

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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PETITION

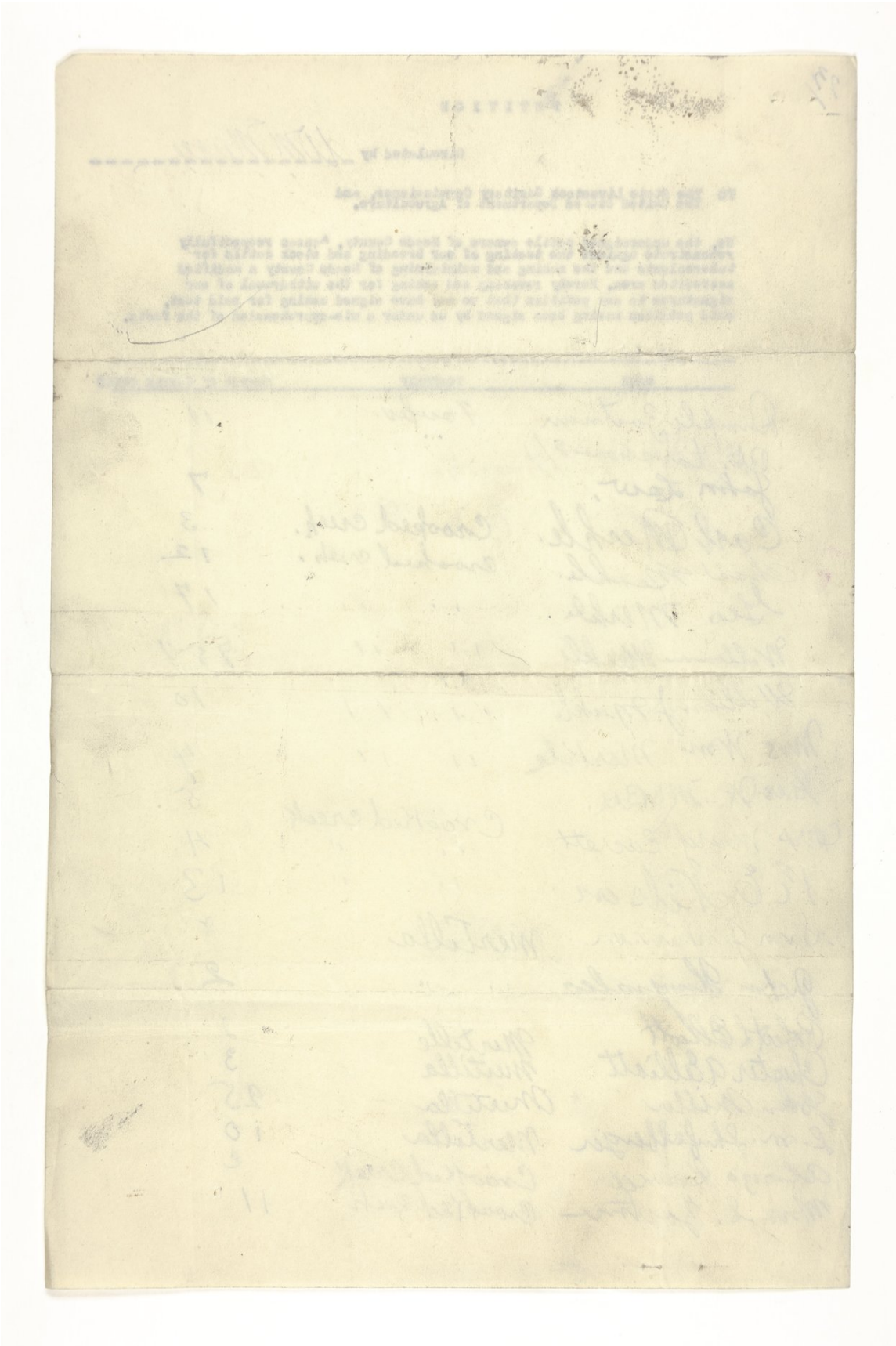
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TO The State Livestock Sanitary Commissioner, and
The United States Department of Agriculture.

We, the undersigned cattle owners of Meade County, Kansas respectfully
remonstrate against the testing of our breeding and stock cattle for
tuberculosis and the making and maintaining of Meade County a modified
accredited area. Herby revoking and asking for the withdrawal of our
signatures to any petition that we may have signed asking for said test,
said petition having been signed by us under a misapprehension of the facts.

