

OSHA restraint order praised

PARK RIDGE, ILL. — A Supreme Court ruling prohibiting unannounced inspection of farms and other businesses by the Occupational Safety and

Health Administration has been called "a citizens victory in the war against the invasion of privacy" by the nation's largest farm organization.

Allan Grant, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation, said here Tuesday that Farm Bureau has been most anxious to invoke the traditional constitutional protection against unreasonable searches. "The Court's ruling does just that. We are very gratified."

Since 1971, OSHA has carried out some 400,000 so-called spot checks of farms, factories, and other businesses. Farm Bureau joined with several organizations in support of a test case against the OSHA practice.

The Farm Bureau president said "It is vital that a man's place of business remain essentially free from government interference. This ruling should, once and for all, put an end to time and money consuming nuisance visits by legions of OSHA inspectors and may serve as a warning to other regulatory agencies."

The American Farm Bureau Federation participated in the appeal as a "Friend of the Court" in support of Barlow's Incorporated, a plumbing, heating, and electrical subcontracting business in Pocatello, Idaho. Barlow's Inc. and AFBF contended that Section 8 (a) of OSHA's regulations dealing with inspections violated the 4th Amendment of the Constitution which protects against arbitrary government intrusion.

W.R. Kriebel retires

UNIVERSITY PARK — Dr. Wesley R. Kriebel, professor of agricultural economist Extension at Penn State University, will retire June 30 with 26 years of service to the University.

Upon retirement, he will become director of the economics department of the American Truckers Association, Washington, D.C.

Prior to his appointment to the Cooperative Extension Service faculty at University Park, he served as an Extension agent in Tioga County and later as a regional marketing agent in five south central Pennsylvania counties. Since 1961, he has conducted research and educational programs in food distribution and transportation management.

Five years ago, Dr.

Kriebel was selected the faculty director for a Distribution Management Institute for dairy and ice cream companies. The training program, sponsored annually by two national associations, has received increasing support by top management personnel across the country.

Through his leadership, a computerized routing and vehicle scheduling program (PENNRROUTE) has brought national and international recognition to Penn State. He has carried out training programs to over 1000 persons on this project.

The PENNRROUTE program has been used by food firms to help them reorganize delivery routes and to reduce the costs associated with local delivery.

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Complete details on the new model No. 1210 Froment Meter, including fully illustrated literature, are available by writing or phoning: N.J. Froment Sales, Inc., 616 Grand Blvd., Cedar Falls, Iowa 50613 (ATTN: Mr. G.E. Lewis) 319/256-1792.

Dairy club meets

Red Lion — The Milk and Money 4-H Dairy Club, Airville, York County, will hold a dairy month display on Saturday, June 3, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the square in Red Lion. York County's dairy princess will add a touch of royalty to the festivities.

Sea Facts

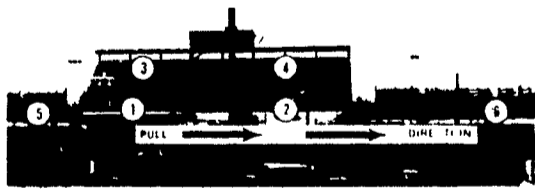
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Exams recommended for dairy cows

UNIVERSITY PARK — "All high producing cows should be examined by a veterinarian following calving to eliminate infection of the uterus whereby delaying the normal heat interval," said Dr. Ben Harrington, practicing veterinarian in Raleigh, N.C. He spoke at a dairy conference here at Penn State earlier this year.

There is a greater chance of post calving infection problems if the cow is housed in a stall rather than pasture, he noted.

Producers with cystic ovaries do not show heat cycles. He recommends dairymen wait a month or two following calving before treating these cows because many times the problem will clear up.

Harrington said that every dairyman should have individual cow cards to track reproductive information. It also serves as a case history throughout the life of the cow. It also will help spot management and nutritional problems that are related to reproduction.