

Forage Grasses Used In Water Pollution Study

A method for using fertilizer elements in the liquid runoff from manure lagoons to grow forage grasses for livestock feed was outlined this week by a U. S. Department of Agriculture engineer.

Harold J. Eby reported that fertilizer discharged by manure lagoons adds to pollution in rivers, streams, and lakes. The nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium in such runoff nurtures growth of algae, aquatic weeds, and slimes which clog and foul recreational waters, kill fish, and serve as breeding grounds for mosquitoes, Eby said.

He reported specifically on preliminary laboratory tests in which forage grasses were grown in runoff from manure lagoons. The tests, which are being conducted cooperatively with the University of Maryland, indicate that the grasses are effective mechani-

Two Pennsylvanians On Eastern Plant Board

HARRISBURG — Two representatives from the Bureau of Plant Industry, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, were elected officers of the Eastern Plant Board at its annual meeting last week at Virginia Beach, Va.

Henry F. Nixon, bureau director, was elected president for the ensuing year. Arthur Jeffery, entomologist, a member of the National Plant Board during the past year, was named secretary-treasurer for the next three years. Eastern Board members are

cal and chemical filters for removing the dissolved solids and using up the nutrients. The forage can be used for hay, silage, or green chop.

Tests show this system may also be adapted for sewage treatment, Eby said. Such a system for both livestock and sewage clean-up would result in discharge of a comparatively pollution-free effluent.

state plant regulatory officials in thirteen states in the Northeast.

RED MEAT PRODUCTION INCREASED IN MARCH

HARRISBURG — Red meat production turned sharply upward in the state and nation in March, says the State Crop Reporting Service.

Pennsylvania's production totaled 90 million pounds, 16 percent more than was produced in February. Total U. S. production was 2,749 million pounds, 15 percent more than in February.

March production in the state, however, was 2 percent less than in March 1965. The January-March total was down 4 percent from last year's first quarter output.

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Bratcher concluded, "and recent demand for quality breeding stock points to an expected record number of calf registrations in the next six months."

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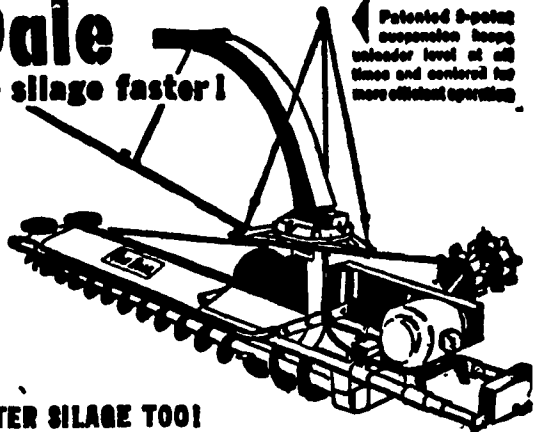
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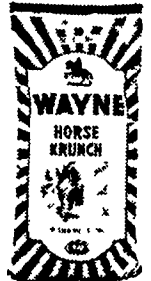
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