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vivania apples in 42 pounds each.

ISBURG, Pa. - cold storage on November 10 totaled 145,835,000 pounds. The apple holdings are down according to the 57,866,000 pounds, or 28 per NEWARK, Del - After a lyania Crop cent from last year. The hundred years of con-145,835,000 pounds converts

# Learn to think metric - you'll need to

to 3,472,000 boxes of apples at has finally decided to go the way of every other major

nation in the world. It will be forsaking ounces for grams sideration, the United Stat 5 and inches for centimeters, and turning to the metric system.

What does this mean to the consumer?

The metric\_system may not complicate your life as much as you think it will, says Coral Morris, Extension home management specialist at the University of Delaware. As a consumer, you will need to know some basic conversions between the two systems, but the metric system is simple to learn, she says.

It is based on a system of tens. The basic units are the meter, the liter, and the is. Ms. Morris uses some gram. A meter is equal to about one and a tenth yards. For your purpose in many situations, you can remember that it is a little bit longer than a yard. A liter is a little larger than a quart (about 1.06 quarts). A gram is about the weight of a paper clip.

These are simplifications, of course, says the home management specialist, bu most consumers won't need to become experts to function in the supermarket and department store.

Some prefixes are added to the basic units to form other commonly used units. The prefixes "milli," "centi," and "kilo" are added to liter, meter, and gram. "Milli" means one-thousandth (0.001). When added to a meter, the term 'millimeter' is onethousandth of a meter, obviously a small unit.

The term "centi" means one-hundredth (0.01), so when added to a meter, a "centimeter" means onehundredth of a meter. "Kilo" added to a unit means one thousand times that unit. Therefore, a kilometer is a thousand times a meter.

But these conversions probably do not really bring home the point about how large or how small the unit metric" more and more.

common objects to make this clear. A millimeter is about the diameter of a paper clip wire. A centimeter is about the width of a paper clip (about 0.4 inch). A kilometer (1000 meters) is a little further than a half mile (about 0.6 mile). A kilogram is a little more than two pounds (about 2.2 pounds). And it takes five milliliters to make a teaspoon.

Another aspect of metrics which everyone will need to be familiar with is Celsius temperature scale. On our present temperature scale (Fahrenheit) water freezes at 32 degrees, and it boils at 212 degrees. On the Celsius scale, water freezes at zero degrees and boils at 100 degrees. To determine the Celsuis temperature if you know the Fahrenheit, you'll need to brush up on your math, says Ms. Morris. First subtract 32 from the Fahrenheit temperature and multiply the answer by fiveninths.

Don't feel you must take a crash course in metrics to become an instant expert, advises the home management specialist. Learn the basic units and prefixes and little by little. as you deal with them, you'll find yourself "thinking

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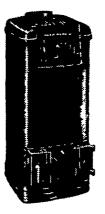
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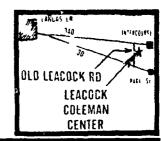
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