

Proper use of antibiotics critical

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CAMP HILL — Pennsylvania farmers who are neglecting to follow instructions on antibiotic containers could cause legislators to enact laws which will ban the use of medications by farmers, warned Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture while addressing the centennial meeting of the PennAg Industries Association.

According to the Secretary, such moves were already underway at least once on the state level. The reasoning behind such moves is that there continues to be evidence that foods are occasionally contaminated by antibiotics. Overcoming this problem is one of the major challenges facing agriculture, proclaimed Shelhamer.

But Shelhamer didn't aim his warning to just farmers. Speaking to an organization of agribusinessmen, the Secretary pointed out that at least two animal poisonings have occurred in Pennsylvania in recent years for which feed mills were responsible. In another case, a company lost \$1000 per day because of a dye that was found in milk.

Product assurance is what farmers and agribusinessmen must concern themselves with both now and in years to come, Shelhamer emphasized. "Or else there will be additional moves to legislate this area," he warned.

"A bill had been in the Pennsylvania Senate to prohibit the sale of antibiotics to farmers and to prohibit cosmetic surgery by farmers," Shelhamer explained. Cosmetic surgery would include such routine on-the-farm practices as dehorning and castration. Leaving no doubt that he and his Department are concerned over such moves by legislators, Shelhamer noted that these actions were spawned because "some people have chosen to ignore the directions on the label."

While new and more restrictive governmental regulations might not be avoidable, Shelhamer urged the gathering of agribusinessmen to do all they could to impress farmers of the need to use medications as directed.

Land and water use are two more important issues which face agriculture today and may well become more critical in years to come. He pointed out that there are projects and studies being considered now which could severely curtail the rights which farmers have to water. He urges that farmers and agribusinesses become concerned and involved in order to protect agricultural interests.

Noting that Pennsylvania has lost a third of its farmland since World War II, Shelhamer exclaimed his Department is concerned about the land and the families on the farm.

"As land use changes, you'll see society change," the Secretary continued. "I suggest you get active in local rule to protect your interests." The agriculture department head noted that the public is becoming increasingly

annoyed by grain dust, feed dust and noise. In one case, a farmer received a court order to refrain from using his grain dryer between the hours of 6 p.m. and 8 a.m.

"Eating habits will also change in the years ahead," Shelhamer continued. People will continue to consume more of their meals away from home. "This has a direct effect on marketing patterns and agricultural production," Shelhamer explained.

One hundred years ago, when PennAg Industries was founded, the consumer spent an average of 58 per cent of his income on food, Shelhamer said. "Today, food may seem to be expensive, but it's a real bargain," he proclaimed, persuading farmers and agribusinessmen to go out and tell the story of agriculture's efficiency.

In order to meet the challenges of the future, Shelhamer said that the varied independents of agriculture must cooperate with one another. He said that independent American agriculture has become a proven way of life.

American agriculture and the supporting agribusinesses are also interdependent on one another, Shelhamer explained. It's necessary if the system is going to flourish in the future.

In concluding his remarks, the Secretary noted that PennAg Industries has been an integral part of the changes that have taken place in agriculture during the last century and that he is confident of PennAg's continued involvement and success.

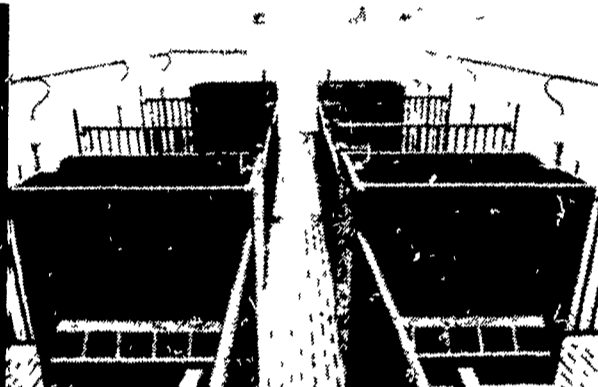
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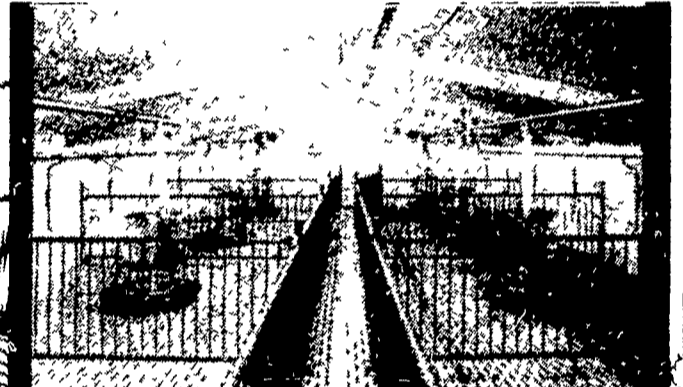
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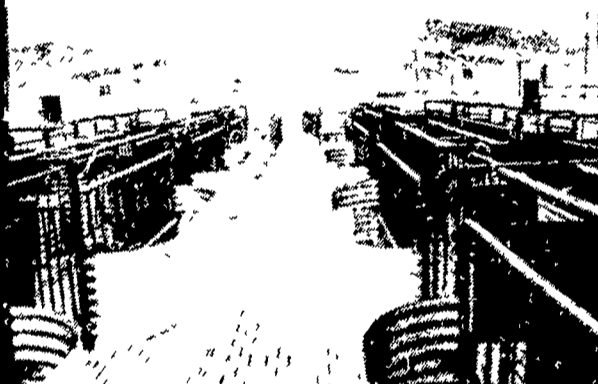
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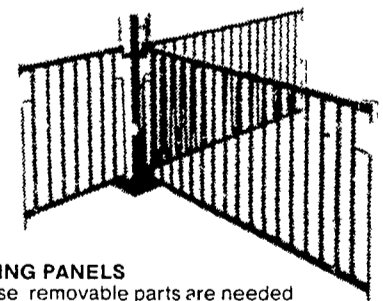
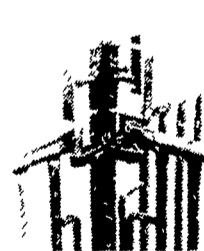
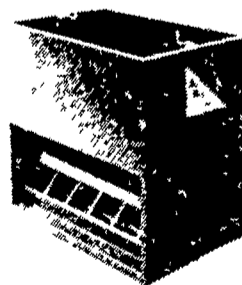
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