

FDA Proposes Zero Tolerance Some Pesticides

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) recently issued a proposed regulation to reduce the residual amounts of the pesticides aldrin and dieldrin that will be permitted on 55 agricultural commodities.

The present tolerance for aldrin and dieldrin for most of these 55 commodities is 0.25 part per million. The proposal would reduce the tolerances for all these commodities to zero. However, peti-

tions currently pending will, if approved, result in the establishment of tolerances of 0.1 part per million for a number of these commodities, FDA said.

No new tolerances would go into effect until publication in the Federal Register of a final order. Raw agricultural products properly treated before publication of the final order would be subject to the old rather than new tolerances.

Thirty agricultural commodities with a 0.1 part per million tolerance for aldrin and dieldrin would not be affected by the proposal. Neither would there be any change in authorized uses of aldrin and dieldrin for 109 other commodities which are registered by the Department of Agriculture on the basis that no residue is present on the crop as marketed.

The proposed order follows extensive consultation between the Food and Drug Administration and the U. S. Department of Agriculture. The Department of Agriculture has advised FDA that if the pro-

posed modifications of tolerance levels are put into effect, it will make the necessary changes in product registration and directions for use. USDA has responsibility for the registration of all pesticides moving in interstate commerce.

FDA said the proposal adopts recommendations of a special Advisory Committee of experts appointed from a panel nominated by the National Academy of Sciences — National Research Council Food and Drug Commissioner George P. Larrick appointed the Committee to review previously established residue tolerances for these highly toxic pesticides in the light of changing criteria and new scientific studies.

The Advisory Committee estimated that the total dietary intake of aldrin and dieldrin is about 0.01 part per million, and the more recent FDA findings indicate that the total intake is below that figure.

In the light of these findings the Committee concluded that an orderly transition to new tolerances for aldrin and dieldrin can be effected without undue hazard to public health.



NEW FFA OFFICERS OF GRASSLAND CHAPTER were recently elected for the 1965-66 school year. They took office on June 1, 1965. Shown above, they are left to right (first row): George Zimmerman, East Earl R1, secretary; Glenn Weber, Mohnton R2, president; Sanford Gehman, Mohnton R2, vice-president; Adam Zimmerman, East Earl R1, treasurer; (back row), Roy Bowman, New Holland R1, sentinel; Kenneth Zimmerman, Narvon R2, reporter; James Musser, Blue Ball, chaplain. Not shown in picture, Leroy Musser of East Earl R1, newly-elected parliamentarian. Second officers include: Robert Fisher, vice-president; Dale Herr, secretary; Leonard Good, treasurer; Daryl Weaver, sentinel, Larry Groff, reporter; and Galen Yoder, chaplain.

All-American Dairy Show Set For Sept. 13-17

Dairy farmers throughout the United States and Canada have two more months to select animals for the second Pennsylvania All-American Dairy Show, Sept. 13-17 in the State Farm Show Building, Harold R. McCulloch, manager of the show, reminded recently.

Final date for entries has been set, he said, for August 15. A premium list and entry forms will be mailed early in July to all exhibitors who participated in the first show last fall. These forms may be obtained also by writing to McCulloch, Farm Show Building, Harrisburg.

At the 1964 show nearly 2,500 cattle were entered from sixteen states and Canada to make it the largest known event of its kind in the world.

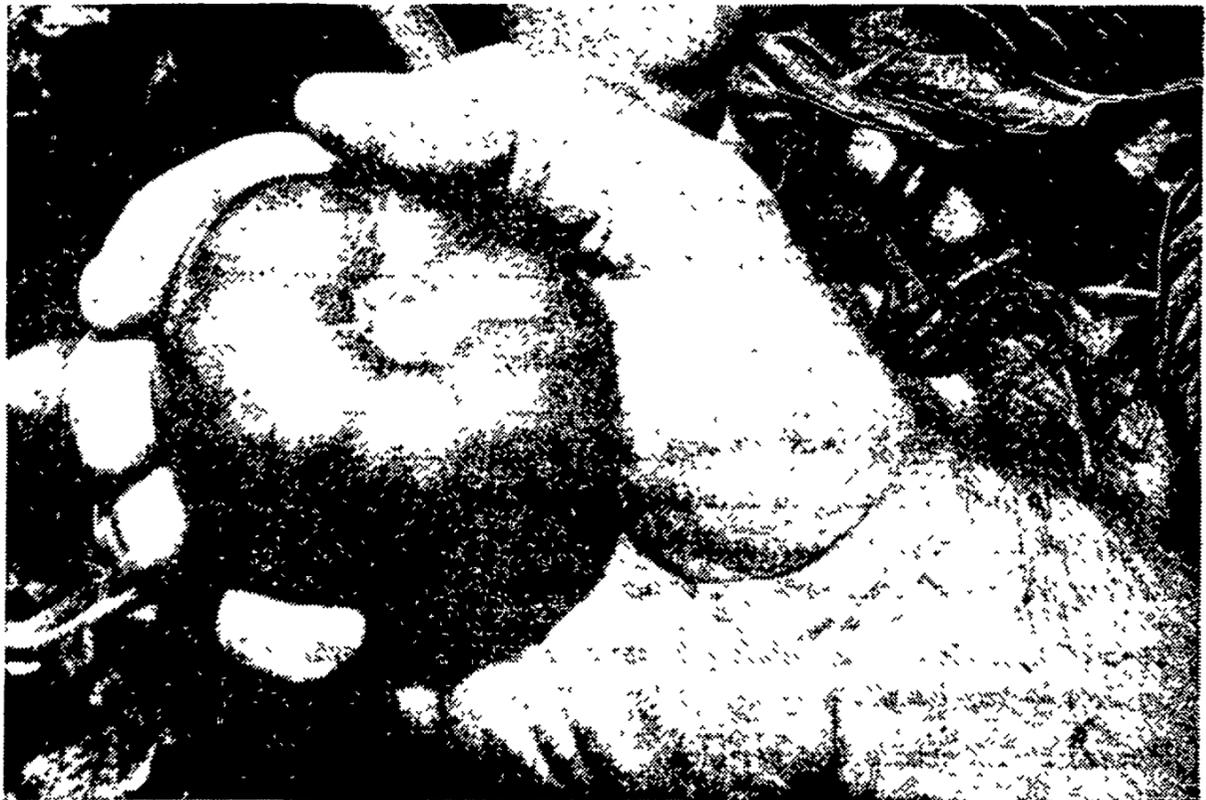
An open international show, it is sponsored by the State Department of Agriculture, its Fair Show Commission and the Pennsylvania Dairy and Allied Industries Association.

Cuthbert Nairn, Douglassville, PDAA president, said the show will operate on a \$92,700 budget, of which \$52,000 will be in Commonwealth funds, the remainder coming from entry fees and contributions by sponsors and supporters.

The 5-day program will open with the Pennsylvania Junior Dairy Show, Sept. 13, when the blue ribbon cows and heifers from a dozen 4-H and FFA district eliminations will compete for state championships.

Again the show will embrace the Pennsylvania Holstein Association's state Black and White exposition that has been scheduled for Tuesday. Animals in the Junior and Black and White competitions will be eligible for the main All-American Show that will occupy Wednesday, Thursday and Friday on the show bill.

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