

Food surveillance bill expected soon

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Food and the food industry is expected to come under investigation again soon with the introduction of a new food surveillance bill. Coming on the heels of developments in the 94th Congress which witnessed numerous such bills, it is not surprising that a bill would be dropped in the hopper early in this 95th session, according to United Egg Producers, which reported this development in its Feb. 24 newsletter United Voices.

A bill being developed by the Subcommittee on Health and Environment of the House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee, under the Chairmanship of Rep. Paul G. Rogers (D-Fla.), promises to be more along the lines of the Senate-passed food safety and labeling measure (S.641) of last year. That measure would have imposed new safety requirements on food processors and increased the Food and Drug Ad-

ministrations food safety enforcement powers. It also would have required more information on food labels and provided legal authority for FDA regulations on nutritional, ingredient and date labeling.

According to information from Committee sources, the Committee bill is expected by the middle of March with hearings to follow shortly thereafter. The House did not act upon the Senate bill last year so it must go through both Houses in the new Congress.



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Twin Valley FFA wins in county contest

ELVERSON, Pa. - Nine members of the Twin Valley Future Farmers of America earned awards in the Berks County FFA project record book contest. All vocational agriculture students and FFA members are required to keep a record of some project during the school year. These projects may be productive in nature (raising an animal or crop), may be a job (working for a farmer or agribusinessman), or may be supervised skill development at school (working in the nursery, orchard, or shop during study periods or after school).

Record books on these projects are judged by the vocational agriculture teachers on the basis of accuracy, completeness, and neatness. Books which earn awards in the county contests were then eligible to compete in the Pennsylvania contest, which took place this week.

The following Twin Valley

FFA members received awards:

Ted Ford, first place, Supervised Occupational Experience; Jan Oatman, first place "Horse Production;" Doris Mast, first place, "Dairy Heifer Enterprise;" Harvey Bitler first place, "Six Enterprises;" Ray Cylcewski third place, "Supervised Occupational Experience;" John Sterner fourth place, "Supervised Occupational Experience;" Dave Barth, third place, "Supervised Occupational Experience;" Sandy Jennell second place, "Supervised Occupational Experience;" Howard Griest, fourth place, "Three Enterprise."

The Berks County FFA scrapbook contest was judged the same evening as the project record book contest. For the third year, the Twin Valley scrapbook, prepared by chapter reporter Jan Oatman and historians Sandy Shade and Debbie Ford, received first place.

Let us never forget that the cultivation of the earth is the most important labor of man.

DANIEL WEBSTER

