

Fatal Rain

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are must simply be taken at the radioactive dust may be collected on the outside of the container should not come into contact with the contents or opening.

In the case of such vegetables as cabbage or lettuce, these can be used by removing outer leaves and washing inner parts thoroughly. Peas and beans are of course safe once shelled. Apples, pears and potatoes can be used after thoroughly washing.

In washing and cleaning radioactive food, rubber gloves must be worn, and in order to avoid breathing radioactive dust, a mask is recommended.

Unprotected meat can be cleaned to an extent by

washing and cutting away contaminated parts, but complete removal of activity cannot be guaranteed. Hay stacks which have become radioactive can be decontaminated by removing outer layers of hay, though it is unlikely that the danger will be completely eliminated thereby.

Whereas harvest produce will be contaminated only on the outside, growing crops will be contaminated through leaves and by absorption of radioactivity in the soil through the roots. If crops are harvested shortly after occurrence of fallout, the effect will be small and decontamination can be carried out by the aforementioned methods. The more time that elapses, however, the greater will be the absorption of radioactive

substances, especially radioactive strontium, by the crops.

What can the farmer do? Rake the upper soil surface. Dig over soil so that the upper and contaminated earth is buried deep. Plant crops whose roots will not reach radioactive layer then underneath. Feed soil with a low chalk content (low absorption in chalky soils). Problems related to decontamination of radioactive farm land are far from solved. Many are experimenting.

(The dangers of radioactive milk are then discussed along with the need for protecting milk cows. Advice is given to stock a month's supply of dried milk or other milk products for children. The Danish article then summarizes. Animals must have the

protection of a shed with walls shielded by earth, sandbags, as well as the roof. Milk cows should have the best protected places. Windows and doors should be protected with sandbags or other shielding.

Provision should be made for a stock of food and fodder in house and cattle shed. Should the farmer have a limited stock of uncontaminated forage, feed this to milk cows, whose milk then could be fed to the family, especially the children.

Cattle food should be covered. A covered water reserve is necessary.

Animals which cannot be brought under cover in time should, so far as possible, be led under trees or other protected places.

Red, Black, Brown Ants, That Is

Black ants, red ants, yellow ants, big ants, or small ants are often common pests in many homes, and they will be active from now until cold weather next fall. University entomologists warn ants are social insects that live in colonies. Nests are usually located in the soil near the foundation of the house, under sidewalks, or concrete slabs, or even in the lawn or garden.

To kill ants in the home, specialists suggest treating the baseboards, window sills, and other areas where ants are seen. Use a household-type spray containing 2 percent chlordane. Apply the insecticide at weekly intervals until the ants disappear.

There are a number of ant baits that can be used in the home, but be certain to follow the directions on the container when using baits. Many of them contain poisonous materials that must be used with caution.

Ant colonies in the lawn can be eliminated by sifting one teaspoon of 5 percent chlordane or 1 percent diazinon dust over each nest.

Local Feed Firm Adds Personnel

Donald P. Timmons, Maytown, Pa., has been named by John W. Eshelman and Sons, Lancaster, Pa., as sales representative in eastern Pennsylvania.

Mr. Timmons is rejoining the Eshelman organization.



DONALD P. TIMMONS

after completing work for his Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees at the University of Rhode Island, Kingston, R. I. He received his Master of Science degree in Poultry Science in June of this year.

He was previously a sales representative for the Eshelman firm in New Jersey.

Contest

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All hybrid varieties are not eligible for enrollment in the contest.

A plant population of less than 14,000 plants per acre at time of harvest will disqualify an entry as will the use of irrigation during the growing season.

The Lancaster County Champion in 1960 was Clarence Keener, Manheim, R. I., who produced 170 bushels per acre on his five-acre plot.

The 1961 contest officially closes November 15. All entry report forms and moisture samples must be in the hands of contest officials by that time.

All farmers producing over 150 bushels per acre will be awarded a blue ribbon; a red ribbon will go to all farmers growing between 125 to 149.9 bushels and a white ribbon will be awarded to all contestants growing 100 to 124.9 bushels per acre.

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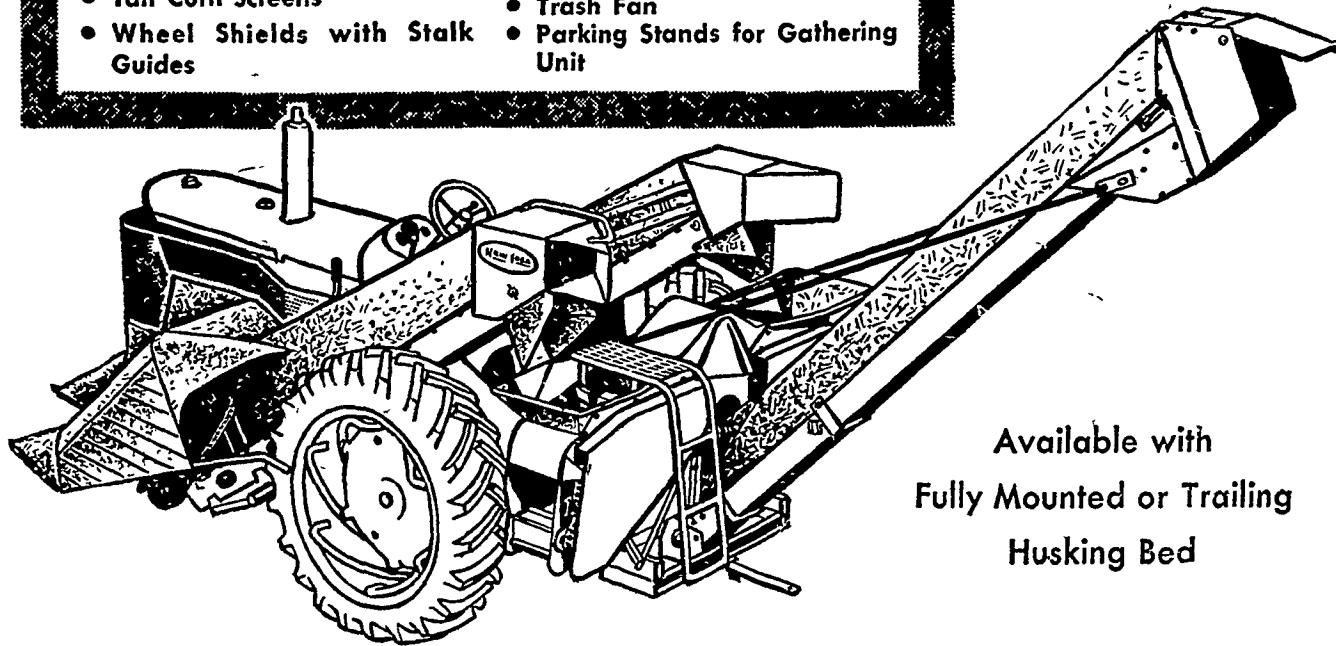
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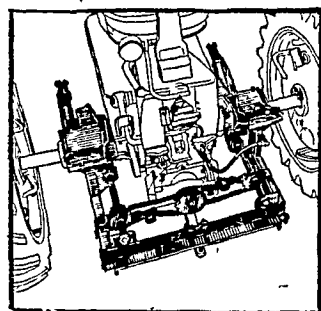
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