

Lancaster Farming

SECOND SECTION

Beaver And Muskrat Season Ends March 9

Sportsmen are reminded that the 1969 beaver trapping season will end at 12 noon this Sunday, March 9. The second part of the muskrat season will end at the same time.

Weather conditions and trapping success varied considerably in different sections of the northern part of the state this year. In the northeast, beaver trappers were hampered by heavy ice, with the result that the furbearers were not moving, and the harvest may be lower than last year's.

Conditions and the harvest in the northcentral part of the state have been about on a par with last year, while in the northwest trappers had open water and the harvest is expected to be considerably higher than in 1968.

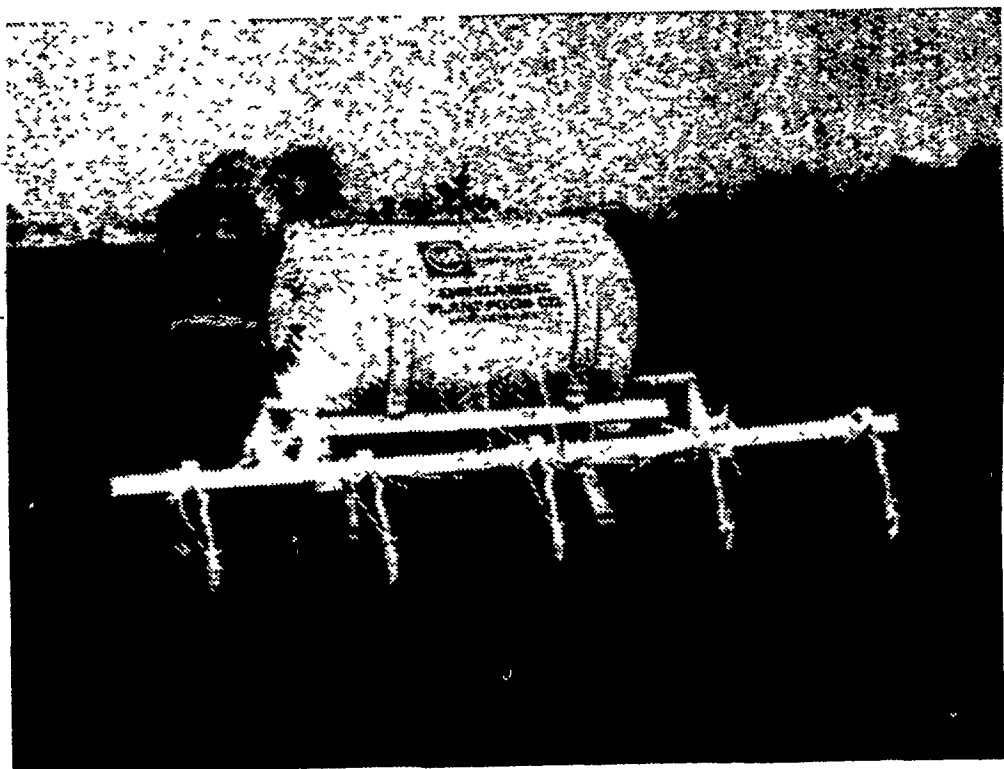
All beaver pelts should be presented to a District Game Protector in the county where they were trapped. Trappers are required by law to have an official seal affixed to the pelts within ten days after the close of the season. Untagged beaver pelts may not be sold or otherwise disposed of, nor may they be possessed later than ten days after the close of the season.

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USDA Adopts Official Grade Standards For Feeder Pigs

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has announced the adoption of revised standards for grades of feeder pigs, effective April 1.

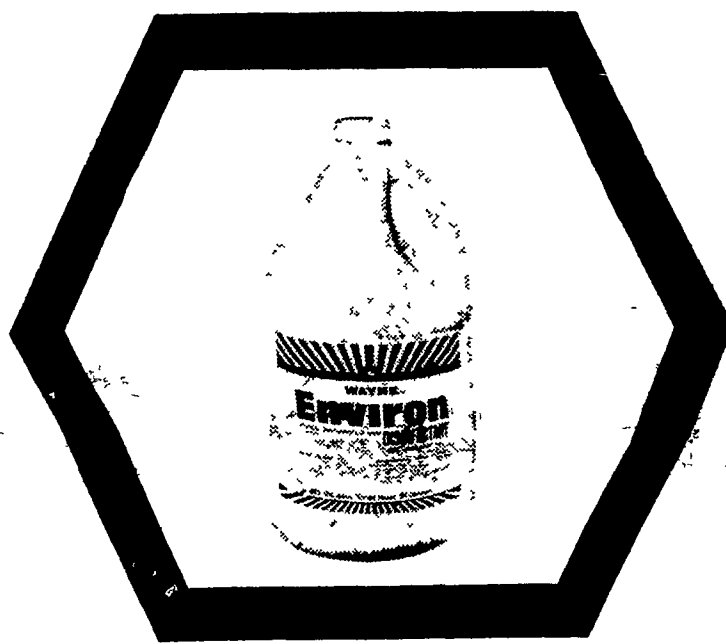
The new standards coordinate the grades for feeder pigs with the 1968 revision in the grades for slaughter swine and for barrows and gilt carcasses.

Essentially, the standards are the same as those proposed on November 22, 1968, according to officials of USDA's Consumer and Marketing Service. A few minor revisions — based on comments received by USDA on the proposal — were made to aid clarity and uniformity in interpretation of the standards. The revised standards provide

for four numerical grades. The new U.S. No. 1 grade recognizes the superior feeder pigs that are being produced today. Requirements for the U.S. No. 2, 3, and 4 grades are similar to those for the former U.S. No. 1, 2, and 3 grades. The standards also contain two lower grades — U.S. Utility and Cull — for unthrifty feeder pigs that cannot reasonably be expected to reach a desirable market weight in a normal feeding period.

Grades for feeder pigs are based on two value-determining characteristics: logical slaughter potential (the potential development of a pig's muscular and skeletal systems) and

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