

Poultry House Stench? New Product Deodorizes

Poultry farmers who are sick and tired of hearing, "New, Pop, that's a terrible odor on your clothes" from their families may soon be as sweet smelling as the city baker.

That is, they will be if a new product developed by a poultry chemical laboratory fills the expectations of manufacturers.

The new product, NO-DEK, is a deodorant designed especially for combatting unpleasant odors which come to be known as the layer stench.

In extensive tests in cage layer houses the spray has been found to be especially effective, says Dr. Earl Hess, manager and Research Director of Lancaster Laboratory, developer of the material.

During the past summer, creek was applied under cages in a laying house where the droppings had been left to accumulate for weeks. Within 24 hours, servers could not detect disagreeable odors from droppings or the counter-odorant, Dr. Hess said.

While the product is being marketed by Lancaster Products, Inc., as a poultry house deodorant, there is extensive testing being carried on in dairy barns in the county. Preliminary tests have given very encouraging results, Dr. Hess said.

The material is marketed as an emulsion concentrate to be diluted with water and sprayed directly on the droppings. A gallon of the concentrate, which will make 40 gallons of spray is enough to treat the droppings under 40,000 caged layers. A quart of the material will make 10 gallons and will deodorize the manure from 10,000 hens.

In tests during the severe hot weather of the summer, one application per week effectively removed odors from caged layer houses, Dr. Hess said. "We have not done enough work in dairy barns to be able to make any recom-

Swine Influenza Is Danger Now

Harrisburg — Chilly, damp nights or sudden changes to cold weather can trigger an attack of influenza in a swine herd, the Pennsylvania Veterinary Medical Association told farmers today.

The veterinary group said it also is important to note that when hogs are confined in winter quarters, the virus which causes the disease can spread rapidly through the air.

To prevent an outbreak of swine influenza, farmers should provide clean, dry, comfortable sleeping quarters.

"We think many farmers will want to do away with the unpleasant odors in their farm buildings just because the odors are unpleasant, but if the buildings are located in or near communities, the job of doing away with odors may become a necessity, he said.

Many of us who have lived near caged layer houses know what he means.

Frosted Forage May Be Poison

Harrisburg — The time of year is fast approaching when livestock may become

poisoned from grazing Sudan grass which has been frosted, the Pennsylvania Veterinary Medical Association warned farmers today.

Sudan grass, while normally excellent forage, often undergoes chemical changes when affected by frost, developing a content of prussic acid or hydrocyanic acid. Cane and several other forage plants can be equally dangerous under some conditions of drought or frosting. The danger is greatest in new growth less than 12 inches tall and in frosted material.

The association reported that well-preserved Sudan grass silage can be fed safely since the prussic acid dissipates during the ensiling process. Hay is usually safe unless when young or when under a stress due to the drought or frost.

The poison acts quickly and can kill an animal within a short time after the damaged Sudan grass has been eaten. Symptoms include an appearance of drowsiness, difficult breathing and difficulty in standing.

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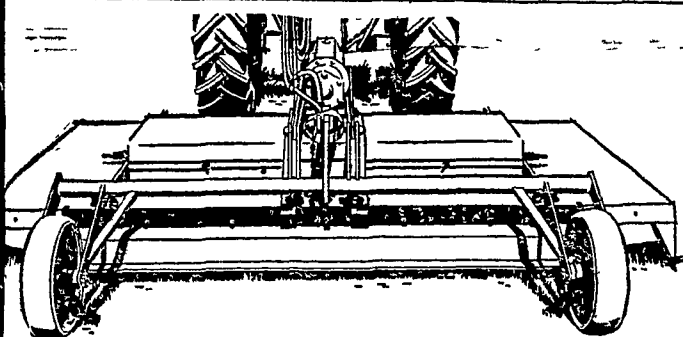
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