

Equine VD program ordered by Kentucky

Artificial insemination plan begins

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — The Kentucky Department of Agriculture Tuesday ordered a controversial artificial insemination program to stop the spread of an imported equine venereal disease that is disrupting the Bluegrass state's thoroughbred horse breeding season.

Agriculture Commissioner Thomas Harris said the department has asked the Jockey Club of America to drop its ban of registration of foals bred by artificial insemination.

Harris said the decision to require artificial insemination of horses infected or suspected of having contagious equine metritis (CEM) was reached under the threat of possible sanctions by the federal government.

"...If we are to contain the spread of CEM and to be in a position to eradicate this disease in the near future, it was absolutely necessary that this action be taken," Harris said.

CEM prevents infected mares from conceiving foals. It can be spread by sexual contact between horses and by persons who handle horses.

Harris said U.S. Department of Agriculture officials told him "That if we did not take action, they would impose sanctions on Kentucky thoroughbreds."

Artificial insemination (AI), which is allowed for other breeds of horses, is not sanctioned by the Jockey Club in New York, which registers all thoroughbreds.

Harris said the Agriculture Department asked the Jockey Club to approve rules for temporary use of artificial insemination and to register foals bred by the method.

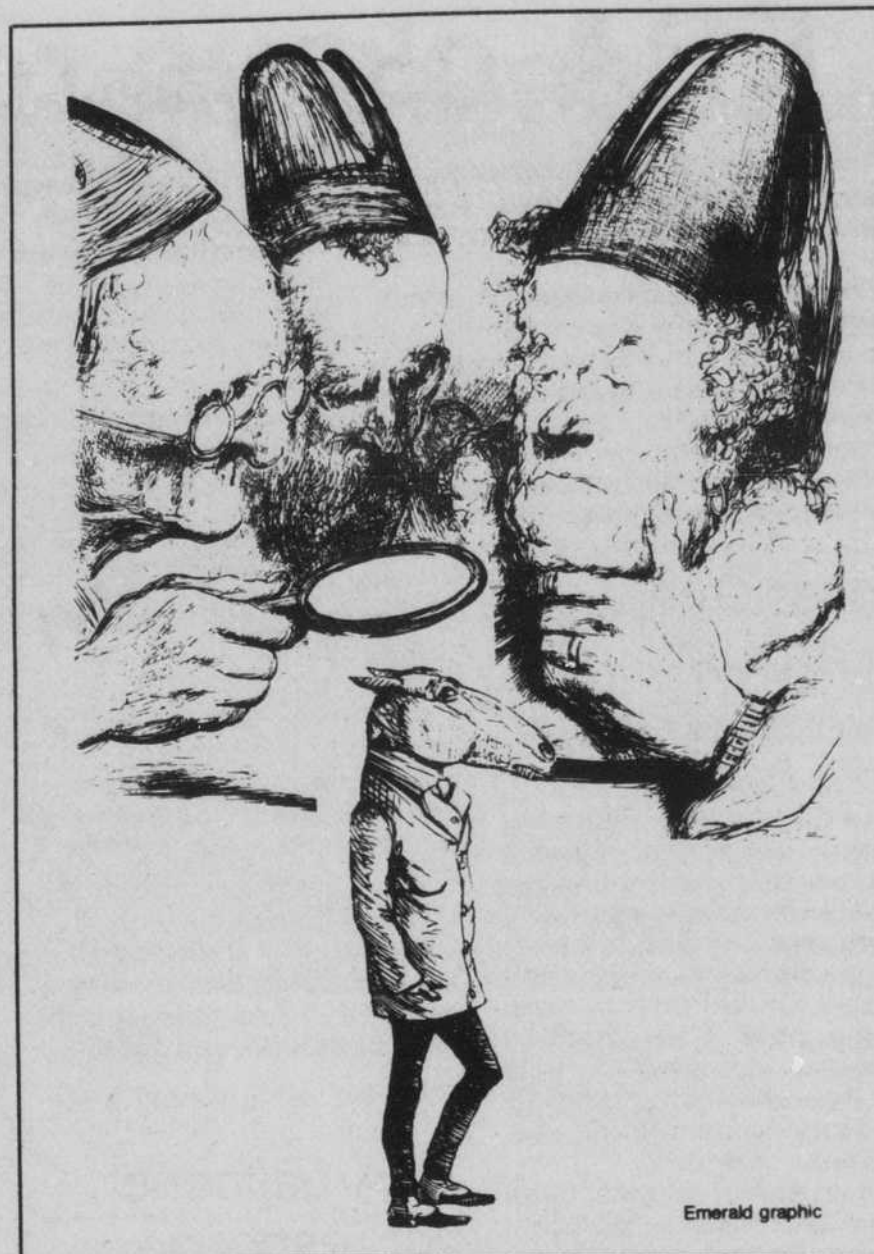
Harris acknowledged that the Jockey Club has in the past refused to sanction AI because its widespread use in thoroughbred breeding could damage the controlled nature of the industry, which involves as much as \$20 million annually in stud fees contact.

By using AI, a stallion could be bred to many more mares than possible by actual sexual contact.

Harris said AI will be required, beginning next Tuesday, for all thoroughbreds on farms with horses infected with CEM or suspected of exposure.

Mandatory culturing of suspected horses and isolation of infected and suspected animals will continue, Harris said.

The one-week delay in requiring AI is to allow the Agriculture Department to arrange for supervision of the practice, Harris said.



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Paul Swadener, a University associate professor of finance, recently wrote a program for his programmable pocket calculator that will tell him at the touch of a few keys how much money it would take to provide enough monthly interest earnings for him to live on.

Swadener wrote the program for an East Coast T.V. talk show where he demonstrated the uses for programmable pocket calculators. Swadener's demonstration was taped on Feb. 1 for use on a local T.V. daily talk show in Baltimore, MD. called "Two's

Company."

Swadener was in Baltimore to participate in an Executive Development Seminar at Loyola College. The Executive Development Program is comprised of about 150 colleges across the nation that sponsor a number of seminars each year.

The calculator can do anything from investment analysis to managing accounts receivable, and can figure a budget or balance a checkbook, according to Swadener.

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Swadener participated in an Executive Development Seminar on "Financial Decision Making and the Programmable Calculator" in Portland.

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