

Vaccination requirements remain in effect

Oregon Department of Agriculture Director Leonard Kunzman this week reminded the state's cattlemen that two regulations requiring vaccination of female beef and dairy cattle for brucellosis will remain effective in 1982.

The provisions involving young animals will affect the rancher's ability to sell and ship livestock. The regulations also affect the ability of ranchers to receive indemnity payments for animals found to have the disease.

Brucellosis is known as undulant fever in humans and it is a contagious, abortive disease of cattle. Outbreaks have been detected in recent years at locations in central and eastern Oregon.

Kunzman explained that one important new regulation requires that all female dairy cattle more than 90 days old entering

the state must be vaccinated.

Many states require that female dairy cattle be vaccinated before being allowed to enter. Evidence of a vaccination must be an official tattoo inside each animal's right ear.

The director added that

any animals imported into Oregon and not officially vaccinated under Oregon provisions will be returned to the state of origin.

A second regulation affects beef animals and requires that all female beef animals born after Jan. 1, 1981, must also be vac-

inated for brucellosis to qualify for shipment or indemnity payments.

It relates only to cattle born in Oregon, and no indemnity will be paid to ranchers whose animals have not been vaccinated.

"The goal of each of

these new provisions is to steadily increase the number of cattle in our state which would be immune from this serious disease," Kunzman said.

"As time goes on, non-vaccinated cattle will become less and less

desirable in the market place, and we hope that factor will encourage livestock producers to voluntarily vaccinate all their young animals.

Kunzman said it also should be noted that cattle imported into Oregon

directly to a license auction yard must receive the required vaccinations at that sales facility if they have not been previously vaccinated, and if they fall within the age provisions of the new regulations.

The auction requirement does not apply to owners of

Oregon cattle brought to the sales yard, but vaccination is encouraged as a beneficial precaution.

Cattle owners should contact their private veterinarian for guidance in vaccination of all their heifer calves.

Average age of students entering college going up

New students at Oregon State University look more like old students every fall now.

A study of "Age at Entrance of the Students Who Entered OSU During Fall Term 1981" shows that 7.2 percent of the 4,291 new freshmen and transfer students this fall were age 25 or older.

"The increase in older students was primarily

among the women transfer students, especially those transferring from Oregon community colleges," said Morris LeMay, director of the university's counseling and testing center.

LeMay conducts continuing research on student performance and problems to help professors in their duties as academic advisors.

The number of 25 and older students are steadily

increasing at OSU and nationally. LeMay observes in his study report. In the fall of 1975, 5.1 percent of the 4,457 new undergraduates at OSU were 25 and older, compared to 7.2 percent this year, he pointed out.

"The increase was primarily among the women transfer students, those who had previously earned 15 or more college credits before they entered

OSU," LeMay said.

"For the women transfer students, the average age at entrance was 21.3 years for fall 1975 and 22.2 for fall term 1981.

For the women transferees, the proportion of women in the 25 years old and older category increased from nine percent in 1975 to 17 percent in 1979 and to 18 percent for fall 1981."

The figures are almost

identical for males. Sixteen percent of the men students who transferred to OSU from other colleges or universities in 1975 were 25 or older. The figure increased to 18 percent in 1979 and to 19 percent this fall.

The bulk of entering freshmen are 18 and 19 years old, LeMay noted, but the numbers in the 25 and up category are steadily increasing too.

"And the older students tend to do well academically," LeMay has found in his continuing studies. "Older women do very well. Older men are slightly less successful."

The difference can probably be explained, LeMay suggested, by the fact that many of the older women have been involved in work with reading, writing and mathematical ties that helped in the transition

back into the classroom and with productive study habits.

An earlier study by LeMay showed that 60 percent of the women who entered OSU as 25 and older transfer students ultimately earned OSU degrees. He called this "a very high success figure."

"This is evidence of how women can return to college and find success," LeMay said.

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