

USDA Reports DES-positive Meat Samples in Five States

The U.S. Department of Agriculture reported that during the period from June 16 through June 23, its laboratories found

diethylstilbestrol (DES) residues in eleven liver samples from steers analyzed by the Federal meat and poultry inspection

program. Officials of the USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service said no residues were found in muscle tissue from these animals. The 11 steers had been certified as meeting the Food and Drug Administration's requirement for withdrawing livestock from DES-containing feed seven days prior to slaughter, officials said. Positive sample results have been reported to FDA, which has jurisdiction over the use of animal feed additives.

Today's reported findings bring to 50 the number of positive samples found since the mandatory DES certification program began Jan. 8. These samples—based upon a statistical sampling plan designed to monitor the national incidence of DES—represent 2.25 per cent of the total 2,220 samples analyzed this year.

APHIS officials explained that when laboratory analysis reveals a residue in a sample from an animal which was certified by the producer or marketer as having been withdrawn from DES the required seven days, all animals shipped thereafter from the same premises will be detained pending laboratory confirmation that these animals are free of DES residue.

APHIS officials also reported today that a total of 715 samples have been taken since Jan. 8 under a selective sampling program. This special sampling program is conducted when USDA suspects an animal may be contaminated with DES or under emergency slaughter conditions. It is not statistically representative of the national livestock population. To date, 54 DES-positive samples have been found under this program.

Milk Favorites Shift, Total Sales Increase

Thanks to climbing sales of low-fat and skim milk, of sour cream and eggnog, sales of fluid milk products advanced 1 per cent last year over 1970.

The 11-per cent gain in lowfat and skim milk sales and the surprising increase in heavy cream sales—after years of decline—more than offset decreases of 1½ per cent for fluid whole milk and 6 per cent for cream mixtures such as half and half.

40¢ of Consumer Food Dollar Now Goes to Farmers

The farmer got 40c of every dollar consumers spent on farm foods in the first quarter of 1972.

This was a cent more than in the previous quarter, and 2 cents more than a year earlier. In March, however, the farmer's share dropped back to 39c as a result of falling farm prices.

Over the past decade, the farmer's quarterly shares ranged from 36c to 42c. Two-thirds of the time they averaged under 40c. Only in six quarters did the share rise above 40c.

Going back to 1951 the farmer got 49c of the consumer's food dollar.

Lowfat and skim milk set a record in per capita consumption last year, with the average American drinking about 29 quarts, more than four times the amount he drank in 1950. Lowfat milk with 2 per cent butterfat made the largest gain.

While the surge in lowfat and skim milk sales is probably attributable to increased weight-watching, an ERS dairy specialist attributes sour cream's rise to promotion. A fairly profitable item, sour cream has enough of a profit margin to justify publicity. Among its assets are its convenience, popularity in dips and dressings, and the fact it has less fat than butter and is often used in place of butter, such as on baked potatoes.

In all, customers bought 59.2 billion pounds of fluid milk items on a product weight basis.

Over the past 2 decades, we've greatly changed our milk-drinking habits, buying more lowfat and skim milk, less cream, and in recent years, less whole milk. Per capita use of cream is half what it was in 1950, and consumption of fluid whole milk has gone down from a peak of 290 pounds in 1955 to 223 pounds in 1970.

Farm Safety Theme At Grange Meeting

Fulton Grange 66 held its regular meeting July 10 at the Grange Hall at Oakryn. Master Richard Holloway conducted the business session when the Charter was draped for Mrs. Sara E. Shank.

Sherman Hill, Representative for the 100th District, reported to the Grange what legislation has been passed by this Legislature and of pending legislation.

Mrs. J. Stanley Stauffer Jr., Lecturer, presented the program. Miss Karen Overly, representing the youth committee at the State Grange Leadership School June 27-29 at Gettysburg College, gave a report.

The theme of the program, "Protect Yourself, Work Safely", was in keeping with Farm Safety Week July 23-31. Robert Armstrong spoke on "Farm Safety." A Skit "Saving Pop's Sight" was given by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Galbreath and children Joyce and Tommy. Clifford Holloway III gave a talk "Being Safe Around Farm Machinery." Mrs. Anna Armstrong gave "Safety Tips About The Farm Homestead And The Family Garden."

The Women's Activities committee will be in charge of annual picnic at the Grange Hall. Members and friends attending should bring a meat dish, another dish and their own place setting. A talent program will follow.

Misses Sandra Galbreath and Mary Ellen Fisher from Fulton Junior Grange will attend the State Grange Junior Grange camp at Camp Kanestatake, spruce Creek, Huntingdon Company, July 16 to 22.

The Junior Grange will conduct a paper drive the evening of July 24.


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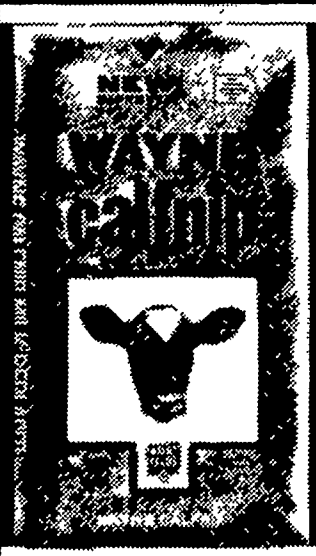


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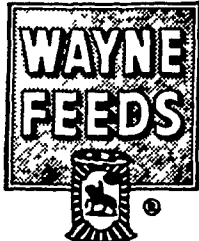
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