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USDA Broadens Attack On Insecticide Usage

The U S Department of Agriculture today canceled federal registrations for all uses of aldrin and dieldrin insecticides in aquatic environments in an effort to further reduce pollution of the nation's water resources and potential contamination of fish and other aquatic life.

Today's action is in line with a directive issued November 13, 1969, by Secretary of Agriculture Clifford M. Hardin, calling for increased emphasis on protection of the environment in the registration of pesticides. He reported to the President's Environmental Quality Council that the Department would review pesticide registrations on a use-by-use basis and limit persistent pesticides to essential uses only.

The cancellation action is similar to that taken in November by USDA's Agricultural Research Service to limit the amount of DDT in the environment. Aldrin and dieldrin are both persistent pesticides from the same chemical family as DDT. Dieldrin is the most widely found pesticide in the environment, after DDT, and is a breakdown product of aldrin.

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Corn Growers Should Know Soil Capacity

Corn growers should know their soil's ability to support various plant populations and the characteristics of the hybrid seed they are using before deciding on a particular planting rate, says Dr. William H. Mitchell, extension agronomist at the University of Delaware. The soil productivity of a field is very important, Mitchell notes, that the soil productivity for corn varies from above 150 bushels per acre to less than 50.

Not all corn varieties will tolerate thick planting, he points out. Some varieties will stand high populations, while others produce the best yields at much lower rates.

Mitchell suggests following the seed producer's recommendations. Most seed producers have tested their varieties over time and under various plant population conditions. Exceeding their recommendations may lead to problems breakage, lodging and other yield reducing situations.

Penn Dairies Announces Appointment of Rohrer

John A. Mullineaux, general sales manager of Penn Dairies, Inc., has announced the appointment of Clement J. Rohrer of 2274 Lititz Pike as assistant general sales manager.

Rohrer joined the company in 1948 as an ice cream salesman and has served as manager of the dairy's ice cream branches in Harrington, Del and Lancaster. He was manager of the company-owned Delecto Dairy Products Corp., selling ice cream products to dairies in eight eastern states. Rohrer was most recently the manager of Penn Dairies' milk department.

Mullineaux also announced the selection of J. Newton Jones as sales manager of the milk department to replace Rohrer. Jones, of 1839 Edenwald Lane, was assistant sales manager before his appointment and had previously served the company as milk branch manager in Ephrata and Lancaster. He joined Penn Dairies in 1964.

William R. Culp, 1833 Northbrook Drive, has been named sales manager of Penn Dairies' ice cream department. Culp previously was assistant sales manager for this department. Joining the firm in 1963, Culp has also been the company's manager of the Lancaster ice cream branch located at 1801 Hempstead Road.

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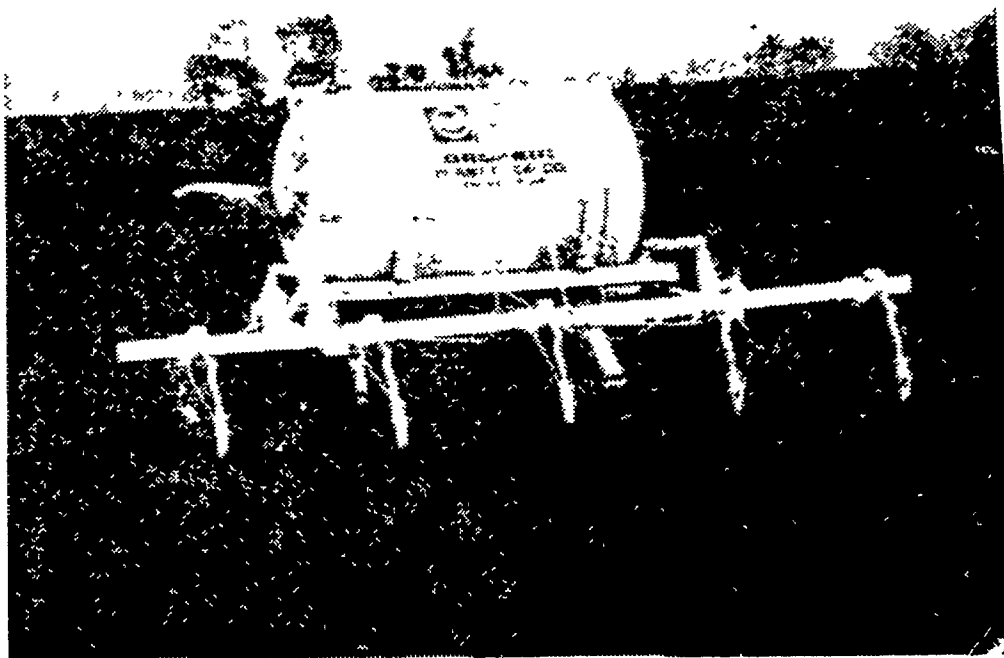
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