

Tourists Are Urged to Leave Plants In Foreign Lands When Returning

Tourists returning to the United States from abroad this summer should resist the momentary urge to bring back unprocessed foods, plants, and seeds, the U. S. Department of Agriculture says.

Enticing through their taste, smell, or look, foods and plant materials from abroad can harbor insects or diseases harmful to the U. S. agriculture, says USDA's crops regulatory officials. Even the soil attached to plant roots can transport microscopic pests.

That's why Federal quarantines prohibit bringing into this country certain fruits, vegetables, plants, cuttings, and seeds, and certain meats. Other plant and animal products must be inspected or treated before they can be imported. Bringing or mailing back souvenirs made of or packed in materials such as cotton waste, rice straw, and wheat straw might also introduce insects or diseases.

Travelers planning to bring back such items for special purposes should request a permit before leaving the States from the Agricultural Research Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington 25, D. C. Restricted items not covered by permit are subject to confiscation.

At all important port and airports, and along the Canadian and Mexican borders, USDA's plant quarantine inspectors are bracing themselves for a record

influx of returning travelers and foreign visitors this summer. In cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Customs, they inspect baggage of incoming travelers. They also inspect mail and parcel post from abroad.

Travel agents expect record-breaking numbers of U. S. citizens to travel outside North America this year, in addition to those heading north and south across international borders. Plants quarantine officials expect 110,000 planes to arrive from overseas for inspection during the year. If past years' experience is repeated, some 38 percent of these planes will contain unauthorized plant material in the personal baggage of passengers or crew.

Last year more than 27 million passengers arrived by air, an increase of 18 percent over 1955. Well over 3 million are expected this year, and estimates for 1958 forecast 4.4 million international passengers entering this country by air.

At least seven international airlines have made major contributions to educating air travelers in plant quarantine as well as other protective regulations. For example, one airline has issued an attractively illustrated booklet on how to clear U. S. Customs the easiest way. It calls attention to special requirements for importation of many meats, animal products, fruits, vegetables, plants, seeds and flowers, including corsages or leis. Familiarity with such requirements may forestall disappointment of tourists who try to clean Customs with plants or animal materials whose entry is either prohibited or restricted.

The Mediterranean Fruit fly was discovered last year in Florida in an area straddling the International Airport at Miami. Some entomologists believe it got in this country from infested fruit brought in air passengers' baggage. More than a year of intensive Federal-State control and eradication work has been necessary to bring this infestation under control.

Meanwhile the Mediterranean fruit fly has continued to seek entry. A California-bound passenger arriving at New York by plane from South America brought along a half-pound of fresh

Jap Beetles Expected This Weekend

HARRISBURG. — The State Department of Agriculture warned farmers and gardeners Wednesday to be ready for an earlier than usual arrival of Japanese beetles.

Dr. Thomas L. Guyton, director of the Bureau of Plant Industry, said the first beetles will probably arrive this weekend. He said the excessively warm weather and a change in the beetles' habitat are responsible for the early arrival.

Beetles can be effectively controlled, Dr. Guyton said, by applying Chlordane or DDT to the grass in whose root system grubs can be found. Applications of DDT should later be made to the foliage of plants to control the insects.

Japanese beetles will probably stay around for about three months. The majority of them will have died off by mid-August. During this period two treatments of DDT probably would be an effective control, Dr. Guyton said.

coffee berries to show his family five berries contained living larvae of the fruit fly. As many as 65 larvae of these flies have been found in oranges removed as garbage from a plane coming from Southern Europe and landing at Miami, Fla. The pest is intercepted 150 to 200 times a year by plant quarantine inspectors, principally in fresh fruits destined for all parts of the United States.

Inspectors are alert also for free-flying insects. Last year they found 8 live Japanese beetles in aircraft arriving in Hawaii from Japan. About 50 live European chafers were found on an overseas plane that had stopped in Paris, where these destructive pests of sod and pasture were swarming around the airport lights. Some had hidden themselves in baggage and cargo compartments. Prompt recognition of the pest by inspectors and immediate heavy application of aerosols resulted in the death of the chafers before they could escape from the planes.

Holstein-Friesian Assn Lists County HIR Record Completion

BRATTLEBORO, VT. — The Holstein-Friesian Assn. of America announces Herd Improvement Registry averages by the following Lancaster County area herds.

Harold K. Book, Ronks — Milked twice daily for 313 days, Roaring Maples Lucifer Betts 3457702 produced a total of 13,754 lbs. of milk and 535 lbs. of butterfat as a 4-year-old.

Conoy Farms, Bainbridge — Milked twice daily for 304 days, Dibson Midkiff R A Manza 286-1776 produced a total of 12,688 lbs. of milk and 596 lbs. of butterfat as a 9-year-old.

Paul H. Eby, Cochranville — Milked twice daily for 359 days, Willow Grove Acme 2680073 produced a total of 15,508 lbs. of milk and 614 lbs. of butterfat as a 13-year-old.

