

Dry Rot?

USDA Says 'No Such Thing'

There is no such thing as "dry rot" declares the U.S. Department of Agriculture's new bulletin "Wood Decay in Houses: How To Prevent and Control It." Wood decay is caused by a fungus which cannot operate in dry wood. The seeds which cause wood rot are present everywhere—in the air, in room corners, even in the coffee pot on the kitchen shelf. These seeds, or spores, form a fungus which causes wood decay on window sills, around plumbing fixtures, wherever there is a vestige of moisture. In the driest parts of the country, the booklet points out, decay is a minor problem. Modern housing, of the ranch or split-level type, must be constructed with particular care to avoid the hazard of decay caused by woodwork close to the ground, the bulletin states. The

older type house, usually built well above ground, is comparatively safe from decay. Other sources of wood decay noted in the bulletin are roof leaks, inadequate overhang and guttering, inadequate paint maintenance, and unventilated attics. Treatment in cases where wood decay has set in is drastic and surgical. First trace the fungus back to its source of moisture, which is usually the ground, and then cut off the connection—brace, frame, wooden concrete form—which serves as bridge to let the fungus grow from moist soil to a joist or sill. Remove all affected wood and replace with sound dry wood, the booklet instructs; and before putting new wood in place, brush all adjacent surfaces with a preservative, such as 5 percent

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CHUCK STEAKS

When cut from U. S. Choice or comparable packer grade, steaks from chuck roasts may be grilled, says Catherine Love, Penn State consumer economics extension specialist. Cuts with some marbling, very little connective tissue, and creamy colored fat are best for grilling. Chuck may be cut into small pieces and marinated, then alternated with fruits and vegetables on skewers. Broiled indoors or outdoors, these kabobs make fine eating.

pentachlorophenol or copper naphthenate containing two percent copper.

Stock Show Will Stage Judging Contest

HARRISBURG—Nine Colleague livestock judging teams have entered the intercollegiate livestock judging contest to be held Nov. 10 at the Pennsylvania Live stock Exposition.

They are from the Universities of Connecticut, Georgia, Kentucky and Maryland; Ohio State University; Pennsylvania State University; Virginia Polytechnical Institute; and the Delaware Valley College of Science and Agriculture at Doylestown.

Also participating in the contest, but not competing with the college and university teams, are state 4-H Club teams from New York, Virginia and Pennsylvania.

The Pennsylvania 4-H Club team is from Greene

County. Twelve classes of livestock will be judged in the contest. The student judges will be required to give oral reasons for their placings in some of the classes. The teams are composed of five members.

Feeder Calf Sale Topped At \$45

The total run of 408 feeder steers brought an average price of \$26.25 per hundred-weight at the sixth annual Feeder Calf sale at the Lancaster Stockyards last Saturday.

Consignors from New Jersey, Virginia, Maryland, and Pennsylvania shared in the \$50,897.89 paid for the 190,955 pounds of beef.

Top price in the sale was \$45.00 per cwt paid by Richard Rabersolt, Kutztown, for a 495 pound angus Melvin Eberly, New Holland R2 was the biggest buyer of the sale taking home 58 head for a total of \$7,192.71.

A crowd estimated at 300 people included many 4-H and FFA members bidding on club calves for competition next year.

Average prices for the various graded ranged from \$36.60 for fancy steer calves to \$26.20 for good Angus and Hereford steers. Medium Angus and Hereford steers sold down to \$22.25.

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- QUESTION** Can I trade in a combine on a tractor?
ANSWER You don't have to trade like for like. You might, for instance, trade an old combine, or a baler on a new IH tractor.
- QUESTION** How much must I pay down?
ANSWER You don't need cash. Your trade-in is usually enough to swing an Early Trader's deal. As soon as your old machinery is parked on your IH dealer's lot it will earn your cash bonus.
- QUESTION** What if I pay cash?
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