. H. Mercer
Topeka Kan

Dear Sir

I received your letter dated Nov 22, 1927, stating that Mr Jacobs appraised a reactor cow belonging to Anton P. Dreiling.

Yes I bought a cow from Anton P. Dreiling and the same was shipped with a car-load of cattle that I had on hand that time.

Therefore it was not sold separate it was sold with the bunch so I can not tell you how much I got for this cow and, I don't know to which Co, it was sold, but I think it was either to Long & Perry Co, or Rahbert & Wilson Co,

I would not know just when this shipment was made I did not get a separate check for it because it was not sold separate.

So I cannot give you definite information about this cow at the present time but if you just have to

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J. K. Mercer
Topeka Kan

Dear Sir

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Sincerely yours
M. G. Vonfeldt
Victoria
Kans

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November 22, 1927.

Mr. Mike Venfeldt,
Walker, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

The records in this office show that on June 6, 1927, Mr. John Jacobs, one of the county commissioners of your county, appraised a reactor cow belonging to Antone P. Dreiling of Victoria, Kansas. The tag number of this animal was 143.

We are advised by the County Clerk that you shipped this reactor to market. For your information wish to say that under the law the proceeds from the sale of an appraised reactor animal should be sent to this office by the commission company which handles same. We have never received an account sale and check covering net proceeds from the sale of the animal in question so if you made the shipment we presume that you received proceeds from the sale.

We are enclosing a self-addressed stamped envelope and will ask that you advise when shipment was made, what commission company handled the reactor and whether or not you received check covering net proceeds from the sale. In case check was sent to you we will ask that you send us account sale covering the reactor together with your check drawn in the amount of net proceeds. Kindly let us hear from you by return mail.

Very truly yours,

Commissioner.

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Com. 1st. Dist., Frank Atwood
Com. 2nd Dist., John Jacobs
Com. 3rd Dist., Raymond J. Schmidt

The Board of County Commissioners
Meet the First Monday of Each Month

OFFICE OF
THE COUNTY CLERK OF ELLIS COUNTY
STANLEY S. CHITTENDEN, COUNTY CLERK
EX-OFFICIO COUNTY ASSESSOR
HAYS, KANSAS

November 19, 1927

J.C. Mercer, Commissioner
Livestock Sanitary Commission
Topeka, Kansas

Gentlemen:

Relative to your inquiry of the 31st to the Board of County Commissioners of this County, wherein you state a reactor belonging to one Anton P. Dreiling of Victoria has been appraised by John Jacobs, a member of the Board of County Commissioners, would advise you that as near as I can find this reactor was shipped by Mike Vonfeldt of Walker, Kansas.

By taking this matter up with him you no doubt can trace this reactor.

Respectfully,

S.S. Chittenden,
County Clerk

SC/VV

KANSAS GROWS THE BEST WHEAT IN THE WORLD

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October 31, 1927.

Board of County Commissioners,
Ellis County,
Hays, Kansas.

Dear Sirs:

The records in this office show that on June 6, 1927, Mr. John Jacobs, one of the members of your Board, appraised a reactor belonging to Antone P. Dreiling of Victoria, Kansas. Our records also show that order for $30.00 covering one-half the appraised value of the animal in question was sent to Mr. Dreiling under date of June 16.

We have written Mr. Dreiling asking that he advise whether or not this reactor has been shipped to market or disposed of in any way but we have received no reply to our letters. Will you kindly look the matter up and advise us what has been done with this reactor?

Thanking you in advance for this favor, I am

Very truly yours,

Commissioner.

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September 9, 1927.

Mr. Antone P. Dreiling,
Victoria, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Under date of July 25 we wrote you asking that you advise us how your reactor--tag No. 143--had been handled but to date we have no reply to our letter.

The law requires that we have a complete record on all cattle that are classed as reactors. If it is necessary for us to send a representative from this office to investigate this matter the expense of the trip would be charged to you so we trust that you will advise immediately upon receipt of this letter what has been done with your reactor. If shipment has been made give us date, name of shipper and name of commission company to which consigned.

Very truly yours,

Commissioner.

