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Hog Cholera Progress Report For October 1968

There were no cases of hog cholera diagnosed during August; five were diagnosed during September, and five in October. The cause of two of the outbreaks that occurred in October has not been determined, and they are still under investigation. The above cases occurred in the following counties: Duplin, Bladen, Columbus, Harnett, and Pender.

By the decrease in the number of hog cholera outbreaks it is evident that North Carolina has made progress in the hog cholera eradication program. To make a successful disease eradication program, it is essential that the disease be located and confined — and not allowed to spread from herd to herd.

Prompt and early reporting is essential. Farmers who have sick swine should contact their veterinarians at once. If this cannot be done, they should contact the county extension agent, vocational agricultural teacher, or a State or Federal veterinary official. This prompt notification is important for several reasons:

1. Prompt diagnosis will enable quick, efficient treatment of the disease affecting the herd, if it is not hog cholera.
 2. If hog cholera is involved, prompt diagnosis and quarantining will minimize chances of the disease spreading to other herds.
 3. Indemnities can be paid only for animals living at the time of the initial inspection by a State or Federal veterinarian.
- Local veterinarians, county extension agents, and vocational agricultural instructors have done an excellent job in educating the swine producers with respect to the disease and the eradication program. There is still more to be done. Constant and continued vigilance will be necessary as we move into the final eradication phases.

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