

USDA Announces Plans To Up Poultry Moisture Standards

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has announced plans to increase safeguards to consumers from excess moisture in poultry.

It proposes to prevent excessive pickup of moisture during processing, to provide for corrective action where needed, and to require Federal inspectors to retain immediately any lots of poultry found to contain too much moisture.

The USDA's Consumer and Marketing Service proposes to bring this about through amendments to its poultry inspection regulations.

The proposed amendment would permit processors to adjust methods of chilling poultry so long as moisture limits are not exceeded. The inspector-in-charge will retain any poultry exceeding such limits. Such ac-

County Poultry Group Studies Egg Promotion

The Lancaster County Poultry Association board of directors will look into possible promotion of eggs through place mats in county restaurants this summer, it was decided at a regular meeting Thursday night at the Farm and Home Center.

The directors said this is a means of encouraging the millions of tourists who pass through Lancaster County each year to consume eggs.

Price of the mats and means of distribution are under study.

The organization also decided to travel by bus to Penn State for educational purposes early in August. Exact date will be decided later.

tion is not permitted under current regulations.

Under the proposal, present moisture tolerances would remain unchanged except to update the turkey tolerances now in effect.

Sampling tests would consist of weighing individual carcasses in accordance with approved sampling plans. Compliance procedures, as part of the Poultry Inspectors' Handbook, will be available on request from the Slaughter Inspection Division, Consumer and Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. 20250.

The proposal will be published in the Federal Register March 20. Comments will be welcomed from anyone interested. They should be sent, accompanied by a copy, not later than May 19 to the Hearing Clerk, Room 112-A, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. 20250. There, they will be available for public inspection.

Persons who want to give their views orally should get in touch with the Slaughter Inspection Division, Consumer and Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1735 North Lynn Street, Room 550, Pomponio Plaza, Arlington, Virginia 22209. Transcripts of all oral comments will also be filed with the Hearing Clerk for public inspection.

Copies of the proposal will be available from the Consumer Protection Programs Services Staff, Consumer and Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. 20250.



Lancaster County farmers inspect irrigation equipment displayed by Hamilton Equipment, Inc., Ephrata, following discussion of irrigation as a farm management tool at the Farm and Home Center this week.

Lebanon County Man Working on Silo Killed

A 26-year-old Richland man died Wednesday afternoon at Ephrata Community Hospital after a bundle of steel rods fell and crushed his chest as he was working on a silo near Stevens.

Nevin W. Kurtz, of 203 Burch St., Richland, Lebanon County, was pronounced dead at the hospital at 12:10 p.m., according to Dr. Paul Neidhardt, of Denver, deputy coroner.

Dr. Neidhardt said witnesses to the accident reported that

Kurtz was operating a front end loader to lift bundles of steel for a silo at the Triple G Farms, Stevens Rd. He was employed by Weaver's Star Silos, Myers-town.

Kurtz reportedly lifted the load high and a bundle of steel fell and pinned him to the seat.

Donald Graybill, one of the owners of the farm, attempted to administer first aid after the steel had been lifted from Kurtz' chest, the doctor said, and received a temporary response.

Anhydrous Ammonia Is Concentrated Nitrogen

Anhydrous ammonia is the most concentrated nitrogen fertilizer available. It has the chemical symbol NH₃ and contains, by weight, 82 per cent nitrogen.

Under pressure, anhydrous ammonia is a liquid. When released it rapidly expands into a colorless gas.

Anhydrous ammonia is exceedingly soluble in water. These properties dictate the method of use of anhydrous ammonia as a nitrogen fertilizer, according to Penn State engineers.

Anhydrous ammonia is applied to the soil as a gas and released at a depth where it is trapped by the soil. Normal plow depths of six to nine inches are sufficient.

On release of anhydrous ammonia it expands to a gas, spreads out in the soil and dissolves immediately in the soil moisture. Ammonium ions are formed which combine almost immediately with soil particles. From this stage, it will react the same as any other nitrogen fertilizer that has nitrogen present in the ammonium form (example: ammonium sulfate and urea).

CRITICAL PATH CROP PROGRAM

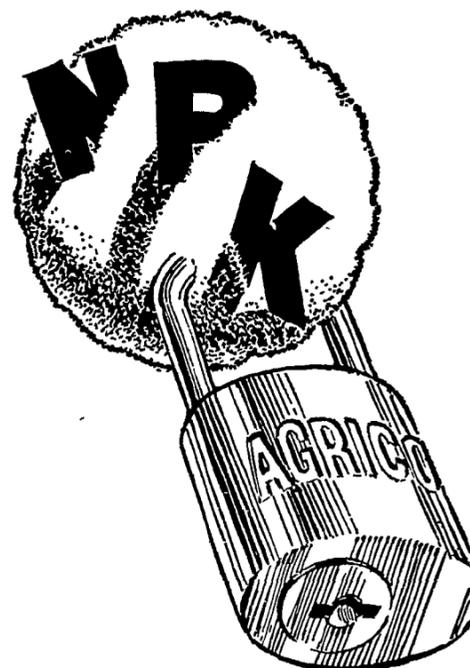
AGRICO® LOCKS N-P-K INTO EVERY PELLET

AGRICO Won't Separate—You Get Even Distribution.

Agrico is chemically mixed—every pellet contains the same amount of N-P-K, Secondary and Micro-nutrients. These elements can't possibly separate in shipping and handling—because they are all bound together in each pellet.

You get more uniform, more efficient distribution of plant foods over every inch of your fields . . . for thicker, more uniform growth; for better yields and higher income.

AGRICO Mixed Fertilizers are a giant step on the Critical Path to Farm Profit. Get more detailed information from



Roy W. Zimmerman, Inc.
Ephrata, Pa.

O. Kenneth McCracken & Son
Manheim, Pa.

Red Rose Farm Service
Quarryville, Pa.

Powl's Feed Service
R. D. #2, Peach Bottom

Lester M. Weaver
R. D. #1, New Holland

Brown & Rea, Inc.
Atglen, Pa.

CONTROL INSECTS AND WEEDS WITH PESTICIDES FROM AGRICO

Swing into Spring

with a powerful new **REMINGTON PL-5 chainsaw**

\$214.95

NOW, for March and April ONLY

\$35 off

lowest price ever on the professional PL-5 \$179

GEHMAN BROS.

SALES & SERVICE

Phone 445-6272

1 Mi N of Terre Hill on Rt 897 East Earl R. D. 1