

Extension Asks Poultrymen To Assist FDA

In a recent newsletter the Poultry and Entomology Extension Departments of Penn State University pointed out the growing concern of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) over the potential hazard of feed additives, pesticides or any chemical compounds used in agriculture getting into human food channels.

The FDA is in the process of assembling a set of manu-

facturing rules for the feed industry that will help inspectors. They propose to call them "Good Manufacturing Practices." These regulations will serve as inspection guidelines for possible tolerances. The main objective is to prevent the public food supply from being contaminated with drugs and/or various chemical compounds used in the production of meat, milk and eggs.

Every precaution is being taken and will be taken to prevent the misuse of feed additives and the contamination of non-medicated feeds. Very precise procedures are outlined con-

cerning farm usage, manufacturing, storage and distribution of these feeds. For example, certain drugs are to be removed from the feed a specified number of days before the birds are sold. Entire lots of birds can be seized and condemned if this is not done.

If you are personally interested, a letter explaining each section and a copy of the bill as published in the Federal Register can be obtained from Donald W. Parke, Pennsylvania Millers and Feed Dealers Association, P.O. Box 329, Ephrata, Pa.

The poultry industry has a moral obligation to produce as wholesome a product as possible, free from chemical contamination for public consumption. FDA, as a "watchdog" agency, is in the driver's seat and is determined to do a good policing job.

Therefore, make a quick, thorough check on which drugs, feed additives and pesticides are currently on your farm and determine whether they are being used according to FDA and manufacturer's directions. New procedures are now available which can detect a presence of parts per billion of many chemical compounds. There is a zero tolerance for most of these compounds in meat and eggs. Do yourself a favor and don't be careless with these chemicals. The law has changed on certain compounds; so if you are in doubt, contact your local Extension Office.

Recommended and approved pesticides now being used are Malathion, Coumaphos (Co-ral) and Carbaryl (Sevin). Malathion and Co-ral are "safe" to use directly on the birds, in the nests and on the litter and roosts. Co-ral should not be used more often than once a week or within ten days of

a stress period. Sevin can be used either directly on the birds or on the litter and roosts. Always cover feeders and waterers when spraying.

DO NOT USE chemical pesticides unless approved for the specific use intended. Materials which have been carried over from the previous year or have been on hand over six months may not be legal or the approved application may have changed during this period. Always read labels each time the materials are purchased and check the most recent labels the supplier has on hand for any changes in usage. For this reason, a long list of chemicals which are presently approved will not be included.

DO read labels and feed tags and don't take their warnings

lightly because FDA is playing for keeps and will not tolerate any possible situation which may jeopardize the public health.

1. Rely on label information which is not more than six months old.

2. Destroy all chemical pesticide containers and never place chemical pesticides in unmarked containers.

3. Store chemical pesticides in a safe place away from the reach of children (preferably a locked cabinet).

4. Avoid freezing of chemical pesticides which are liquid because of the separation that can occur.

5. Always avoid skin contact with chemical pesticides and wash carefully after using these materials.

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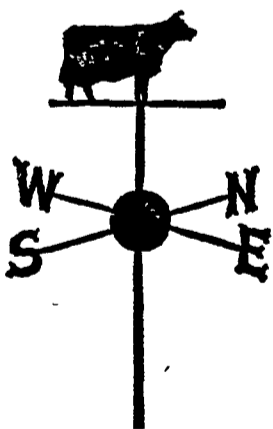
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