NAME	TOWNSHIP	NUMBER OF CATTLE OWNED
Dimple Zortman	7 miles	10
R. W. Hirschman 2/1	"	7
John Lew.	"	3
Carl Merkle	Crooked Creek	12
Chas. Merkle	Crooked Creek	17
Geo. Merkle	" "	750
William Merkle	" "	10
William J. Merkle	" "	4
Mrs. Wm. Merkle	" "	5
Geo. W. Merkle	Crooked Creek	4
Mrs. Mary E. Eacrett	" "	13
R. E. Kilsen	" "	8
Sam. Jenkinson	Mertella	2
John Humphreys	" "	2
Robert L. Elliott	Mertella	3
Chester A. Elliott	Mertella	25
John Miller	Mertella	10
L. M. Shufelberger	Mertella	2
Alonso Kowal	Crooked Creek	11
Mrs. S. Zortman	Crooked Creek	

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P E T I T I O N

Circulated by M. A. Horner

TO The State Livestock Sanitary Commissioner, and
The United States Department of Agriculture.

We, the undersigned cattle owners of Meade County, Kansas respectfully
renew our protest against the testing of our breeding and stock cattle for
tuberculosis and the making and maintaining of Meade County a modified
accredited area. Hereby revoking and asking for the withdrawal of our
signatures to any petition that we may have signed asking for said test,
said petition having been signed by us under a misapprehension of the facts.

NAME	TOWNSHIP	NUMBER OF CATTLE OWNED
7. P. Haney	Sand Creek	10
Effie Haney	" "	5
M. A. Horner	Logan	400
Dorothy Horner	" "	25
Jacob S. Friesen	Sand Creek	30
P. J. Rempel	" "	17
Cora Reimer	" "	6
B. H. Doerkson	" "	7
P. F. Isaac	" "	25
A. A. Horder	" "	11
Chas. P. Kellogg	" "	3
J. C. Chapple	" "	50
Ray H. Chapple	" "	50
John W. Cornelsen	" "	20
Pete Cornelsen	" "	2
Kathryn Cornelsen	" "	4
David A. Reimer	" "	8
Mr. J. M. Clarsen	" "	27
Henry R. Clarsen	" "	20
John R. Clarsen	" "	20
A. E. Reimer	" "	12

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P. L. Classen 12
Jno F. Isaac 90



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Feb. 21, 1928

Dr. L. L. Whitney,
Savoy Hotel,
Frankfort, Kansas.

Dear Sir;

Dr. J. W. Smith was in the office Saturday and advised that you were still testing cattle in Marshall county and that it was his understanding that you were testing by the head instead of by the month. He also advised that the county was furnishing you transportation.

I told you when you were in the office here that you could test by the head or we could pay you by the month. However, if you have been testing by the head the county is not obligated to furnish you any transportation. You had best go over your accounts and then advise me as to the way you wish me to pay you for your services. Also would suggest that you find out what expense the county has been put to in furnishing you transportation for the reason that if you are paid by the department under the per head plan, then you will have to pay the county back for the expense they have entailed by furnishing you transportation.

You can readily see that it would be absolutely unfair for me to permit the county commissioners to furnish you transportation and then pay you so much per head when other veterinarians are only receiving the 13¢ per head and pay their own expense for transportation.

You can figure this out and which ever plan you wish the department to pay you under we will do, with the understanding, of course, that if you are paid by the head that the transportation costs must be deducted and turned back to Marshall county. Let me hear from you as regards to this.

Very truly yours,

JHM/M

Commissioner.

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J. H. MERCER
COMMISSIONER

State of Kansas

OFFICE OF
LIVE STOCK SANITARY COMMISSIONER
TOPEKA

Wichita, Kans., Feb 21, 1928.

Mr J.H. Mercer,
Topeka, Kans.

Dear Mr Mercer:

Herewith appraisement on one reactor belonging to Phil Hamrick, Canton, which was made by County Commissioner, Lee Miller.

When they mailed the appraisement to me they failed to mention what disposition would be made of this animal, but presume it will be properly handled as Mr Miller and also Mr Hamrick are familiar with the regulations regarding the disposition of tubercular reactors.

I am leaving in the morning for Smith Center to finish up the work up there. It seems all the County Commissioners are attending a road meeting here at Wichita at this time. The chairman of the Smith County board advised me he would be ready to take up the work Thursday morning.