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July 25, 1927.

Mr. Antone P. Dreiling,
Victoria, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

The records in this office show that under date of June 16, 1927, we sent you an order drawn on the Board of County Commissioners of Ellis County covering payment for your reactor--tag No. 143.

The records in this office do not show that this reactor has been shipped to market or disposed of in any way., We are enclosing herewith a self-addressed stamped envelope and will appreciate it if you will advise how the animal in question has been handled. If shipment has been made kindly give us date of same, name of shipper and name of commission company to which consigned.

Very truly yours,

Commissioner.

A

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J. H. MERCER
COMMISSIONER

State of Kansas

OFFICE OF
LIVE STOCK SANITARY COMMISSIONER
TOPEKA

June 16, 1927.

Mr. A. P. Dreiling,
Victoria, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

We are enclosing herewith order drawn on the Board of County Commissioners of Ellis County for $30.00, same being one-half the appraised value of your cow--tag No. 143 recently condemned on account of being infected with the contagious disease, tuberculosis.

You will go before a notary public and qualify to this order and then present same, together with the attached copy of appraisement, to your Board of County Commissioners, and they will issue you warrant on your County Treasurer covering same.

Yours very truly,

Commissioner.

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Com. 1st. Dist., Frank Atwood
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The Board of County Commissioners
Meet the First Monday of Each Month

OFFICE OF

THE COUNTY CLERK OF ELLIS COUNTY

STANLEY S. CHITTENDEN, COUNTY CLERK
EX-OFFICIO COUNTY ASSESSOR

HAYS, KANSAS

June 8, 1927

J.C. Mercer
State Livestock Commissioner
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Sir:

I am inclosing a certificate of appraisment of a reactor diagnosed by Dr. Bright and appraised by the Ellis County Commissioners.

Very respectfully yours,

S.S. Chittenden, Co. Clerk

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SC/VV

KANSAS GROWS THE BEST WHEAT IN THE WORLD

Victoria, Kansas.
May 18 1927

Live Stock Sanitary Com.
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Sir—

We received your letter today and reading it over we thought we'd better sell the cow to the county & State. For the cow is rather old and not in shape to sell to the butchers in town. So I wish you will help us get rid of that cow as soon possible.

Yours Very Truly.

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Mr Anton P. Doeiling
Victoria, Kansas
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J. H. MERCER
COMMISSIONER

May 17, 1927.

Mr. Antone P. Dreiling,
Victoria, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

We are in receipt of tuberculin test report on your cattle and note that one animal reacted to the test applied by Doctor Albert Bright.

No statement is made as to how you will dispose of this animal. For your information we are enclosing a copy of the rules and regulations of this department and call your attention to Sec. 34, page 20, which outlines methods whereby animals that react to the test may be disposed of. You will note that an owner may either sell his reactors for immediate slaughter under direction of this department and subject to post-mortem examination, or he may have same appraised and turn them over to the county and the state for disposition. Under the first option the owner receives net proceeds arising from the sale, while in the latter instance the county pays him one-half the amount at which the animals are appraised by the appraising board.

Kindly write us as to how you choose to dispose of this reactor. In the meantime you will not sell nor dispose of ~~any of them~~ her nor of any of ~~their~~ her dairy products.

Yours very truly,

Commissioner.

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Dec. 8, 1927

Mr. John V. Hepler,
Co. Agent,
Washington, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Some time ago Dr. C. A. Pyle called at the farm of George Black of Washington for the purpose of testing his cattle. Mr. Black objected and ordered Dr. Pyle off the place. Of course, I don't know anything about what took place but Dr. Pyle should not have entered into any argument with Mr. Black or had any difficulty with him whatever. I have taken the matter up with Mr. Black and he advises that the veterinarian in question got smart and did not explain what he was going to do and hence the reason that he objected to the test.

Therefore, will you please arrange to have one of the other veterinarians doing work in your county test the cattle for Mr. Black. He states that he is ready to have the test made at any time. It would be better under the circumstances that some one else make the test of the Black cattle instead of Dr. Pyle.

Very truly yours,

JHM/M

Commissioner.

