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Protect Against Pesticide Drift

Pesticide drift — movement of a pesticide to areas other than the intended area of application — can cause untold damage, says Frank Boys, agricultural chemicals specialist at the University of Delaware.

There are two kinds of pesticide drift, he explains. Spray or dust particle drift occurs at the time of application when small droplets or dust particles are carried by air movement. Vapor drift is caused by pesticide fumes from the application site as the pesticide evaporates. These fumes are also carried by air movement.

Pesticide drift can harm sensitive crops, ornamentals, gardens, livestock, wildlife or people, warns Boys. Ponds and streams may become contaminated. Drift may also result in crop residues exceeding the established legal tolerance level.

To help control pesticide drift, Boys advises using low volatility formulations and using low pressure, large nozzles and high volume when spraying.

Release spray near the crop or soil and avoid spraying at high temperatures, he adds. Spray when the wind is low and blowing away from sensitive crops and other areas that shouldn't be contaminated.

Housework—Something a wife does that nobody notices unless she doesn't do it

Pa. Price Level Down Slightly

Slight decreases in the prices received for milk and eggs more than offset increasing fruit, vegetable and meat animal prices, pushing the April index of prices received by Pennsylvania Farmers down 1 point (less than 1/2 percent), according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service.

The index of prices received for livestock and livestock products declined 3 points, despite an equal increase in the meat animal index. Increased prices for steers and heifers and slaughter cows (both up 20 cents to \$25.20 and \$17.60 respectively) and a sharp rise in lamb prices (up \$2.80 to \$27.50) more than offset decreasing prices for other meat animals. Hog prices, down 20 cents to \$19.40 showed the largest drop, while calves and sheep were off a dime, at \$34.40 and \$7.20 respectively.

Grain and hay prices averaged slightly lower, with wheat off a penny, barley down 2 cents and rye down 3 cents. Hay prices were 50 cents a ton below

the previous month. Oats, at 84 cents a bushel was the only gainer (up a cent) while the price received for corn remained steady at \$1.20.

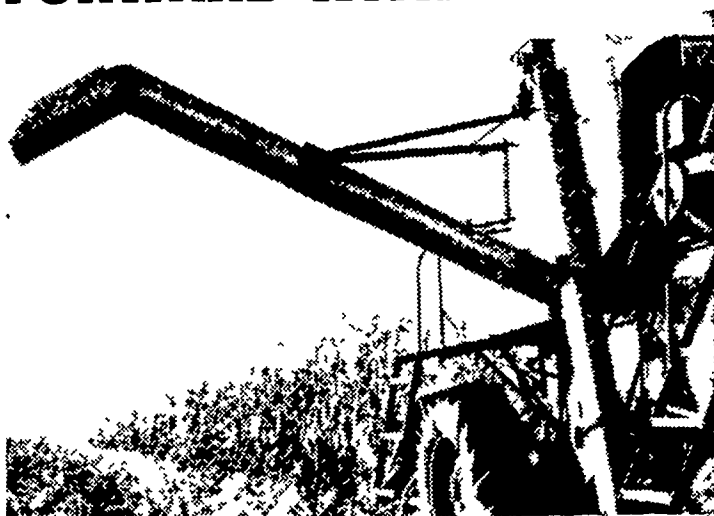
Poultry and egg prices were off slightly — a result of a half cent drop for broilers and a 2 cent decline for eggs. Egg prices, at 32 cents per dozen were the lowest since last October, and the lowest April price since 1944. The preliminary estimate of milk price for April shows a 10 cent drop from the previous month, less than the normal seasonal decline.

The prices received index for all farm products, a measure of the change in prices received by farmers was 246 percent of its 1910-14 = 100 percent base. This compares with 247 the previous month and 244 for April 1967.

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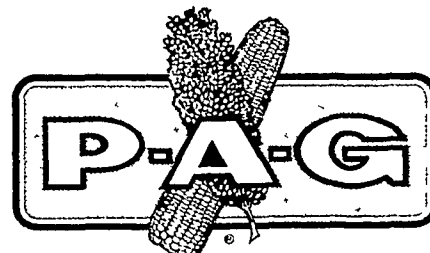
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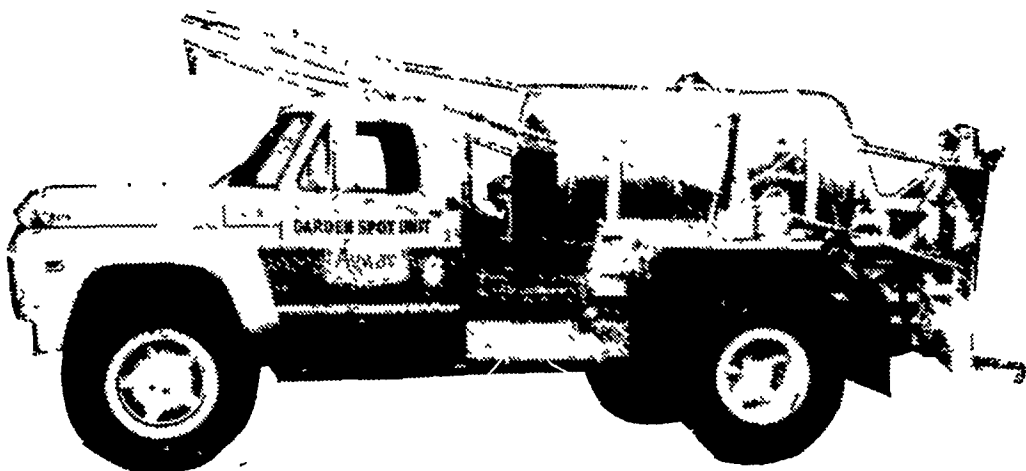
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