

Humidity Relates to Comfort

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Doors and windows are usually open in warm weather and closed in cold weather so we depend on a heating system to keep us warm. So far we can't control the weather outside the house.

However, we need to be aware of what happens inside when a house is closed and heat dries the air, reminds June Wilke, Chester County Extension home economist.

Most of us work best and are more comfortable in air that contains 35 to 40 per cent relative humidity, which refers to the amount of moisture in the air compared to the total amount of moisture the air is capable of carrying at a given temperature.

Sometimes the air inside a house becomes dry enough to cause damage to furnishings. Furniture warps, cracks, or becomes unglued, wallpaper may peel or crack, the piano may be out of tune.

As for people, they are subject to a static shock when they touch a metal object, nasal passages feel dry, and people may

Machine Eyed to Revive Tomatoes

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to concentrate to east coast processing plants which produce catsup, tomato sauces and other products. With the adoption of mechanical harvesters, the eastern shore area farmers stand a good chance of competing favorably with the west coast growers.

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be cold even when the room temperature is high.

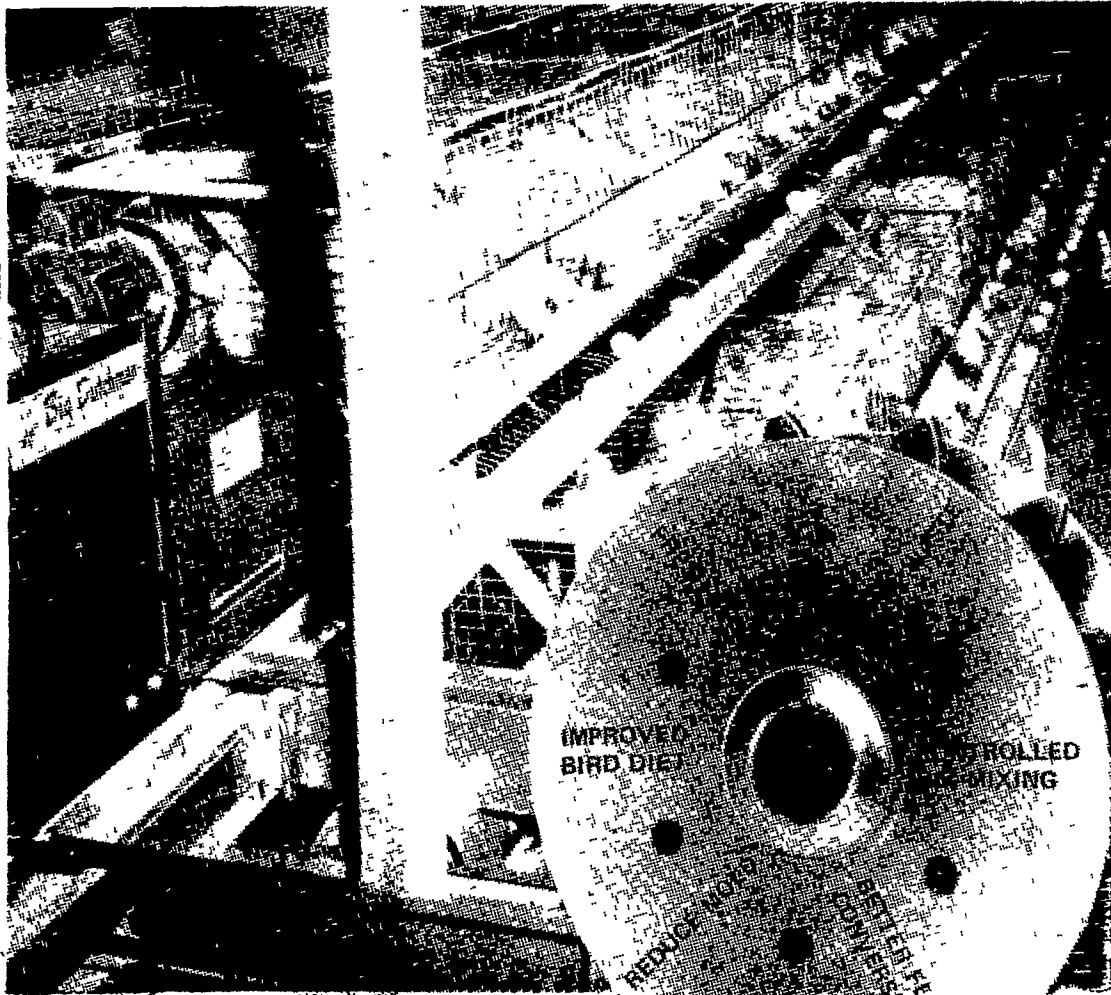
To increase the relative humidity, pans of water can be kept near a heating unit or in the furnace, doors and/or windows may be opened occasionally to ventilate the rooms. In extreme cases of low humidity, a commercial humidifier may be used, she added.

The Nation's largest tomato producing state is California (with 143,000 acres planted) where bigger operations can support large expensive mechanical harvesters. A significant percentage of the tomatoes grown in California are processed and shipped by rail as tomatoes.

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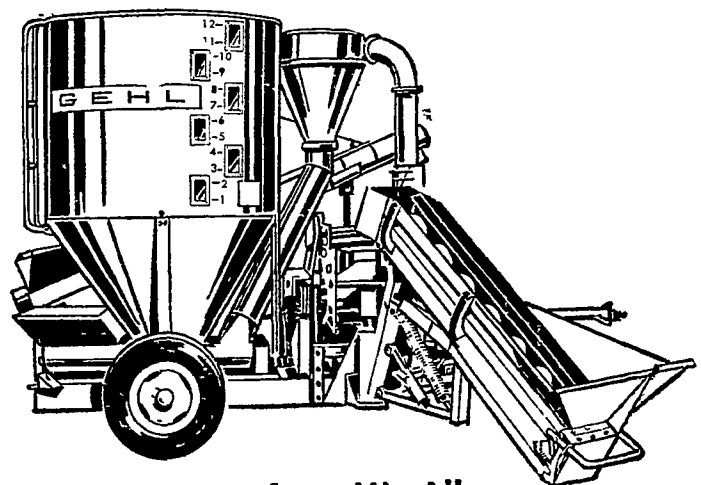
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