In looking over my supplies I find I am out of expense vouchers and as I will be in Smith County at the time I make out my expense report would thank you to send me a supply to Smith Center.

Yours truly,

Chas. Downey

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February 23, 1928.

Mr. W. W. Downey,
c/o Edmond Hotel,
Smith Center, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

In line with your request we are enclosing a number of
voucher blanks.

Under separate cover we are sending you federal appraisement
forms covering the following:

J. J. Mays, Smith Center--1 reactor by L. H. Reed
H. Franklin, Bellaire--1 reactor by L. S. Campbell
C. F. Stoops, 2 --1 reactor by S. H. Hopkins

Very truly yours,

Commissioner.

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February 27, 1928.

Mr. W. W. Downey,
Canton, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

We are just in receipt of a tuberculin test records covering cattle tested by L. E. Staats. One chart covers six cows belonging to P. A. Sperling, Moundridge, Kansas, and shows that one of them reacted to the test. The test record also shows that the cattle are located in Harvey County.

In view of the fact that Dr. Staats is a non-graduate Mr. Sperling will be unable to get federal indemnity on the reactor. Dr. Staats advises that Mr. Sperling wishes an appraisal so you had better attend to it and explain to him, if necessary, that he will not be able to get federal indemnity on his reactor. We are writing Dr. Staats advising him that he must not test cattle in clean area counties.

We are enclosing federal appraisal blanks on a reactor belonging to Chas. Gilbert, Lebanon. Test was made by Dr. L. S. Campbell.

Very truly yours,

Commissioner.

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Feb. 27, 1928

Mr. John H. Shirkey,
Co. Agent,
Meade, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 23rd.

It seems to me the only thing to do is to go ahead and secure all the signatures to your petitions you can get in Meade county and file same with this department. More than likely we will not get to Meade county this spring but by having your petitions in now you would be among the first counties in which the work would start next fall. Should it be possible for us to get to your county late this spring, I will advise you so that you can have a county wide meeting of the live stock owners and I will be glad to come down and talk to them concerning this work. In the last analysis, however, I am sure we will have no trouble in going ahead with the county area work in your county just as soon as we can get to it.

Very truly yours,

JHE/M

Commissioner.



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Office: Meade State Bank Building
Office Day: Saturday of Each Week

Office Telephone: 28-3R

Kansas State Agricultural Col-
lege, United States Department
Agriculture and Meade County
Farm, Bureau Co-Operating

CO-OPERATIVE EXTENSION WORK

IN

AGRICULTURE AND HOME ECONOMICS
STATE OF KANSAS

County Agent
Extension Service

MEADE, KANSAS

February 23, 1928

Mr. J. H. Mercer
Livestock Commissioner
~~Manhattan~~, Kansas
Topeka,

Dear Mr. Mercer:

I have your letter of February 18, referring to your communication with Mr. E. E. Innis. I have talked to Mr. Innis and decided that if you will give us a day sometime soon, after the 15th of March, we will call a meeting of the Livestock men interested in tuberculosis tests and those who have circulated the remonstrance petitions, so that you may explain your plan to them.

In starting this T. B. campaign in Meade County, I tried to be as fair as possible and I am to be criticized for having used newspaper publicity as well as petition carriers and meetings to explain the project. The whole difficulty with getting our petitions signed has been the fact that several of the Farm Bureau Executive Board members did not take an interest in it and that people in the county generally were afraid to take hold of it because of the range cattle population of this county.

We have about 400 names on our petitions and can easily get 200 or 300 more if any one will take the interest to carry the petitions in those communities which have not been canvased. I intend to add as many names to the list as possible in the next 2 weeks. If you wish to have the names of those who have signed the petitions at once, I can send them to you at any time.

Rule 11, which you have changed was the cause of all the contention. Men who were too stubborn to find out for themselves did not believe me when I told them that nothing would be done to interfere with their handling cattle in and out of the county. I believe the only thing that will be necessary is to get enough men interested to finish the petitions and the job will be done in Meade County.



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2. Mr. Mercer.

Of course it will be necessary for you to try to explain to the opposition, the necessity of ~~and~~ their cooperation in making the free Area a success.

We will be glad to hear when you can come and will arrange a meeting of all cattle men who are interested.

Very truly yours,

John H. Shirkey
John H. Shirkey
County Agent

JHS:MD

P.S. Meade County has 806 cattle owners.
JHS.

