

Drugs Discussed

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 FDA drug withdrawal regulations in order to give an indication that farmers are concerned about drug residues in meat and to avoid more stringent FDA action.

Dunlap indicated the difficulties a buyer has when purchasing animals from many different locations. These difficulties include the problem of keeping the animals identified with a particular farm, because the animals get mixed during sale.

Dunlap explained that most beef in the East comes from small feedlots. This means animals from many farms are being processed through a market, and even these small lots sometimes get broken up between various buyers. This poses a certification problem, he said.

Diehl spoke on the methods of beef inspection for residues in meat. One is a subjective test in which the health and general appearance of the animal is observed; if animals appear to be in poor health, they may be further tested for drug residues or drug overdoses.

The second is objective and is a statistical sampling of beef packed in federal plants; actual samples, usually of the liver and muscle, are analyzed for drug residues.

After the panel, Boyd also discussed the addition of selenium in manufactured feeds. The FDA presently does not approve the addition of selenium to manufactured feed, but he indicated the American Feed Manufacturer's Association has approached the FDA to encourage allowing the addition of this critical trace element.



Some members of the committee in charge of the Lancaster County Dairy Princess Pageant June 22 are shown this week making plans for the event. They are: left to right, seated, Mrs. Melvin Meck, Willow Street;

Mrs. Robert Gregory, Lititz RD1; Mrs. Robert Kauffman, Elizabethtown RD1; standing, Max Smith, Lancaster County agricultural agent; Raymond F. Witmer, Willow Street, and Curly Brantley, Manheim.

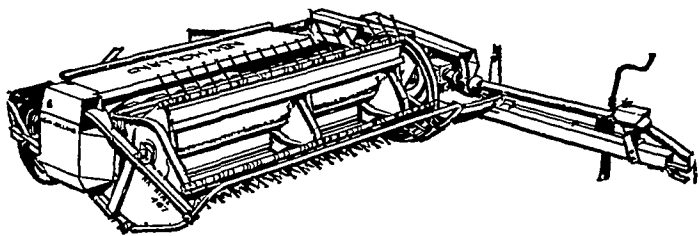
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