

Solanco FFA Members to Attend National Land Judging Contest



Four members of the Solanco FFA Chapter will be among five FFA members from Pennsylvania at the 21st annual International Land Pasture and Range Judging contest at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, next week. Shown doing some last-minute cramming for anticipated activities are: left to right, David Aument,

Peach Bottom RD2; David Bitler, Peach Bottom RD2, William Krantz, Quarryville RD1, and William Hershey, Quarryville RD2. They will be joined by Robert Kessler, Middleburg RD1. William M. Fredd, teacher of agriculture at Solanco High School, will accompany the group.

Grain Storage Costs to Rise

The average yearly storage cost for a bushel of grain in commercial elevators in the coming marketing season is expected to rise nine per cent over 1970-71 for inland and port terminals and eight per cent at country elevators, according to a report issued by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

USDA's Economic Research Service found that although the estimated average occupancy at elevators is projected higher in 1972-73, it won't be sufficient to offset increased input costs.

The combined cost for handling and storing grain at country elevators is estimated at 21.5 cents per bushel for next season.

In 1970-71, it was almost two cents cheaper. At inland terminals, the 1972-73 combined cost is estimated at 19.2 cents per bushel, compared with 17.6 in 1970-71.

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Meat Label Deadline Extension Clarified

The U.S. Department of Agriculture clarified its recent extension of a deadline to allow meat processors to exhaust current stocks of certain product labels.

USDA officials said that the extension, granted to processors on an individual label basis, will give a processor until September 1 to use up his stocks of that label.

Officials said some people affected by the extension, originally announced March 30, apparently interpreted the announcement to mean that they had until September 1 to apply for an extension.

The extension applies to labels which do not meet Federal requirements which became mandatory April 1 on the size and location of the net weight statement, the declaration of

antioxidants, restricted use of red graphic matter on transparent or semitransparent wrappers for sausage products, zip codes in addresses, or handling statements.

To receive an extension, processors must show that they bought the labels before November 1, 1971, and must give USDA a complete inventory of their labeling stocks on hand as of April 1, 1972. Processors wishing an extension should contact the Labels and Packaging Staff, Technical Services, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA, Washington, D.C. 20250.

USDA must approve before use labels for all Federally inspected meat products, to see that they are informative and truthful and accurately represent the contents of the package.

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