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Feb. 27, 1928

Mr. L. N. Jewett,
County Agent,
Erie, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 21st instant and thank you very much for same. I like the spirit of your letter.

More than likely Dr. Dunham has got a little out of line. At any event it does no good to hash over many things that have happened that were not just as pleasant and satisfactory as they might have been but the thing to do is, as you indicate, to forget it and go on and make the best of the thing. I think you are getting along very well and I will call Dr. Dunham's attention to the fact that he must not expect too much of you in this work, especially so since he is working by the head and it is up to him to take care of the entire work.

Thanking you again for your letter, I am

Very truly yours,

JHM/M

Commissioner.



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Residence Phone No. 126
OFFICE PHONE NO. 254

OFFICE DAY—SATURDAY
COURT HOUSE

Co-Operative Extension Work IN Agriculture and Home Economics

STATE OF KANSAS

Kansas State Agriculture College
U. S. Department of Agriculture and
Neosho Co. Farm Bureau Co-Operating

Extension Service
County Agent Work

ERIE, KANSAS,

Feb. 21, 1928.

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

Dear Sir:-

I reported the same thing to Dr. Dunham. I was very much surprised myself that this should have occurred, but several men had reported the same thing before I mentioned it.

Of course any public worker will have unjust and unreasonable criticism. I have consistently told reporters and farmers that your office had entire charge of this work and I did not even know about the progress. So far as I am concerned there will not be any newspaper reports whatever on this work. I have been warned from the beginning that this work is under the absolute direction of your office and I merely tried to help out in the smoothness of this work.

Dr. Christenson directed me as to how I was to do the lists, and when I followed his instructions I had no trouble whatever with Drs. Harley, Crispell or Watson. Dr. Dunham has made special demands and in order to get along I have slaved to meet these unreasonable demands. I have kicked out specialists who have come to my county, and worked to satisfy demands that Mr. Gray tells me is not my work.

I have known Dr. Dunham for some time, and was surprised at his attitude. Anyway, no good can be gained by misunderstanding and contention. I shall do all in my power to give Dr. Dunham the best lists possible, realizing that at this time of year farmers are moving constantly; and will co-operate with your office and refuse to listen to, consider, or report any complaints, etc., but will refer them direct to you.

I am very sorry if any newspaper has given out any such impression as you mention. Reporters are continually asking concerning the progress, but I have never seen an article stating that I had charge of the actual testing or that the supervision was entirely in my hands. In fact, Dr. Dunham asked that I put a notice in the paper about the cows that were missed, but I did not, because I was sure this would give the impression that



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ERIE, KANSAS,

I had charge.

Thanks for your frank letter. With best wishes to
yourself and Dr. Christenson, I remain

Yours truly,

L. N. Jewett

L. N. Jewett,
County Agent.

P.S. Mr. Hoagland has just made the statement that neither
he nor his neighbors ever got any phone call or notice, and that
they kept their cattle up waiting three or four days before he
phoned to me. This substantiates my first report.

L.N.J.

LNJ:LW



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Feb. 20, 1928

Mr. L. N. Jewett,
County Agent,
Erie, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

On receipt of your letter of the 10th instant, I immediately called Dr. Dunham's attention to the necessity of his keeping the farmers notified accurately as to the time he would be at their places to test their cattle, etc. I have a letter from him this morning advising that he was very much surprised at your report. He states that he had notified the farmers that he would be at their places on February 6th and that a heavy rain in the meantime had prevented him from making the trip and the roads were so bad and the streams were out of bank and that he immediately sent written notices why he would not reach their places where it was not possible for him to get in contact with the owners by phone. He states that he had done everything that anyone could to relieve the situation under the circumstances.

Therefore, according to his statement I do not consider anyone was justifiable in making complaint against Dr. Dunham because we cannot control weather conditions always. He also states that several of the newspapers of the county have carried newspaper items that the supervision of the tuberculosis testing was entirely in your hands. If this be true, I am not at all pleased. I think you fully understand that the supervision of the county area work is entirely under the jurisdiction of this department, not even the federal representatives have any supervision as to the sanitary work in Kansas.

Furthermore, I am opposed to any newspaper propaganda of any kind in connection with the work. There has not been a single instance where newspaper propaganda has been carried on in connection with this work but what trouble has arisen. Hence, I trust that there will be no more newspaper news items given out in connection with the county free area work in any manner whatever.

