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USDA Extends Deadline For New Poultry Labels

Poultry processors will have until Jan. 12, 1973, to use up existing supplies of previously approved labels which they have had on hand but which don't conform to new labeling requirements scheduled to go into effect July 15, the U.S. Department of Agriculture announced last week.

Officials of USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service—which administers the Federal meat and poultry inspection program—explained that a comprehensive package of new Federal poultry inspection regulations covering all aspects of poultry slaughtering, processing and labeling is scheduled to become effective July 15.

Many processors still have on hand large supplies of product labels which had been officially approved by USDA under the old regulations. The two months allowed under the revised regulations did not give them enough time to use up these labels or to design new ones and get them approved. The extension will allow time for these to be used, and for new labels to be designed and approved.

The extension applies only to existing supplies which do not comply with the revised labeling r e q u i r e m e n t s. These requirements include labeling changes on the declaration of artificial flavoring and coloring agents and antioxidants, net weight statements, dietary food claims, and special handling statements, and do not affect the composition of the products. USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service must approve before use all labels for all federally inspected poultry products, to see that they are informative and truthful and accurately represent the contents of the package

Penn State Advisors Support Argentine Crop-Soil Program

Teaching of crop and soil sciences in Argentina will be enhanced during the next few years by agronomists from the College of Agriculture at The Pennsylvania State University. Serving as teachers and consultants, Penn State agronomists will advise and assist faculty members of the Graduate School for Agricultural Sciences at Castelar, Argentina.

Working from the Castelar site near Buenos Aires, the Penn State scientists will join professionals of the Argentina faculty in developing high quality graduate programs. Emphasis will also be placed on increasing the abilities of the Castelar faculty to sustain the new programs through their own efforts.

Penn State's College of Agriculture is cooperating with faculties at two other colleges on the work in Argentina—Texas A and M University and Michigan State University. Financing is provided by the U. S. Agency for International Development (AID), announces Dr. Robert E. Swope, Coordinator of International Programs for the College of Agriculture.

Serving as long-term advisor from Penn State will be Dr. Daniel P. Knievel, assistant professor of crop physiology. Dr. Knievel will arrive in Argentina in early June and will stay there for two years Fifteen students are now enrolled for preliminary graduate training in crop production. Actual schooling in the graduate degree program will begin July 1.

Graduate school training through 1972 and early 1973 will emphasize forages and grain crops. As of April 1, 1973, a second cycle will begin which may include vegetable crops and either forages or grains.

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