

Injections Can Damage Livestock Carcasses

Many damaged carcasses are seen each year at packing plants. These carcasses represent considerable loss of money to packers and shippers.

The usual causes of damage are bruises, abscesses, parasites, and serious injuries.

Recently, carcasses have been damaged for another reason, says T. M. Curtin, University of Missouri extension veterinarian. It occurs when veterinarians or farmers inject cattle with various antibiotics to treat foot rot, or tranquilizers before shipment.

As a result of recent, or improper, injections, many carcasses have to be severely trimmed. Some have been trimmed in the round, others in the flank and on the shoulder. Curtin notes that one mid-

western packer reported a single shipment of 50 heifers contained 15 animals which required trimming due to an injection of tranquilizers.

The extension veterinarian recommends that individuals who make such injections

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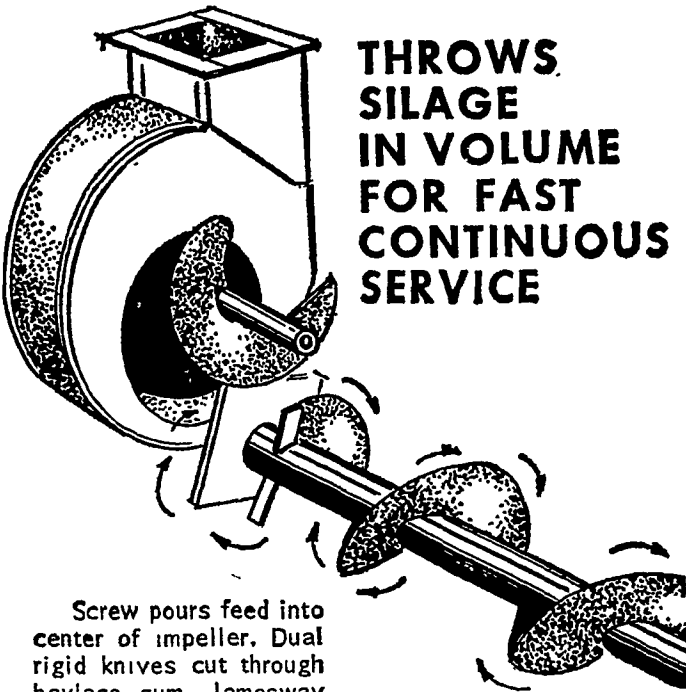
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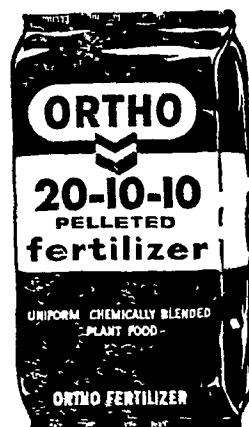
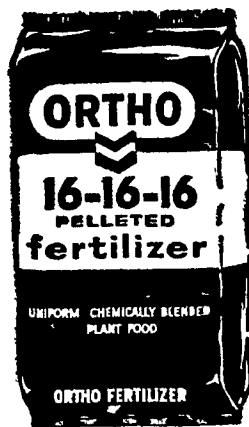
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NFU Commends Freeman's Move To Curb Imports

Action of Secretary of Agriculture Orville Freeman invoking the authority of Sec. 22 of the Agricultural Act to curb importation of dairy products is a welcome first step, according to the national executive committee of the Farmers Union meeting in New Orleans. The NFU officials commended the Secretary for his action and urged further efforts to raise milk price supports to 100 percent of parity in order to help alleviate the distress in rural areas.

The Farmers Union officials also called upon the Secretary "To exercise immediate authority he now has to adjust upwards the seasonal differentials in prices on fluid milk under the various market orders, and raise supports to 90 percent of parity.

"Congressional action, however, is needed," the executive committee said, "to further adjust imports, and to provide permanent legislation assuring family type dairy producers opportunity to earn full 100 percent of parity. We urge the use of direct payments to accomplish this goal. Such a program would not only help farmers, but the economy as a whole by putting more money into the depressed rural communities. Consumers would be benefited by stable milk prices within their reach and the nation would be assured a safe and dependable supply of milk."

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