I am calling your attention to this for the reason that I am sure you are as anxious as anyone that the work go over with as little trouble as possible and I know that news items in the newspapers with respect to this work does not add anything to the progress of the work and in all instances, as above stated, is a handicap to the work. I trust that you will get in touch with Dr. Dunham and that you and he will fully understand each other and that you will furnish him the names of the cattle owners of his territory in line with the co-operative arrangement and contract governing the work.

I think you are getting along very nicely and it will

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not be possible to get through without some objectors and of course
in the last analysis that comes to this department to straighten out.

Very truly yours,

JH/M

Commissioner.

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Feb. 29, 1928

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

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 20th
with enclosure.

I think you have offered some very good
points that should be contained in a letter to the
owners of tuberculosis infected hogs. We have a
printed leaflet which gives suggestions as to farm
sanitation, etc., and as soon as the supply is
used up we will embody the principal points in your
letter in a new leaflet and have it printed for
the use of the department.

Thanking you for your interest and co-
operation, I am

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

February 20, 1928.

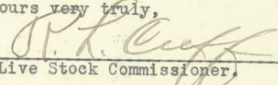
Mr. J. H. Mercer
State Capitol
Topeka, Kansas.

My Dear Mr. Mercer:

If I remember our Chicago conversation correctly you told me that you did not write hog owners who had less than five retentions. I was wondering whether or not you might deem it advisable to send people who had only slight infection in their hogs a form letter something like the one enclosed. I believe this will furnish them the information that their poultry flocks may be infected and will give them an opportunity to inspect them and follow the necessary steps for a clean-up.

I am offering this only as a suggestion.

Yours very truly,


Live Stock Commissioner.

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The Kansas City Live Stock Exchange

R. L. CUFF, LIVE STOCK COMMISSIONER
Kansas City, Missouri

My Dear Sir:

Reports from the packing company that slaughtered the hogs sold by you at Kansas City _____ show that out of your shipment of _____ hogs, _____ were found to be tuberculous on post mortem examination. This examination was made by inspectors employed by The United States Department of Agriculture.

Hogs generally contract tuberculosis from mingling with infected cattle, poultry or hogs or by the consumption of infected dairy products. Many cases of tuberculosis in hogs are contracted from infected poultry. Droppings from tuberculous birds are highly infected with tuberculous organisms. When these infected droppings are swallowed by hogs, the disease usually appears in some part of the hog's body.

The most practical method of eradicating tuberculosis from poultry flocks is to sell or dispose of all birds that have finished the first laying season. Chickens usually do not develop generalized cases of tuberculosis and become spreaders until they are a year old or more. Thus, by the removal of all birds, by raising chicks on clean ground to which infected hens do not have access and by proper cleaning and disinfecting of poultry houses and yards you can rid your poultry flock of tuberculosis. Trap nesting of hens has demonstrated that more eggs are laid in the first laying season than in any following year. Thus there is an economic gain in producing eggs from pullet flocks.

I will be glad to cooperate with you and give you information regarding the eradication of tuberculosis from your farm.

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STATE LIVE STOCK SANITARY COMMISSION
TOPEKA, KANSAS

SUGGESTIONS ON FARM SANITATION TO DESTROY
TUBERCULOSIS INFECTION

In order to promote better health among live stock on the farms and also to conform with the federal government's requirement that, "all premises where tubercular cattle are found must be thoroughly cleaned before federal indemnity for tubercular cattle is allowed," the following suggestions are made and formulas given:

- (a) All manure and material that can be used for fertilizing should be hauled out and scattered on the farm where no animals will come in contact with it for some time.
- (b) All floors, ceilings, walls and mangers in the cow barns and sheds should be swept clean and all sweepings and litter should be thoroughly burned.
- (c) All water troughs and pans should be drained and allowed to thoroughly dry before disinfecting.
- (d) After the cleaning of the infected premises they should be thoroughly disinfected. Any standardized disinfectant may be used.
- (e) If cresol is used, take four ounces of the cresol compound, U. S. P., to each gallon of water. This will give you a 3 per cent solution of cresol compound, and is equivalent to a 5 per cent carbolic acid solution.
- (f) If the disinfectant is to be colored so it may be seen where applied, one and one-half pounds of ordinary lump lime can be mixed with each two gallons of the disinfectant.
- (g) Ordinary lump lime will air slack if let stand. If wanted immediately, place half the barrel in a tub and add one to two gallons of water; stir with a stick and in thirty minutes a fine, dry powder similar to flour will result.
- (h) Another form of lime, which is probably the most effective lime preparation that we have, is the lime chloride. This is obtained in tin containers at from five to ten cents per pound, and, if spread thickly over manure or old floor surfaces that have been contaminated with urine and other infected fluids, is one of the best disinfectants available.
- (i) There is no disinfectant more effective than the direct rays of the sunlight. It is customary where premises are arranged so that little sunlight is available to provide windows and doors by cutting same in sides and roof of the building.
- (j) The frequent use of air-slacked lime around premises where live-stock is held should be practiced. Barrel lime will powder readily and can be scattered by hand over floors of the pens. In this way the premises can be kept free from infection and in a sanitary condition.