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deard friend I got you letter about test. I did not know what he was going do to. he got smart. about it if you want to send me new man send him on I will ~~will~~ be ready. to make the test.

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george black

Washington co Kan. R 4

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State of Kansas

OFFICE OF
LIVE STOCK SANITARY COMMISSIONER
TOPEKA

J. H. MERCER
COMMISSIONER

Nov. 25, 1927

Mr. George Black,
R.F.D.
Washington, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

I have a report from Dr. Pyle, veterinary inspector engaged in the county free area work in Washington county that you refused to have your herd of milk cows tested and that you assaulted him with a club.

I do not know what caused you to abuse Dr. Pyle or strike him with a club. He is instructed to not raise any disturbance with any farmer who might object to having his cattle tested but is instructed to explain the matter and then if the farmer refuses to report to this office.

You no doubt are aware that the order has been made for the testing of all dairy and breeding cattle in Washington county and that the work is now well under way and according to Dr. Pyle's report you have violated the order and therefore, violated the law of Kansas. We are very sorry that you have failed to co-operate with the representative of the state in having the work done. We do not wish to be harsh in matters of this kind but your cattle must be tested and if you refuse to have it done under the law we have authority to proceed to take charge of your cattle and make the test, , which we do not wish to do. I am calling your attention to this matter and will be pleased to have you advise me as to why you objected to the test. I trust that after you have thought this matter over that you will let me know when you will be ready to have your herd tested and if you do not wish Dr. Pyle to make the test we will send some other veterinarian to do the work for you. Let me hear from you by return mail as we expect to complete the work in Washington county at as early a date as we possibly can.

Very truly yours,

J. H. Mercer Commissioner.

JHM/M

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Nov. 25, 1927

Dr. Chas. A. Pyle,
Washington, Kansas

Dear Sir:

I have yours of the 22nd reporting your trouble with one - Geo. Black who refused to have his cattle tested.

As a suggestion I would not fool away any time with an objector like Mr. Black seems to be. Neither would I enter into any arguments with anyone like Black. Explain the reasons for the test as I outlined to you and also as Dr. Christenson has no doubt gone over with you, and if they do not show a willingness to co-operate, pass them by and make your report to this department, as in this case. I certainly wouldn't take any chances of getting hit on the head with a club by following a man in his barn, especially if he showed a belligerent attitude.

Very truly yours,

JHM/M

Commissioner.

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Very truly yours,

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Commissioner.

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FIRST-CLASS COFFEE SHOP IN CONNECTION — STEAM HEATED — HOT AND COLD RUNNING WATER AND BATH

HOTEL BON TON
EUROPEAN
B. F. DYE, MANAGER

LOCATED IN HEART OF BUSINESS DISTRICT, SOUTHWEST COR. SQUARE

WASHINGTON, KAN. 11-22 1927

Mr. J. H. Mercer
Topeka Kans.

Dear Sir:-

I am reporting Geo. Black, R. F. D. Washington as refusing to have his cattle tested when visited 11-21-27. He threatened me when I approached him and later when I followed him into his stable, struck me with a club, might have hurt me if my driver had not intervened.
He has five cows and a bull. His farm is in Colerain township.

Yours
Chas. A. Pyle

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BUREAU OF ANIMAL INDUSTRY
LOCAL OFFICE

LIST OF INFECTED HERDS IN WOODSON COUNTY, KANSAS.

