Information Is Available on Poultry Manuré

A new circular giving up-todate information on many questions asked concerning the use, handling and marketing of poultry manure has just been released by Pennsylvania State University, College Agriculture, Extension service.

Some of the information contained in the circular is as follows

The plant nutrient content of poultry manure varies greatly, depending on moisture and litter content But normally, a ton of 75 per cent moisture droppings will contain 30 pounds of nitrogen, 20

Farm Credit Meeting Set

Federal Land Bank Association of Lancaster and the Lancaster Production Credit Association will hold its joint annual stockholders meeting at 12 noon November 4 at the Plain and Fancy Farm, Bird-in-Hand.

The dinner will be followed by a business meeting, according to Carl L Brown, manager.

pounds of phosphate and 10 pounds of potash.

The loss of nitrogen through fermentation can be reduced by the use of: (a) ventilated, well insulated houses; (b) litter materials which will rapidly dry the manure; and (c) superphosphate to reduce gaseous loss of nitrogen as ammonia.

One ton of superphosphate can save about 70 pounds of nitrogen valued at about \$7. An expenditure of \$35 for a ton of superphosphate to save \$7 worth of nitrogen is economical, because the phosphate content of the manure will also be reinforced.

Also, undesirable ammonia fumes in the poultry house will be reduced.

Use up to 200 pounds of 20 per cent superphosphate per ton of fresh droppings. This is equivalent to four pounds superphosphate per day per 100 laying hens.

Precautions should be taken not to allow birds to eat superphosphate

The amount of manure produced by a flock will run about one pound of fresh manure for each pound of feed consumed. If the flock eats one ton of feed a

week, it will produce a out one ton of fresh manure.

An interesting chart is also included in the circular showing the amount of poultry manure that is advisable to use on different crops.

Another question commonly asked concerns weed seed germination after passing through the bird. An experiment using 25 different weed seeds in poultry feed showed very little germination of the seeds after they were excreted by the bird.

Several questions on marketing poultry manure are discussed.

If you would like a copy, send a post card or call the Agricultural Extension Service, 1383 Arcadia Road, Lancaster, Pa., 17601 and ask for "Special Circular 146", "Profitable Use of Poultry Manure".

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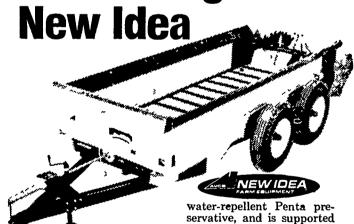
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