

New Occupational Safety Law Set

An emergency temporary standard dealing with the exposure of employees to pesticides has been established by the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, reports

County Agent Max Smith. Authority for enforcing the regulations is vested in the Occupational Safety and Health Administration in the Department of Labor.

The rules and regulations, published in the Federal Register of May 1 (Vol. 38, No. 83) are very detailed, says Smith. However, for most Pennsylvania fruit orchardists, it means that: Field reentry safety intervals in days for orchard crops treated with organophosphorous pesticides have been established.

The standard becomes effective June 18, 1973, and covers certain organophosphates.

Smith emphasizes that these regulations apply only to employees outside the employer's immediate family.

Prescribing a required time lapse before reentry to orchard or field means that employees cannot come into contact with fruit trees sprayed with certain pesticides before a stated number of days have passed. All orchardists who spray pesticides of any kind are reminded to ask their county agent if the pesticides they are applying are included on the list requiring a waiting period before reentry.

Growers and/or employers are obligated to warn their employees and display warning signs in their fields, vineyards, and orchards where pesticides have been used.



James Felpel, left, and Barry Wissler placed first and second, respectively, in the 1973 Lancaster County Meat Judging Contest held recently at Kunzler & Co., Lancaster. Both are vo-ag students at Ephrata High School.

Felpel Takes County Meat Judging

A dozen contestants from five county schools participated in the 1973 Lancaster County Meat Judging Contest held recently at Kunzler & Co. in Lancaster. Each contestant had to identify

25 retail cuts of meat and grade seven beef carcasses for quality and yield. They also had to judge one class of pork bellies and one class of beef ribs

James Felpel placed first in the contest, and Barry Wissler was second. Both are vo-ag students at Ephrata High School. Frank Greenly, Manheim Central, was third, Dwight Martin, also from Manheim Central, was fourth, and Robert Buckwalter, Penn Manor, was fifth.

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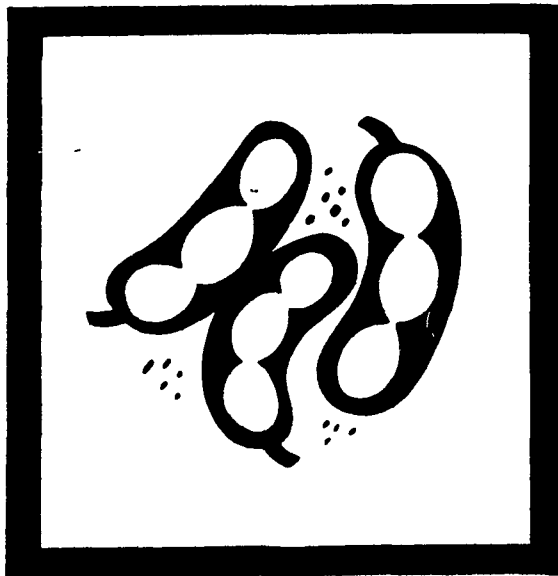
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