

Chitterlings Sales To Be Allowed

Products made with chitterlings, which have been served in homes and restaurants in some parts of the country for many years, can be produced for nationwide sale in retail stores under a newly adopted U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) regulation, effective July 2.

USDA proposed such an amendment to its regulations on Jan. 18. Of 20 comments received, most supported the proposal because it would make available new foods with ingredients preferred by many consumers.

Chitterlings, according to USDA meat inspection regulations, must be prepared from the large intestine of swine and calves in addition to meeting inspection requirements for wholesomeness and safety.

Officials of USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) said that plain chitterlings could be prepared under federal inspection as a specialty item, but could not be used as an ingredient in any meat food product for which a standard is already prescribed.

Also, under the newly adopted regulations, products featuring chitterlings can be produced under federal inspection as long as the product name clearly indicates the contents—for example: "chitterling pie," "chitterling loaf," or "calf chitterlings with gravy." Such products have to be packaged in containers of not more than three pounds of a kind usually sold at retail intact.

Copies of the new regulation, published June 1 in the Federal Register, is available from APHIS, USDA, Room 1658-S, Washington, D.C. 20250.

Experiment Stations Observe Their Centennial In 1975

American Agricultural Experiment Stations will observe their centennial in 1975 with appropriate ceremonies and other commemorative acts, says Director Paul E. Waggoner of The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station.

Dr. Waggoner is chairman of the 13-member committee for the centennial, and the Station he directs, established in 1875, is the oldest in the nation.

The National committee members are the directors of the first 13 stations, which were founded in the first decade of the movement. They are: Connecticut, California, North Carolina, Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey, Ohio, Tennessee, Alabama, Wisconsin, Louisiana, Maine, and Kentucky.

Congressman Robert N. Giaimo of Connecticut has urged the Postal Service to issue a commemorative stamp. He pointed out that discoveries made at the Experiment Stations have vastly improved agricultural efficiency, thus enabling some three percent of our population to feed the rest, and that an efficient agriculture is essential to the nation's welfare.

Other centennial activities being planned include a motion picture and a book on typical contributions by men and women among those at the 53 agricultural experiment stations in the United States and territories.

Salient Points on Agricultural Experiment Stations: Agricultural Experiment Station discoveries such as hybrid corn, the nature of animal metabolism, the essentiality of vitamins and amino acids, and techniques for raising poultry in confinement

have helped to give Americans a varied, ample, and healthy diet at reasonable cost.

An efficient agriculture is essential to an industrial nation because it frees workers from the fields for other activities of a complex society. Agricultural research at Experiment Stations has led to increased yields per acre and per man-hour through new varieties, fertilizers, and pest and weed control materials and methods.

The annual export of billions of dollars worth of farm products significantly improves our balance of trade. And with wheat, for example, Experiment Station research has continually developed disease- and weather-resistant varieties to maintain this life-sustaining export.

Many of the leaders, the ideas, and the materials which made the Green Revolution possible have come from the American Agricultural Experiment Stations.

Environmental considerations of many kinds, from soil and water relations to air and noise pollution, can be dealt with more intelligently because of the basis of fact diligently accumulated by Agricultural Experiment Station researchers.

With more and more people wanting a higher standard of

living from the same old acres, the Agricultural Experiment Stations today face challenges as critical as at any time in their history. With the experience of a century behind them, they may be expected to meet those challenges with distinction.

Agricultural Experiment Stations have from their earliest days made immediately

available, often through Land-Grant colleges, the cumulative fund of factual information gleaned first through experimentation in agriculture, then also in forestry, foods and nutrition, economics, management, and rural social organization. Both resident instruction at these colleges, and non-resident instruction through the Extension Service, continues to depend heavily upon information gleaned by the Experiment Stations.

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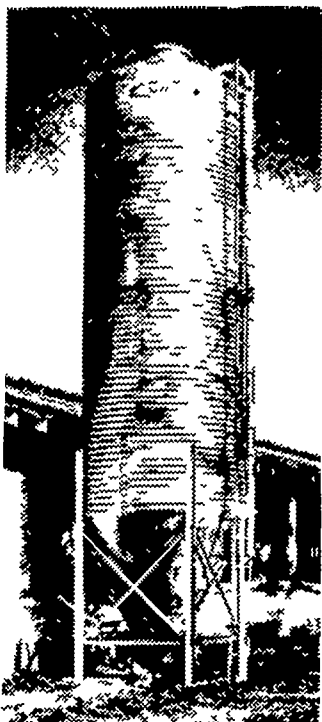
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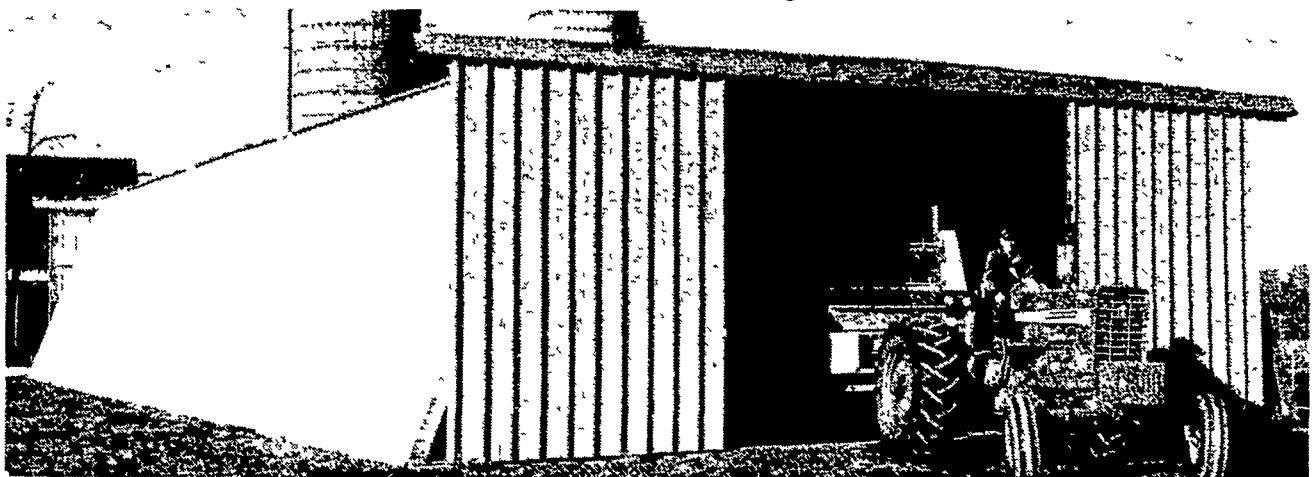


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