

Average Sausage Fat Content Down to 28.5%

The U.S. Department of Agriculture recently announced that laboratory test results of cooked sausage products showed an average of 28.5 per cent fat for the first quarter of 1970.

These tests were made as part of the Federal meat inspection program's continual check on plant production procedures and inspection controls over the composition of cooked sausages, such as frankfurters and bologna. A 30 per cent fat limit regulation became effective last Oct. 23.

Officials of USDA's Consumer and Marketing Service said 96.1 percent of samples tested during the first quarter were in compliance with the procedural requirements. The majority of the samples had between 27 and 30 per cent fat. The agency plans to announce results each quarter.

Sausage manufacturers have the first and primary responsibility for keeping the fat content of their sausages within the 30 percent limit. Federal inspectors have concentrated first of all on getting plants themselves to establish adequate means of controlling and limiting the fat content, whenever such controls were lacking. The inspectors check the controls, take samples of the product, and analyze the content in Federal laboratories.

Farm Editors Visit National FFA Center



Several members of the Newspaper Farm Editors of America visited the National FFA Center on April 21, 1970 for an informal program and dinner with the FFA staff.

Shown here are: (Front row) J. D. Greene, Johnson City (Tenn.) Press-Chronicle; Mrs. J. D. Greene; Mrs. Dan Reuwee; Audrey Machiewicz, Sandusky (Ohio)

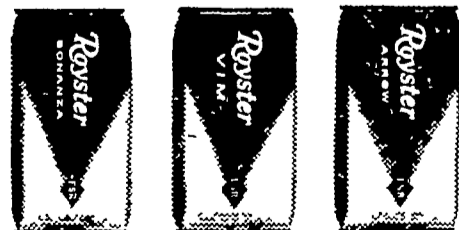
Register and Dan Reuwee, FFA Director of Information; (Second row) H. N. Hunsicker, National FFA Advisor and Daryl Greene (son of J. D. Greene); (Top row) Harold Street, The American Banker; Zane Wilson, of Lancaster Farming; Ray Pagel, Green Bay (Wisconsin) Press Gazette; Don Muhm of the Des Moines Register and Tribune, and Mr. Mackiewicz.



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