J. H. MERCER, *Commissioner.*

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February 29, 1928.

Mr. W. W. Downey,
Canton, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Under separate cover we are sending you federal appraisement forms covering the following:

Ambrose Farrell, Bloomington, Nebraska--2 reactors
by R. C. Patterson
Chas. Frase, Athol, --4 reactors by W. I. Bowersox
H. J. Hosterman, Kensington has a reactor reported
by Dr. Patterson. The chart shows that the animal
is a grade bull but it may be that the owner will
wish an appraisement.

Very truly yours,

Commissioner.

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TELEPHONES:
OFFICE, 107
RESIDENCE, 638

OFFICE, COURT HOUSE
OFFICE DAY, SATURDAY

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IN
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STATE OF KANSAS

KANSAS STATE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, UNITED
STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND
HARPER COUNTY FARM BUREAU
CO-OPERATING

EXTENSION SERVICE
COUNTY AGENT WORK

ANTHONY

March 2, 1928

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

Dear Mr. Mercer:

We are handicaped so much in this county by not having a qualified veterinarian that many of our accredited herds are obliged to give up their standing because of the expense and difficulty in getting a man here to do the work. I have heard that John Potter of Harper and Miss Margaret Stanley will have their herds tested by a veterinarian from your department. I wonder if when this official tests these herds, several other herds in the county can not be tested at the same time. I am particularly interested in the pure breed herds of H. E. Hostetler, Harper; J. J. Zimmerman, Harper; Troy Warren, Attica; and H. Duwe, Freeport. These men are anxious to continue their herds on the accredited list and will make arrangements for testing by the nearest qualified man in case we can not have a state inspector to do the work. Our men do not have any confidence in Dr. Frank Johnson at Harper and will not put their herds in his care. In order to have the testing done it would mean they would have to employ a man from Kingman or Wellington to do the work. If you can see fit to send us a state inspector I am sure it will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

E. H. Aicher
County Agent



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JOHN B. POTTER

BREEDER OF

SHORTHORN CATTLE
POLAND-CHINA HOGS
BARRETT-ROCK CHICKENS

BANNER STOCK FARM

PHONE 39F3

HARPER, KANSAS

I GROW, BUY AND SELL
FIELD SEEDS

ALSO
SELL FEED
DIRECTLY OFF THE CAR

Mr. J. H. Mearns
Topeka, Kan

Feb 29 1928

Dear Sir: Should County Agent Aicher
write you requesting a fee test for the
accredited herds in this county, I suggest
you refer him to me. One year ago when the
herd testing was being carried on, at
your suggestion I invited the owners of
the accredited herds to test at that time
if they wished. Not a one thought it was
necessary and I was the only one
that did so.

yours truly
John B. Potter

The wheat plant is very
healthy and soil condition fine.
There is an abundance of roughness.

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March 2, 1928.

Mr. W. W. Downey,
Canton, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed find federal appraisement form covering one
reactor belonging to Fred Fries, Route 2, Cheney, Kansas.
Test was made by Dr. H. S. Martin,

Very truly yours,

Commissioner.

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March 8, 1928.

Mr. W. W. Downey,
Wichita, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Attached find federal appraisements covering the following:

J. J. Mays, Smith Center--1 reactor by L. H. Reed
H. Franklin, Bellaire--1 reactor by L. S. Campbell
C. F. Stoope, Bellaire--1 reactor by W. H. Hopkins
(the above appraisements were sent to you c/o the
Edmond Hotel, Smith Center, and were returned to
this office yesterday)
A. J. Eckelman, Lincoln--3 reactors by L. G. Songer
Herman Werries, Tescott--1 reactor by A. F. Cassell
E. Clark, Milo--1 reactor by A. F. Cassell
G. C. King, Red Cloud--1 reactor by F. B. Jones
Wm. Long, Lebanon--3 reactors by W. A. Decker
B. M. Miller, Lebanon--7 reactors by W. A. Decker
H. G. Thaele, Downs--1 reactor by W. A. Decker
Mt. Carmel Academy, Wichita--1 reactor by C. F. Whitson

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March 13, 1928.

