

Quarantine on European Chafers Strengthened to Prevent Spread

The Federal quarantine regulations designed to prevent the artificial spread of European chafers is being revised: the United States Department of Agriculture reports.

Except for changes relating to soil samples, the revised quarantine was slated to go into effect upon publication in the Federal Register scheduled for June 27, 1970. The chafee is reported in Pennsylvania.

The amended European chafee quarantine will strengthen safeguards against the artificial spread of these destructive plant pests and at the same time simplify shipping requirements from some quarantined areas, plant protection officials of USDA's Agricultural Research Service explain. These objectives are accomplished in the revised quarantine by a change in the definition of 'suppressive' area and the release of certain articles moving from suppressive areas from quarantine requirements.

The new definition requires that all regulated establishments be treated and the entire infested area be scheduled for eradication.

FARM WOMEN SOCIETIES

Society 6

Society of Farm Women 6 met at the home of Mrs. Joseph Greiner, Mount Joy RD2. Mrs. Milton Eberly, president, was in charge of the session.

Mrs. Wayne Sweigart led the devotions. A flute duet was presented by Susan Oberholtzer and Gloria Longenecker.

The Society voted to give \$24 to the Mental Health County project and \$25 to the American Red Cross for contents used in Ditty Bags.

Farm Women 6 sponsored Miss Holly Leber, Elizabethtown, as a contestant in the Jaycees Miss Elizabethtown Contest.

'School Days,' a program of home talent, was the entertainment for the afternoon meeting with each member taking part. Miss Margaret Haines was in charge.

The next meeting will be a covered dish picnic at the Milton Grove Sportsman Club at 6:30 pm Aug 1.

Society 14

Society of Farm Women 14 held their family picnic at the William F. Tinney Memorial Pavilion at Strasburg recently.

After the buffet meal Walter Herman Jr. of the new Life Boy's Ranch, Harleysville entertained the group with an hour long slide presentation of the work of the boys between the ages of 13 and 17 years. Sixty-two boys are now at the home. Two of the boys gave their testimony of the good influence of the home and their acceptance of Christ as their Saviour.

Hostesses were Mrs. Christ Landis, Mrs. Leon Thomas, Mrs. Charles Murray, and Edith Metzler.

The August 12 meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Samuel Lynch when 1,000 lbs. of Bacon Grease will be sold for the Science

treatment to qualify for designation as a suppressive area. Under the previous European chafee quarantine, an area was designated 'suppressive' if a program of eradication was an objective.

Under the revised quarantine, restrictions on shipments from suppressive areas will apply only to bulk soil and used mechanized soil moving equipment. Previously, restrictions on outgoing shipments from suppressive areas were the same as from generally infested areas.

Restrictions on shipments from generally infested areas will continue unchanged under the new quarantine, and apply to the following regulated items: soil, plants with roots, grass sod, plant crowns and roots for propagation, used mechanized soil-moving equipment, and true bulbs, corms, rhizomes, and tubers of ornamental plants.

The revised quarantine also provides that effective July 1,

1970, soil samples of any size from areas infested by European chafers can move interstate only to approved laboratories for processing, testing or analysis. After July 1, no certificate of permit will be required to accompany the soil samples.

Persons wishing to move regulated items from areas infested by European chafers should first contact a Federal or State plant protection inspector or county agricultural agent for information on how to meet requirements for eliminating the pest hazard.

The chafee is a major pest of lawns, pastures, and small grains. Probably brought to this country during the twenties, infestations to date have been confined to areas in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Ohio. If permitted to spread unchecked, the chafee could become established across the country.

Dairymen's Assn. Urges Retail Milk Price Hike

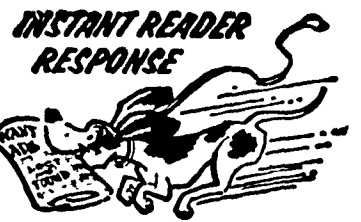
At a hearing of the Pennsylvania Milk Marketing Board in Lancaster Tuesday, the Lancaster County Dairymen's Assn. sought an increase in the retail price of milk.

An increase of one-half cent or more was requested to bring the present 34-cent per quart price in Lancaster County in line with prices in Harrisburg and York County of 34.5 cents.

Local carry firms also contended that profit margins of 11 percent net before taxes and 8 percent after state and federal

taxes, well below the two to three percent the Milk Marketing Board considers "a fair return on resale milk activities."

Increased material and labor costs were cited as the reason for the low profit margins and need for a price increase.



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