MUSLIM COWS POISONED AT ALABAMA FARM

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ASHVILLE (Ala.) — (AP) — Cows continue to die on the farm owned by Black Muslims near here, apparently the victims of poison which may have been dumped in their water supply.

J. H. Davis, manager of the farm, said the cows started dropping Wednesday afternoon. By Thursday, he said, the toll was 19 and by Friday 24 had died. Davis said the count had reached 30 yesterday and at least nine more are sick.

Sheriff Joel Woods of St. Clair County said that organs of the dead animals had been shipped to the state toxicologist for analysis.

"I definitely suspect poison," said Woods. "Who poisoned them and why is what we're trying to find out."

Davis said he believes the cattle were given cyanide.

"It had to have been put in their water troughs Tuesday night because I was home all day Tuesday," he said.

Davis said tracings of cyanide have been found on rocks on a stream which runs through the farm.

Davis said that since the Muslims bought the 1000-acre farm near here last fall 63 head of cattle have been killed.

The farm was purchased by the black cult from white Pell City car dealer Ray Wyatt. Soon after the sale, Wyatt's car dealership was heavily damaged by a nighttime fire and acid was poured on some of the cars Wyatt had in an open car lot.

Robert Shelton, imperial wizard of the Ku Klux Klan, took an option to lease several hundred acres surrounding the Muslim property.

Muslim officials said at the time they hoped the KKK would settle down and do some farming. The Klan answered it was there to keep an eye on things.