

Proposed rule change set on interstate hog shipping

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Department of Agriculture is proposing to change interstate shipping rules to allow swine fed raw garbage to be slaughtered without special processing. Present regulations require that swine fed raw garbage and shipped interstate must be sent to slaughter and cooked

(specially processed). Because of this requirement, many packing plants will not accept these animals. Officials of USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) said the requirement originally was instituted to help prevent the spread of hog cholera from animals fed raw garbage. The proposed change

would allow hogs fed raw garbage to move directly to slaughter without special processing when the following conditions are met:

-The swine to be moved must not have been fed raw garbage for at least 45 days before the date of shipment;

-All hogs on the farm must be tested and examined to make sure they are free of hog cholera and other communicable diseases of swine;

-All swine on the farm must be inspected within 24 hours before moving the slaughter animals;

-The animals sent to slaughter must be individually identified with ear tags or a red color mark or moved in USDA sealed vehicles, and must be accompanied by an inspection certificate issued by a state or federal animal health official or by an accredited veterinarian.

Written comments on the proposed amendment should be sent to the Deputy Administrator, Veterinary Services, APHIS, USDA, Room 714, Hyattsville, Md. 20782. The 60-day period for comments will expire on June 24, 1977.



Thirteen Lancaster County FFA members took part in the Farm Management Contest, a new county competition held last week at the Willow Street Vo-Tech School. Participants completed a test concerning taxes, interest, investment, depreciation, budgeting, etc. Top individuals for the contest was Bruce Kreider, Solanco, with 259 points; second, Mary Seward, Elizabethtown, with 211 points; third, Tim Good,

Manheim Central, with 203 points; also tie for third, Curtis Martin, Ephrata, with 203; and Larry Hershey, Manheim Central with 200 points. The top team was Solanco; second, Manheim Central; and third, Elizabethtown.

Sitting around the table from left to right the individual winners are: Larry Hershey, Tim Good, Bruce Kreider, Curtis Martin, and Mary Seward.

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