

# Pennsylvania to classify pesticides

HARRISBURG - Raymond J. Kerstetter, Pennsylvania secretary of agriculture, on Tuesday announced that the Department is planning to

initiate the classification of pesticides for general and restricted use.

General use pesticides will be those available for use by

the general public while restricted pesticides will be those which can only be used by certified applicators.

The Federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is currently responsible for classifying pesticides. However, in light of the extension of this responsibility by the EPA, Pennsylvania will initiate the Pennsylvania Pesticide Control Act which includes certification of pesticide applicators who use restricted pesticides as required under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA). "At this time," Kerstetter said, "we are proposing that in October, 1977, all currently EPA registered pesticides that bear a skull and crossbones symbol, with the words 'Danger-Poison', will be classified and considered restricted pesticides in the Commonwealth. This means that individuals using or supervising the use of any pesticide product classified as restricted must become certified under the conditions required by the Pennsylvania Pesticide Control Act.

"In addition," Kerstetter said, "all pesticide outlets handling these products will be required to obtain a

license to sell them. Sale of restricted pesticides will be made only to individuals with proper credentials to verify their certification."

The classification of pesticides as restricted in Pennsylvania will be superceded in the event further limitations are imposed as a result of EPA labeling requirements, Kerstetter noted.

There are products currently in use which do not bear a skull and crossbones symbol which cannot be considered as general use pesticides since they have certain requirements which must be met before they can be used. These requirements appear on the labels.

Information on pesticide applicator certification can be obtained by contacting the regional offices of the Department of Agriculture in Meadville, Williamsport, Tunkhannock, Gibsonia, Altoona, Summerdale and Lansdale.

## Kaylor steer on top

HARRISBURG - Janice Kaylor took top honors at the recent Dauphin County 4-H Baby Beef Roundup held at the Farm Show Building

After winning the heavyweight division, Miss Kaylor's steer went on to win grand champion of the show.

Miss Kaylor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Shelly Kaylor, Elizabethtown, also received recognition as reserve showman in the senior division.

Karen Keiter of Halifax showed the reserve champion of the show and the lightweight champion. Kaye Sweigard, also of Halifax,

was named mediumweight champion.

4-H'ers recognized for their showman abilities were: Doug Deppen of Halifax, senior division; Kaye Sweigard of Halifax, junior division; and Kurt Hess of Elizabethtown, first year division.

The following will compete at the Pennsylvania Farm Show in January: Doug Deppen, Karen Keiter, Kaye and Monique Sweigard, and Daryl Rodes of Halifax; Janice Kaylor, Kurt Hess, and Teri Taylor of Elizabethtown, Brenda Fisher of Hummelstown, and Patricia Messick of Middletown

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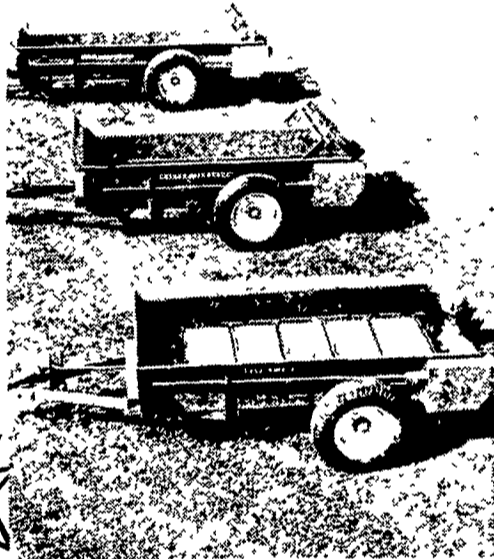
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