Mr. W. W. Downey,
c/o J. W. Daly,
County Agent,
Lincoln, Kansas.

Dear Wallace:

In line with our telephone conversation a few minutes ago I am enclosing herewith federal appraisement forms covering the following:

W. C. Moss, Lincoln--1 reactor by W. G. Songer
R. E. Miller, Vesper--1 " " "
Thos. Peak, Lincoln--2 reactors by " "
J. M. Jones, Barnard--2 " " "
Chas. Sheppard, Lincoln--1 reactor by " "
Milo Rathburn, Lincoln--1 " " "
Herman Schwerdtfager, Lincoln--1 reactor by W. G. Songer

Very truly yours,

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MR. JAMES C. SWIFT: MR. Chairman, we have a new committee here, which has never met before. We have a lot of men here whose time is very valuable. It occurs to me that we might expedite this program, increase our chances of doing something and save a lot of time, by having your committee meet and formulate some proposition to submit to the gentlemen; or do you want to enter into a general indiscriminate discussion of this resolution, when the original committee of five has been increased to eleven? In other words, how would it do, unless the people representing the buying side have some tentative proposition to submit; how would it do for you to call a meeting of your committee, and if necessary have a session tomorrow morning at ten o'clock and try to have something definite to present? I am just suggesting that. It

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Mr. Robert Copp,
R.F.D. #8,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

A representative of this department, Mr. Gray, advises me that he noticed quite a number of dead hogs on your place. I am wondering if you have been losing hogs with some disease.

At any event the law requires that these dead hogs be buried not less than three feet under ground or thoroughly burned. I might suggest in this instance that the Topeka Rendering Works would drive out to your place and get all these carcasses if you desire them to do so. Will you please advise me as to what the trouble might be.

I am asking for this information for the reason that if your hogs were infected with a contagious or infectious disease we will be very glad to give you any help we can in getting rid of the trouble. Either call us by phone or write us by return mail.

Very truly yours,

JHM/M

Commissioner.

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J. H. MERCER
COMMISSIONER

State of Kansas

OFFICE OF
LIVE STOCK SANITARY COMMISSIONER
TOPEKA

Canton, Kans., Mar 16, 1928.

Mr J.H.Mercer,
Topeka, Kans.

Dear Mr Mercer:

I was over in Lincoln County yesterday and the day before and finished the appraising for all but two men. Would have finished for them had it not been for the storm. The roads got so bad we had to quit. The County Commissioner, F.A. Saunders advised that he would make these appraisements as soon as the roads got so that he could make the trip.

Am herewith enclosing the appraisements on the ones he and I appraised, as follows:

Thomas Feaks	Barnard	2 reactors
Milo Rathbun	Lincoln	1 "
J.M.Jones	Barnard	2 "
Henry Bentrup Jr	Sylvian Grove	1 "
G.R.Miller	Vesper	1 "
W.C.Moss	Lincoln	1 "
E.W.Clark	Milo	1 "

Co. Com. Saunders advised me that he appraised the E.W.Clark reactor on the 13th and that she had been shipped to market. He also advises that the Chas Shepherd animal, of Lincoln had been destroyed on the Shepherd farm and that Dr Songer made a post-mortum examination, and that he had appraised the animal and had sent the appraisement in to your office.

When I was in Salina on my road to Lincoln last Tues. I called the office and talked with Mary who advised she had several Lincoln County appraisements and would mail them to me at Lincoln that evening so I would get them on the Wed. morning train. I called at the P.O. after the mail had been worked but they said there was nothing there for me in care of the County Agent, so we proceeded with the work and made out new forms. That evening when I got into town the County Agent had my mail which had evidently come in on the morning train.

Mr Stover, County Agent advised me that there were about fifteen herds yet to test in Lincoln County and that Mr Merridith would finish the testing next week.

P.S. Federal forms
direct to Dr Townsend.

Yours truly,

Edw. J. Dorney