

## USDA Creates Animal and Plant Health Service (APHS)

Secretary of Agriculture Clifford M. Hardin recently announced the creation of a new regulatory agency—The Animal and Plant Health Service—in the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

The Animal and Plant Health Service (APHS) takes over all regulatory functions formerly conducted by USDA's Agricultural Research Service (ARS). These include the Animal Health, Veterinary Biologics, Plant Protection, and Agricultural Quarantine Inspection Divisions. Administrative support functions essential to the new agency have also been transferred from ARS. Research support for the new

agency will remain the responsibility of ARS.

Dr. Francis J. Mulhern will serve as acting administrator of the new agency. Talcott W. Edminster continues as administrator of ARS.

Notice of the reorganization was published in the federal Register October 28. The reorganization will become effective on October 31.

"This organizational realignment is designed to strengthen both programs," Secretary Hardin said. "Both agencies will still be large. Their purposes are different, and both need full time administration. This change will make it possible for the programs of each agency

to be fully responsive to current problems."

USDA functions to be handled by APHS are in four major areas:

**Animal Health**—National programs in cooperation with States to control and eradicate communicable livestock and poultry diseases and pests, assure humane handling of livestock, poultry, and laboratory animals in commerce, and protect the health and welfare of many pets, circus and zoo animals and other animals used for exhibition and research.

**Veterinary Biologics**—National control program to prevent the production, importation and marketing of worthless, contaminated,

dangerous or harmful virus, serum, toxin, or analogous products for use in the treatment of domestic animals.

**Plant Protection**—National programs for the control and eradication of plant pests in cooperation with States, Mexico, and Canada. Conduct studies to

monitor the impact of pest control on the agricultural environment, and develop programs to promote the safe and effective use of pesticides.

**Agricultural Quarantine and Inspection**—Programs to prevent the importation and exportation of injurious pests and diseases of plants and animals; to provide for the certification of plants and plant products for export to meet import requirements of countries of destination.

## Pa. Gets Water Pollution Control Grant

Edward W. Furia Jr., Region III Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), announced recently the awarding of a \$489,000 Federal Grant to assist Pennsylvania in the implementation of its Water Pollution Control Plan for this year.

The decision to award the grant was based upon EPA's approval of Pennsylvania's Water Pollution Control Program Plan. According to an EPA evaluation of the Plan, "the goals and expected results of this plan are compatible with National and Regional strategy, and their achievement would significantly benefit the quality of the waters of the Commonwealth".

However, payment of the funds to the State is contingent upon revision and completion of its implementation schedule. In a letter to Governor Milton J. Shapp, Furia said, "... of crucial importance to the success of the water pollution abatement programs is the project to update and complete Pennsylvania's implementation plan for water quality. I urge your full support of this project in order that it may be completed by March of 1972."

Federal law requires that complete compliance with plans is necessary before payments may be made to the State.

The State's newly created

Department of Environmental Resources (DER), will administer the program and coordinate State activities with those of Federal and interstate agencies. EPA will work closely with DER officers to insure completion of necessary tasks on time, resulting in a strengthening of both State and Federal water pollution control efforts in Pennsylvania.

The Federal Government allocates \$10 million annually to assist State and interstate

agencies in their pollution control programs.

Approval of the Pennsylvania plan brings to four the number of States whose plans have been approved in EPA's Region III. To date, plans have been approved for Virginia, West Virginia, and Maryland. EPA is currently reviewing plans for Delaware and the District of Columbia, as well as the Delaware River Basin Commission and the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin.

## New Cooperators

The Lancaster County Soil and Water Conservation District recently announced the following new cooperators:

Ronald E. Yunginger, U.G.I. Land Development Corp., 135 acres, Manor Township; Jesse L. Hart, 35 acres, Providence and Martic Townships, and Edmund F. Heltshe Jr., 50 acres, Conestoga Township.

The following cancellations were also accepted: S. Robert Black, 134 acres, Little Britain Township; John E. McGrann, 75 acres, Manheim; Ellis K. Mentzer, four sites representing 60, 81, 77 and 90 acres, Earl; Earl D. Ranck, 115 acres, West Lampeter.

Park H. Miller, 118 acres, Strasburg; Howard M. Eshleman, 100 acres, Pequea; George O. Burkholder, 70 acres, Clay; Frank Cassidy, 138 acres, Drumore; Reuben Zimmerman, 52 acres, Earl; Jonas M. King, 84 acres, Paradise; Arthur E. Wenger, 150 acres, Eden, F.M. McCorkel, 63 acres, Upper Leacock; J.W. Gardner, 152 acres, Fulton.

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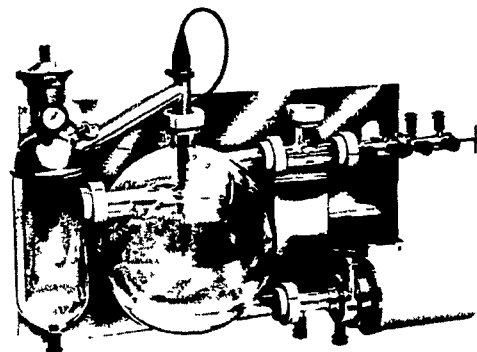
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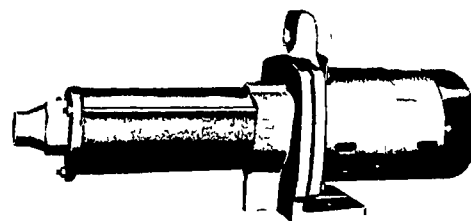


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