## **Borates Seem No Problem** For Effluent Irrigation

Despite the increasing use of Pennsylvania State University. borates in laundry detergents, it Five years of experiments at proportion of the farm populaage from boron in sewage effl- enough to endanger plants ings of the American Society of boron to the surface of soils in cent. Agronomy in Detroit, Mich

problem from irrigating crops with sewage waste water containing present levels of borates, de helpful in leaching out some from farms to towns and cities. clared James D. Jardine, research boron from the root zone of



a "tying up" process. His studies Where rainfall exceeds evap- indicated that the iron oxide oration, there should be no content of soils was important in "tying up" boron.

assistant in agronomy at The plants, he pointed out Boron is normally carried in solution un- city life — new adventures, hightil fixed in soils or taken up by er pay, 40-hour wook week, varters, the average age remains plants It can be a crop hazard if ied job opportunities, easier young because of higher birth allowed to accumulate due to ways of making a living — have rates. evaporation where rainfall is induced entire families to abonlimited as in California.

> Analysis of soils treated with other than from the soil. sewage effluent showed higher concentrations of boron than in However, the concentrations v in not hazaidous — even to sensitive clops

periment Station studies, plants and in the Mississippi Delta area, timated 309,000 — less than three sensitive to boron were exposed the average rural age is under 23 percent of the population — live to much higher applications of according to the Agricultural Ec- on farms easily in soils lacking the ability USDA to "tie up" boron

### More Males On Farms

It comes as no great surprise population is growing older.

Recent statistics disclose that people are 55 years old and older.

And it used to be that a high past ten years the proportion of

One of the reasons for the increase in age of those men and women composing today's farm cial vehicles carrying a Number population has been the continu- 2 inspection sticker are due for Rainfall in the humid east is ed migration of young adults their semi-annual check in the inspection sticker on the

> The attractions of town and don farming and take a fling at making a livelihood in ways

of the country, it isn't true that great, the average age is 366 soils not treated with effluent. rural areas are peopled by older folks

In the southern coal field areas in the tobacco and cotton coastal As part of these Penn State Ex- plain section of the Carolinas lived on faims Today an es plant poisoning occurred more onomic Research Service of the

### to hear that America's farming Car Owners Reminded 23 percent of the nation's farm people are 55 years old and older. Of Inspection Time

the current semi-annual inspec- have been met uent used for irrigation, it was

Jardine said electrostatic charyoung children living on faims the held man mark that the held man mark to a new the said electrostatic charannounced recently during meetbeen reached in the November-January checkup.

> Both passenger and commercampaign which will continue

these rural areas to urban cen-

It used to be that almost everyone lived on a faim As late as 1890 the majority of Pennsylvan-

But there's one farm aspect out further delay' that hasn't changed the farm Despite heavy migrations from population is still predominately sticker are not due for a semi-

males to every 100 farm females on February 1

Passenger car, truck and mo-through January 31 and will reis unlikely that the eastern Unit- Penn State showed that boron tion was made up of children to eycle owners whose vehicles ceive a Number 4 sticker signied States will run into crop dam- did not accumulate in the soil under 14 years old During the are subject to inspection during fring inspection requirements

> Harry H Brainerd, Commissioner of Traffic Safety, said that aside from noting the numeral on the sticker, it is a simple matter to determine when any vehicle is due for inspection.

> "The owner has only to look at windshield," Brainerd explained. "Each sticker bears the beginning and expiration dates for the next inspection campaign "

Pennsylvania vehicles are now about equally divided for inspection purposes through use of the Speaking of ages, the average last digit of the manufacturer's age for a Pennsylvania faim op. serial number to determine erator is 509 years while the which fall into the odd and U.S. average is 513 On Alaska, which into the even periods for However, in several sections where the weather ligors are Lispection as designated by the numeral on the sticker

"The plan was designed to ease the workload at official inspection stations during any threemonth inspection campaign, Brainerd said "Vehicle owners can help avoid the last-minute rush at inspection stations by having the checkup made with-

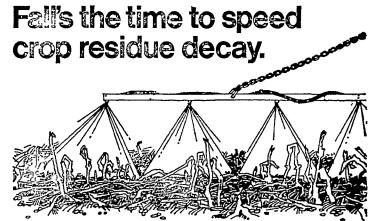
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