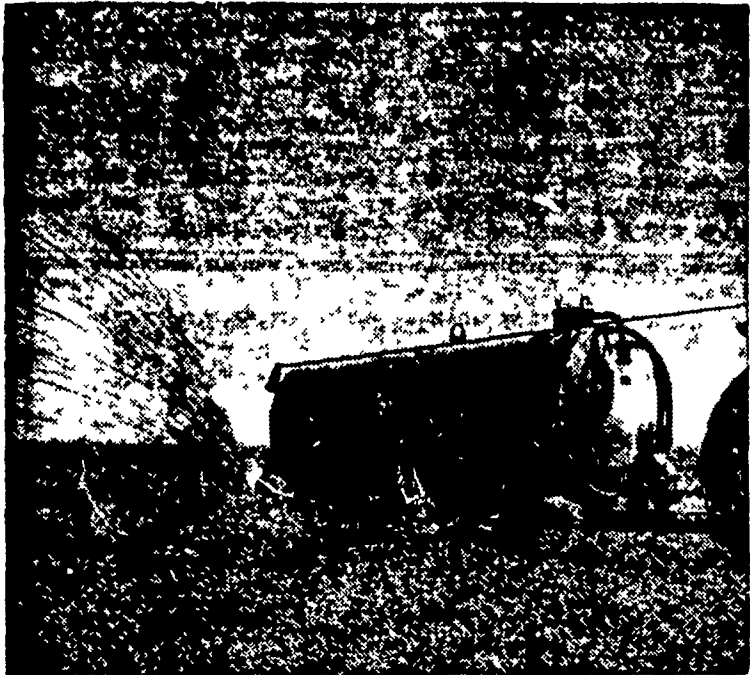


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Meat Inspection -- Questions & Answers

By H. Louis Moore
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Many meat packers have questions regarding the application of inspection standards to existing plants. When evaluating existing plants, inspection personnel are required to exercise the "Rule Of Reason" to see that the plant can meet inspection needs and produce a wholesome product. The following ten questions are typical of those asked by operators of small plants in Pennsylvania. The answers have been checked and approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture and represent the inspection program as it is now being enacted.

1. Does the "Rule Of Reason" mean that all plants must have identical facilities and equipment? No. The type and volume of the operation is taken into

consideration. It would be unreasonable to apply the same yardstick to a plant killing five cattle a day and to one handling 150 per hour.

2. Is it true that custom slaughterers must come under inspection on January 1, 1970? No. The custom slaughterer is exempt from inspection if he does not engage in the buying or selling of livestock, carcasses, or meat. He must, however, adhere to certain sanitary requirements to insure that he produces a wholesome product.

3. I recently heard that I must have stainless steel offal barrels. Is this true? No. Any metal barrel which can be kept clean will be satisfactory.

4. Can I use the same kill floor for different species of livestock? Yes, if there is sufficient space and proper equip-

ment for handling each species.

5. If I have inspection, can I skin and process deer as a service to hunters during hunting season? Yes, if this operation does not constitute a nuisance or create sanitation problems. If the skin on the deer contacts dressed beef in the cooler, or if over-ripe deer were accepted for processing, the inspector would note a violation.

6. I was told to replace an item with a rust-resistant metal. Does this mean I have to buy stainless steel? No. Stainless steel, hot-dip galvanized steel, aluminum, and magnesium are rust-resistant metals. Stainless steel is the choice for food-handling equipment. It is of high cost initially, but is often least expensive in the long run.

7. How does the inspection service feel about the use of sawdust in a meat packing plant? Inspection authorities don't like sawdust because they say it has a habit of getting on meat, will harbor sour particles of meat and fat, and contribute to mold formation. Yet it can serve a useful purpose in coolers where there are no drains, especially when floors are of wood. The thin coating of sawdust in coolers should be changed daily. Inspectors will not approve sawdust for use in areas where meat is boned, ground, cured, or processed.

8. What is Agriculture Handbook 191, which I hear is being used as an inspection manual? This handbook is a guide to architects and plant owners so that they may design new plants that fully meet Federal Inspection standards. This handbook is not the basic document for meat inspection standards required under the new Federal Meat Inspection Act.

9. Will inspectors approve a plant that has rails lower than those recommended? In existing plants, rails lower than standard will be accepted if measures are taken to protect the meat from contamination. Some carcasses may have to be quartered before they can be hung or transported. Hanging meat must clear the floor by at least one foot.

10. I kill about five cattle per day. Do I need separate tables for inspection, for washing and trimming of offal, and for boning heads? There is no reason why one piece of equipment should not serve several uses in an operation of this size. It need only be appropriate for its intended use. A homemade, wall-mounted head rack could serve as a flushing and inspection stand, for example.

• Farm Women
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sent to two Washington Boro families who have handicapped members requiring medical care. Delegates to the 51st annual State Convention of the Society of Farm Women of Pennsylvania included Mrs. Robert Rohrer, Mrs. Howard Martin and Mrs. Andrew Nissley, who attended Tuesday's business session. Attending Monday were Mrs. Benjamin Shenk, Mrs. John Newswanger, Mrs. Paul Keagy, Mrs. Charles and Mrs. Rohrer.

During the social portion, secret pals were revealed. The group decided to discontinue secret pals in 1970. Mrs. Charles was presented with a gift in appreciation of her leadership and participation in county activities as a representative of the local society.

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