J. Mowery Frey, Lancaster — Milked twice daily for 365 days, Wightwick Glenafton Rachel 32-90633 produced a total of 16,232 lbs. of milk and 690 lbs. of butterfat as a 5-year-old.

J. C. & Jay Garber, Lancaster — Milked twice daily for 351 days, Hi Ester Marigold Violet 3973828 produced a total of 14,515 lbs. of milk and 547 lbs. of butterfat as a 3-year-old.

Robert C. Groff, Quarryville — Milked twice daily for 323 days, Millie Tilia 3401517 produced a total of 12,771 lbs. of milk and 476 lbs. of butterfat as a 5-year-old.

Elvin Hess, Strasburg — Milked twice daily for 365 days, Wye Oak Lucina 3414714 produced a total of 16,083 lbs. of milk and 676 lbs. of butterfat as a 5-year-old. Milked twice daily for 323 days, Vista Grande Lucifer C Dollv 3418752 produced a total of 16,081 lbs. of milk and 605 lbs. of butterfat as a 4-year-old.

Henry M. Hess, Mt. Joy — Milked twice daily for 344 days, Clovena Rag Apple Papoose 345-9652 produced a total of 14,297 lbs. of milk and 554 lbs. of butterfat as a 3-year-old.

Henry E. Ettering, Manheim — Milked twice daily for 324 days, Ethel Man O War Sovereign 418-1736 produced a total of 17,490 lbs. of milk and 727 lbs. of butterfat as a 4-year-old.

J. Leter Stauffer, Manheim — Milked twice daily for 335 days, Lassie Designer 3736605 produced a total of 17,190 lbs. of milk and 527 lbs. of butterfat as a 8-year-old.

Elmer B. Stoltzfus, Elverson — Milked twice daily for 365 days, Irvinbrae Commander Lark 375-2711532 produced a total of 18,910 lbs. of milk and 608 lbs. of butterfat as a 8-year-old.

Job Stoltzfus, Elverson — Milked twice daily for 359 days, Prilly Golden Desire 3372793 produced a total of 14,786 lbs. of milk and 557 lbs. of butterfat as a 5-year-old.

Mrs. Mary B. Stoltzfus, Morgantown — Milked twice daily for 352 days, Caernarvon Bess Doris 2711532 produced a total of 15,317 lbs. of milk and 602 lbs. of butterfat as a 10-year-old.

Steven K. Stoltzfus, Christiana — Milked twice daily for 318 days, Smyrna View Evelyn Homestead 3066131 produced a total of 13,252 lbs. of milk and 496 lbs. of butterfat as a 10-year-old.

M. M. Wenger, Rheems — Milked twice daily for 272 days, Locust Grand Imperial Beauty 3157304 produced a total of 11,284 lbs. of milk and 442 lbs. of butterfat as a 6-year-old.

A. W. Wickenheiser, Mt. Joy — Milked twice daily for 365 days, Mabel Rag Apple Honey Girl 2897132 produced a total of 19,274 lbs. of milk and 658 lbs. of butterfat as an 8-year-old.

Milked twice daily for 313 days, Elgan Veeman 3145886 produced a total of 16,996 lbs. of milk and 607 lbs. of butterfat as a 61-year-old.

Milked twice daily for 344 days, Lucy Lauxmont Toitilla 33-62529 produced a total of 16,872 lbs. of milk and 645 lbs. of butterfat as a 5-year-old.



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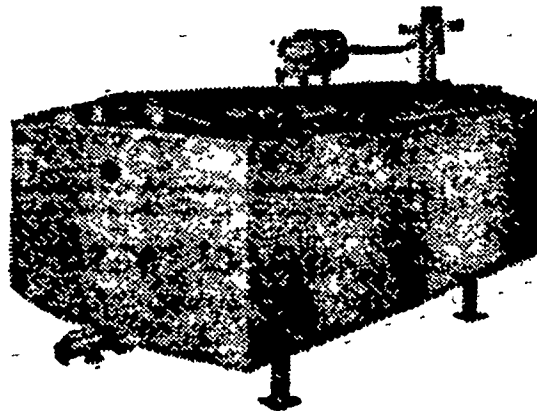
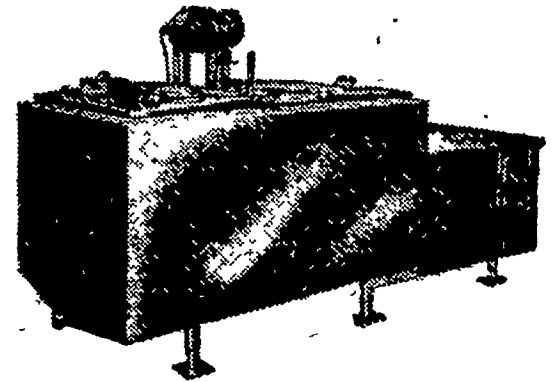
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