OWNER	ADDRESS	NO. CATTLE IN HERD	NUMBER REACTORS.
Watts, C.W.	Yates Center	34	1
Hassenpflug, Ira A.	Rose,	11	1
Pendley, Robert	Rose,	15	1
Raifsnyder, H.S.	Buffalo,	27	1
McKinsey, George	Rose,	8	1
McKinsey, Estil	Rose,	7	2
Gleason, E.M.	Toronto,	14	1
Black, M.E.	Toronto,	4	1
Bursch, Dan M.	Buffalo	38	2
Toedman, August	Yates Center,	21	2
Weide, H. A.	Yates Center,	30	12
Hardesty, Jess	Yates Center,	25	1
Lauber, Henry	Yates Center	63	1
Stockebrand, R. E.	Yates Center,	11	1
Morton, Bob	" "	1	1
Weide, Elmer	" "	42	1
Black, M.E.	Toronto,	62	1
Curtis, Flossie & Gladys	"	134	1
Peters, Henry	Yates Center,	75	1
Gibson, Floyd	Toronto,	41	10
Draper, B.F.	Neosho Falls, R #1	9	2
Zink, W.F. & Oscar	Neosho Falls, R #1	29	7
Sellers, John	Rose,	29	1
Reno, L.C.	Yates Center,	9	1
Robinson, Geo.	" "	16	1
Van Hoozer, L.D.	" "	29	1
Crahan, Mike	Humboldt,	16	6
Leonard, James	Rose,	36	1
Leonard, Charles	Rose,	25	1
Herder, Will	Yates Center,	28	2
Montonya, S.A.	Yates Center,	8	1
Porter, W.F.	Yates Center,	26	2
Henry, Dave	Neosho Falls,	7	5
Ellis, Kenneth	Neosho Falls,	13	1

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BUREAU OF ANIMAL INDUSTRY
LOCAL OFFICE

WOODSON CO. #2.

OWNER	ADDRESS	NO. CATTLE IN HERD	NUMBER REACTORS.
Pollman, Chas.	Humboldt,	22	1
Link, Frank	Yates Center, R #5	29	5
Long, E.A.	Piqua,	42	5
Danielson, Mrs. A.M.	Neosho Falls,	11	4
Heiman, Ed.	Piqua,	20	6
Meyers, A.F.	Gridley,	30	1
Winterscheidt, H.A.	Gridley,	62	1
Crahan, Mike	Humboldt,	1	1
Dutton, Everett	Neosho Falls,	6	1
Trout, W. A.	Neosho Falls,	4	1
Weide, Wm.	Yates Center,	23	4
Caldwell, B. F.	Yates Center,	5	1
Holmquist, Theo.	Yates Center,	23	1
Mulsow, O.G.	Gridley,	78	2
Shaw, Fred	Toronto,	79	11
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48 Reactor herds.

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January 3, 1928.

Mr. W. W. Downey,
Office.

Dear Sir:

Attached find federal appraisement forms covering the following:

J. E. Wheaton, Wichita--1 reactor by H. Greeder
C. R. Martin, Mulvane--5 reactors by L. E. Brunscher
D. L. Snyder, Raymond--1 reactor by G. R. Kennedy

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State of Kansas

OFFICE OF
LIVE STOCK SANITARY COMMISSIONER
TOPEKA

J. H. MERCER
COMMISSIONER

Canton, Kans., Jan 9, 1928.

Mr J.H.Mercer,
Topeka, Kans.

Dear Mr Mercer:

I am in wichita tonight, and tomorrow I shall look after the appraisement of the C.R.Martin and E.W.Wheaton reactors. I will go from here to pice County and will get my mail at Canton about Wed. or Thu. of this week.

Yours truly,

C O W Downey

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TOPEKA

J. H. MERCER
COMMISSIONER

Canton, Kans., Jan 9, 1928.

Mr J.H.Mercer,
Topeka, Kans.

Dear Mr Mercer:

Herewith appraisements for Sherman County reactors for the following owners:

Frank Orange	Kanarado	1 reactor
S. S. Linnell	Ruleton	1 "
Wm Evans	Goodland	1 "
Garfield Franklin	"	2 "

These cattle will be shipped to market in the first load of livestock leaving their closest shipping point, but the men are going to try to get them all into one shipment, if possible, out of Goodland.

County Commissioner, Bert F.McCall, will look after the shipment of these cattle and will see that the office is notified when shipped.

Yours truly,

W W Downey

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LIVE STOCK SANITARY COMMISSIONER
TOPEKA

J. H. MERCER
COMMISSIONER

Caulton Kas Jan 12-28

J H Mercer
Topeka Kas

Dear Mr Mercer: Herewith appraisement on one reactor belonging to D. L. Snyder of Raymond. Mr Snyder will ship this cow in the first shipment of livestock out of Raymond and will notify the office when shipped.

