Fly Control In Barns Is Matter Of Sanitation With Spray Program

The basis of any fly control program is a sound sanitation program, most authorities agree, but sanitation can not be counted on to do the whole job

During the past two years, say Penn State University entomologists, sprays of dimethoate have given residual effectiveness for four to eight weeks when backed up by a good sanitation program.

Richard Forry, 2016 Horseshoe Road, who has operated a custom spraying business for four years, and has been using the residual spray with the trade name Cygon for the past three years, says, "Nothing I have ever used has given me as much satisfaction"

Forry, who sprayed about 400 barns last year and expects to spray more than that this year, said farmers are finding that if they control the flies in the barn, they control them in the house, and that makes the farm wife happy

Forry's three spray rigs are on the road every day right now One rig is kept busy spraying alfalfa fields for weevil control, a second specializes in disinfecting poultry houses, while the third is used for whitewashing dairy barns and spraying for flies

He said this week, most of the farms where he sprayed for flies last year have requested repeats Most of these farmers, he said, were using fogging machines or some type of hand operated spraying equipment before they began using the residual sprays, but they are finding that a custom application does a better job of control

When asked if the spray could not be applied with the whitewash, he explained that some of the effectiveness would be lost because the whitewash is put on much heavier than the pesticide and would cover some of the chemical "We find that the best time to spray for flies is two to five days after whitewashing," he said

While a large portion of his barn spraying business is in dairy barns, Forry also applies the residual sprays in hog houses and steer feeding pens. If a farmer has a dairy barn and a steer feeding operation, he has to control the flies in the whole barn.

While Forry uses only Cygon in his barn spraying program, the Pennsylvania State University entomologists also recommend Ciodrin, Diazinon, DDVP, Malathion, Dibrom, and Ronnel for residual sprays and add that any of the materials may

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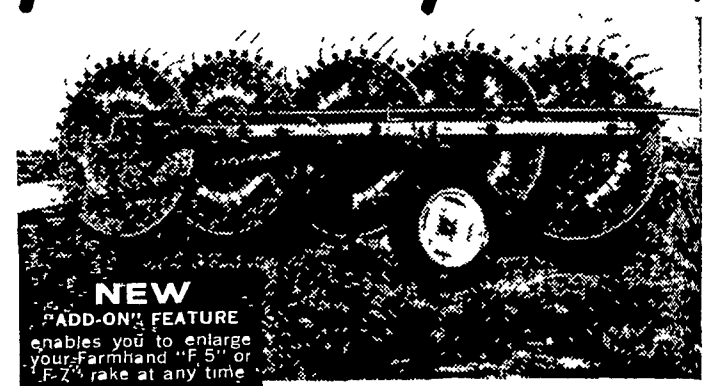

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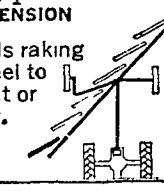

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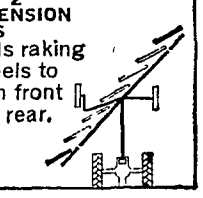

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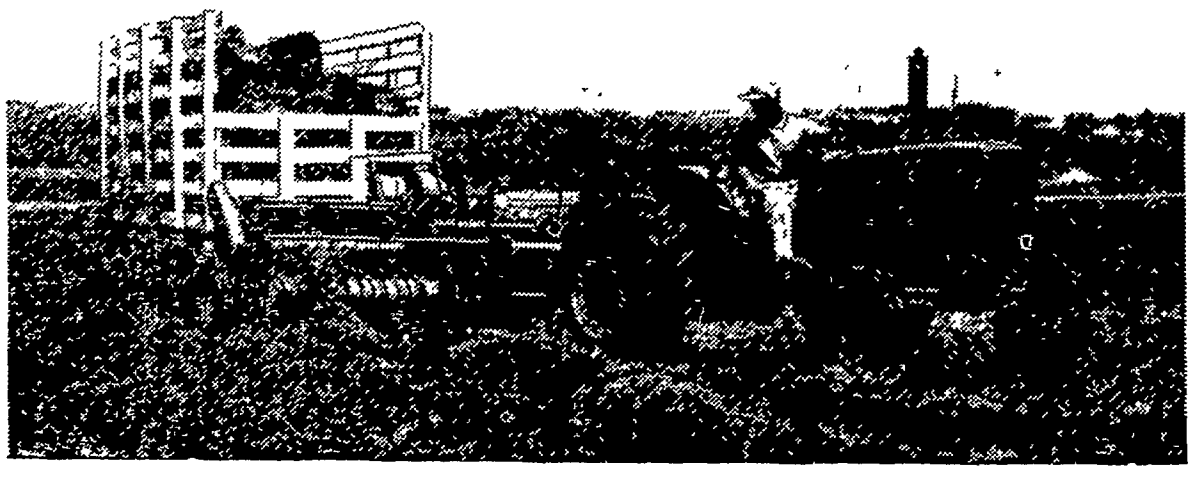

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