

Iowa Pork
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U.S. packer, the Meat Board, USDA and the Pork Council have joined together on a pilot project to identify and eliminate trichinosis. And the research shows in over 180,000 hog carcasses tested, only 18 have been found with the disease."

The representative said he felt the organization could do the best job for producers by promoting pork sales. However, the council is also conducting production research with its share of the "Nickels For Profit" program. This phase of the program is largely one of assembling all the information from college, university and government research programs into one central information pool. Paul stressed they are not getting into research, just assembling the facts on the work that has been done.

The National Pork Producer representative criticized other farm commodity promotion programs in the area of spending money on advertising that can be seen by the producer. "We aim to sell pork and not producers," he said. "You wouldn't

find our sign at the end of the farm lane but we'll have them where they are needed."

The main purpose of the meeting with livestock salesmen was to inform and seek questions on problems that have arisen in the collection of the nickel per head at the point of sale. The swine-men reported one major local



Roland Paul

packer in Lancaster who collects the nickels on all the 500 head per week he kills and has had no problem. Another packer killing 100 head per week has had only one producer who didn't want the money deducted.

Lancaster County Swine Association members present at the afternoon conference were: Jim Horton, John Henkel and Mark Nestleroth.

Keep Poultry Feed Clean

Poultry nutrients must be kept fresh, clean and wholesome, say extension poultry specialists at Penn State. Domestic birds are sensitive to molds.

USDA Considers Tomato Import Regulation

Minimum size and inspection requirements for fresh tomatoes imported into the United States have been proposed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

USDA's Consumer and Marketing Service said that under the proposed regulation imports would be limited to tomatoes larger than 2 1/4 inches in diameter from Nov. 4, 1968 through July 31, 1969. Inspection of imports would assure compliance with this regulation, C&MS of-

ficials said. Pear-shaped and cherry tomatoes would be exempt from the import regulations.

The proposed import requirements are the same as the size and inspection requirements which would apply for domestic shipments under the Federal marketing order for Florida tomatoes, C&MS pointed out.

The Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act requires that imports of specified commodities be regulated whenever marketing order regulations are in effect for domestic shipments. Import regulations for tomatoes were previously in effect from 1955 to 1966.

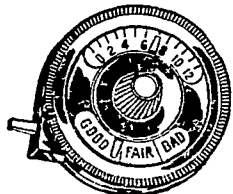
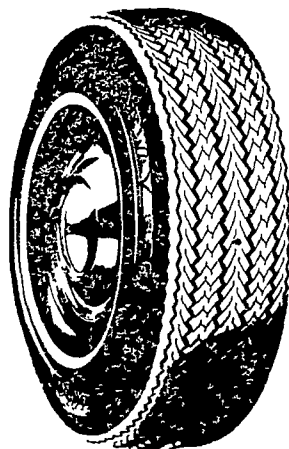
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