

Buy Quality In Seeds, Not Price

Consider more than cost when buying seed, according to Dr. William Mitchell, extension agronomist at the University of Delaware. Money saved buying inexpensive seed can be a very costly economy if the seed quality is poor.

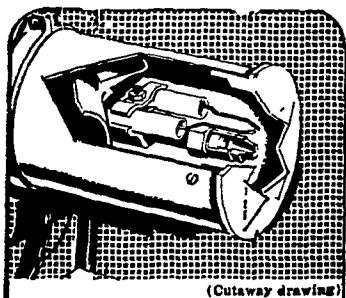
Germination noxious weed seed content and the amount of the seed of the desired variety are considerations that are generally more important than cost alone. These quality factors can be easily checked by reading the attached labels.

The analysis tag required by law must show the month and year the seed was tested for germination, and the percentage of seed that will germinate. The tag must also show the percentage of pure seed of the labeled variety, the percentage of other crop and weed seeds and the number of noxious weed seeds per pound, Mitchell said.

When attached to sealed containers, the certified tag is a sure sign to the buyer that this seed has met specific standards as required by law of a state certifying agency, Mitchell points out.

If the seed has been chemically treated, a separate chemical treatment tag must state the name of the chemical used. This tag must also specify any necessary safety precautions when handling the seed.

Mitchell suggests that before buying seed this spring, a farmer should take the time to read and compare the information on the tags attached to seed containers.



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Seed prices vary; the lowest priced seed may not be the best buy after all.

Further Pesticide Research Announced

HARRISBURG — Research on accumulation of pesticide residue in aquatic plants and animals will be sponsored by the State Department of Agriculture in a project announced this week by Secretary Leland H. Bull.

The study, Bull stated, will be conducted by the Delaware Valley College of Science and Agriculture under contract with his department. A long range project, it is expected to require 3 to 5 years to complete.

Purpose of the program will be to determine the effect on aquatic life of three different classes of insecticides — carbamates, organic phosphates, and chlorinated hydrocarbons.

LITITZ-MANHEIM 4-H COMMUNITY CLUB MEETS

By Annette Long, reporter

The Lititz-Manheim 4-H Community Club met April

14 at Lititz Recreation Center with 43 members attending.

Richard E. Dagle gave an interesting and enjoyable talk entitled, "Below the Surface," which is about the adventures of SCUBA diving.

The president, Richard Buckwalter, Lititz R3, appointed a program committee for the next month consisting of Eric Stoner, 1051 Eden Road, Lancaster; Ann Bomberger, Lititz R2; and Larry Walton, Lititz R1. The next meeting will be held at Fairland Elementary School, May 12, featuring a box social.

Project leader for the study will be Dr. Ellery W. French, assistant professor of biology. He will be assisted by a chemist on the college staff.

Secretary Bull said "a better understanding of this problem will permit more intelligent use of insecticides, and will be of benefit to the whole public."

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MANHEIM SEWING CLUB TO REORGANIZE

The Manheim 4-H Sewing Club will hold a reorganization meeting on Monday, May 2nd, at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the basement of the Manheim Zion Lutheran Church.

The Club members report this is to be an important meeting, and they urge all mothers to attend.

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