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Federal Poultry, Egg Inspection Fees Hiked

Amendments changing provisions for appeal gradings and increasing fees for some grading and inspection services for poultry and eggs have been announced by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, effective July 1.

The amendments broaden the circumstances and products for which an appeal may be filed. Authority to perform appeal gradings or assign appeal graders, previously confined to the national office, will now be delegated to some field supervisors.

USDA's Consumer and Marketing Service, which conducts these voluntary fee-for-service grading and inspection programs, said the changes in appeal procedures will increase the effectiveness of the grading service to its users.

Increased fees will apply to grading and inspection of poultry and rabbits, inspection of egg products, and grading of shell eggs for work performed on an

hourly (lot) basis. Laboratory fees for testing egg and poultry products are also being increased.

Hourly rates will be increased from \$8 to \$9.20. Hourly rates for service performed on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays will be increased to \$11.40. Charges to plants using USDA's resident grading service will remain the same.

The increases are necessary, C&MS officials said, to cover salary raises for grading personnel and higher retirement fund costs.

Additional minor changes have been made in the regulations for the sake of clarity and uniformity. The amendments to the regulations were scheduled to be published in the June 17 issue of the Federal Register.

Copies of the amendments may be obtained from the Director, Poultry Division, Consumer and Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250.

Mildew Strikes In Poorly Aired, & Warm Places

As the humidity goes up, so do chances for mildew to strike furnishings in your home. Be on the lookout for this mold, suggests June Wilke, Chester County extension home economist.

Molds are always present in the air but thrive in damp, poorly aired and warm dark places. Such areas as cellars, closets, showers and basement play rooms are easy targets.

Check these areas often in hot humid weather and make sure there is good ventilation. Keep the areas as dry as possible.

Mildew appears as a thin whitish growth with an offensive odor. Mildew attacks fabrics, leather, paper, and wood.

Fabrics of man-made fibers, such as acetate, nylon, and polyester, normally are resistant to molds. However, they may become mildewed if they are soiled or stained with food. Clean fabrics of any fiber are less likely to mildew than are soiled ones.

As soon as you discover mildew spots on fabrics, remove spots promptly by thorough brushing or vacuuming. Take fabrics outdoors if possible so you can prevent scattering mold spores in the house. Hang fabrics in sunlight.

If spots remain after brushing, dryclean or wash fabrics at once with detergent and water. You can bleach stubborn stains with lemon juice and salt, sodium perborate bleach or dilute chlorine bleach.

To prevent the growth of mold on leather goods, scatter a moth preventive, such as paradichlorobenzene crystals, in shoes and luggage, then keep the articles in airtight containers or wrap packages and seal tightly. Before using any treated articles, air them well.

When using any chemical product to protect furnishings from mildew, read the instructions on the container and follow them exactly.

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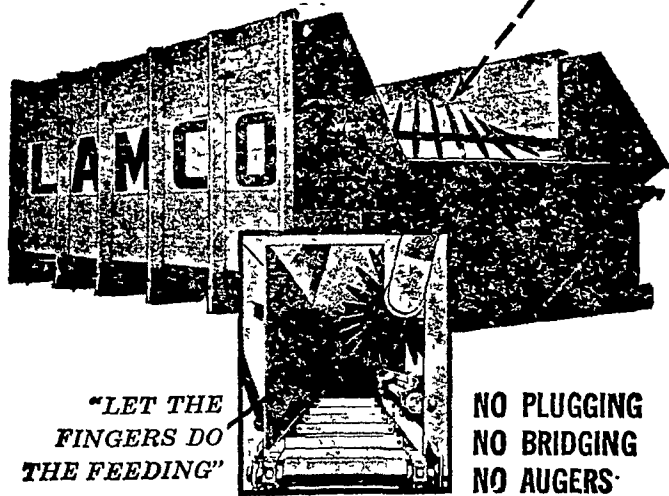
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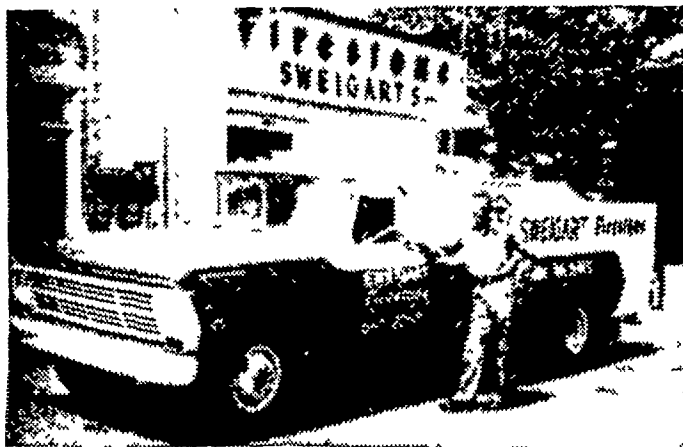
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