Co Commissioner J O White of Sterling advised me that Dr. Schmidt of Lorraine tested H. A. Hutchins cattle of Sterling about two weeks ago, and found one reactor. This animal was shipped out of Sterling Saturday evening Jan 7 in a load of livestock belonging to Jim R Buck of Sterling, consigned to Haggart & Wilson Kans. City, Animal had hair brand on hip, Tag 23.

Yours truly
W C Downey

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KANSAS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Jan. 12, 1928

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

Dear Sir:

Yours of recent date at hand and same noted.

I am sending you, under separate cover, 500 premium cards for your use and to distribute among the bankers of the county. You can leave whatever cards with each bank that you think they might need. I might add that it will be necessary for the owner of the hogs to sign the premium card and let same follow the hogs to the market in order for him to secure his premium. In other words, if a speculator buys the producers hogs at home, the packers would not pay him the 10¢ a hundred premium. The instructions as to the handling of these cards are on the back of same.

In connection with the 10¢ a hundred premium the four large packers namely - Armour, Swift, Wilson and Cudahy volunteered to pay 10¢ a hundred premium on hogs bred and fed in county free area territory. Therefore, since Armour and Swift both buy hogs at Denver there is no question but what they will pay that premium at that market the same as they do at other markets.

Very truly yours,

JMM/M

Commissioner.

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TELEPHONE
OFFICE, 510
RESIDENCE, 26

OFFICE, 1107½ MAIN ST.
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 SHERMAN COUNTY FARM BUREAU, COOPERATING

EXTENSION SERVICE
COUNTY AGENT WORK

GOODLAND

January 7 1927

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

Dear Sir:

We received your letter containing the announcement that this county was on the free list. I wish to thank you very much for this.

In regard to shipping cards for swine producers, we will need a supply at once. I know of two cars of hogs ready to go next week. As I understand it the shipper gets the premium regardless of whether or not he is the producer of grower. There are five banks to supply with blanks. If you will send them to me I will see that they are furnished to them. These banks are at Kanorado, Goodland and Brewster.

Very truly yours,

N. L. Rucker

N. L. Rucker,
County Agent.

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GOODLAND Jan 9 - 1928

J. H. Mercer
Topeka, Kans

Dear Sir:- The question has come up if the 10¢ premium on hogs will be paid on the Denver market. A large proportion of our hogs go to that market. Are we supposed to attach the statement to the freight bill or is it mailed to the Commission firm or just how should it be handled? There are about 6 or 7 cars ready to leave here this week. I need a few extra blanks at once.

Very truly yours
N L Rucker

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KANSAS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Jan. 12, 1928

Mr. John Donnelly,
Little River, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Answering yours of the 7th instant.

Something like three years ago the four large packers namely: Armour, Swift, Wilson and Cudahy met with a committee of live stock sanitary officers in Chicago and agreed to give 10¢ a hundred premium on all hogs bred and raised in any county in the United States classified as a tuberculosis free area county under the federal and state regulations.

Of course, the 10¢ a hundred premium is a voluntary payment by the packers and is not compulsory. However, the four large packers are still carrying out their agreement and paying the 10¢ a hundred premium. At most of the markets where the large packers are established other competitors are paying the 10¢ a hundred premium. Dold is paying the 10¢ a hundred premium at Wichita the same as Cudahy. It seems to me that the packers at Hutchinson should pay the 10¢ a hundred premium especially so since I suppose they base their prices paid to the Rice county procuders on either the Kansas City or Wichita market. Providing they do not do so, I know of no way to compel them unless they want your hogs bad enough to buy them in competition with the Wichita prices paid. If they do not do this, the only suggestion I have to make is that you take your hogs to Wichita where the 10¢ a hundred premium is paid.

I believe that if you take this up with the Hutchinson people and advise them as to the situation that they will more than likely either pay you the 10¢ premium on give you a price sufficient to have you take your hogs to their market.

I have no suggestions to your showing the Hutchinson packers this letter, if you wish to. The enclosed premium card is the form that is now used. However, the card that you have is all right.

Very truly yours,

JHM/M

Commissioner