

Bugs Must Labels

Department of recently warned apple cider producers they must comply with food and sanitation laws.

violations of the laws were occurring.

According to Delmar K. Myers, acting director of the Bureau of Foods and Chemistry, violations usually come under one or all of three counts—the sanitizing of containers, improper labeling of the receptacles and failure to declare the presence of the preservative sodium benzoate, if used in cider.

Myers said that most of the violations cited insani-

tary bottles and jugs. He warns that producers must clean these containers properly.

Pennsylvania law requires the name and address of the producer on each label, the name of the product and the net contents. Producers may not add more than one ounce of sodium benzoate to every eight gallons of cider. If added, notation of the use of the preservative must be made on the label.

Violators are subject to maximum fines of \$1,000 for a third offense. First offense fines are a minimum of \$60 and a maximum of \$100.

With additional cider available as the season progresses, agents of the Bureau of Foods and Chemistry will be alerted to take more samples of cider to be analyzed than in past years.

"This will serve to protect the health of people drinking cider and to penalize unscrupulous operators trying to make a profit at the expense of the public," Myers declared.

Livestock handlers are urged by Penn State extension specialists to be careful with their animals. Carelessness causes bruises which result in large losses of meat, mostly in the areas which produce the highest priced cuts.

US & USSR Swap Plant Materials

An exchange program between the United States and the USSR of plant research materials has been reactivated this year after 15 years without official exchange, the U. S. Department of Agriculture reported today.

The program was reactivated through plant research agencies at the instigation of plant breeders in both countries. Some of these breeders have participated in exchange visits to the two countries. International exchange of plant materials was begun in 1898 by USDA's Plant Introduction Section, but was discontinued with Soviet Russia about 1944.

Cooperative exchange of new and indigenous plant varieties between the United States and the USSR has proved to be highly beneficial to agricultural advancement in both countries because of similarities in climate, agricultural interests, and crop problems. Before 1944, U.S. plant

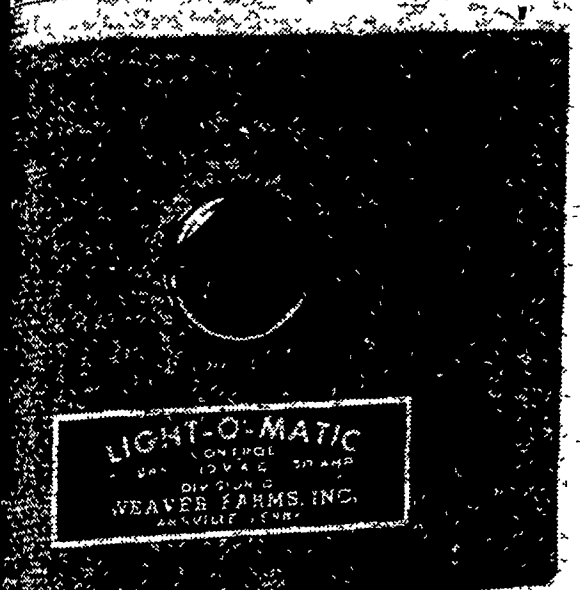
breeders received several important types of grasses and alfalfa from Russia. From U. S. contributions under the program, Russia now raises 10 million acres of sunflowers of American origin—a major source of vegetable oil in that country.

Since March, 577 shipments of forage (grass, legume), oilseed, and small grain and cereal crop seeds have been exchanged. Future exchanges this year will include tobacco stock and fruit varieties.

Requests for foreign plant materials by U. S. research agencies and corresponding requests for U. S. seed from abroad are cleared at USDA's Plant Industry Station, Beltsville, Md. In Russia, all seed exchange is through the All Union Institute of Plant Industry, Leningrad.

Feed the freshening cow a balanced ration, recommends Joe Taylor, Penn State extension dairy specialist. She needs protein and energy to start maximum production. Also provide a well-bedded area and plenty of room to move. Protect her from under chilling or injury which may lead to mastitis.

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