

Poultry products show no radiation

HARRISBURG — At the request of the Pennsylvania Poultry Federation, poultry products have been

monitored and sampled even though government officials did not think it was necessary. The Food and

Drug Administration and the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture sampled poultry products in stores, farms,

and processing plants. All were negative for radiation contamination.

Poultry products are the least susceptible agricultural products to radiation due to their closed environment housing and closed feeding systems, says the Pennsylvania Poultry Federation.

Some 32 food commodities were examined by FDA including apple pie, doughnuts, spaghetti, chocolate wafers, etc., and all were negative.

Several poultry and egg processing plants did sampling on their own at private laboratories and all samples were negative.

Milk is the most susceptible product to radiation contamination. That is why it was constantly being monitored. Even so, milk is safe and only a few samples showed radiation iodine present. Levels were so low that consumers need not be concerned. All agricultural commodities are safe beyond a reasonable doubt.

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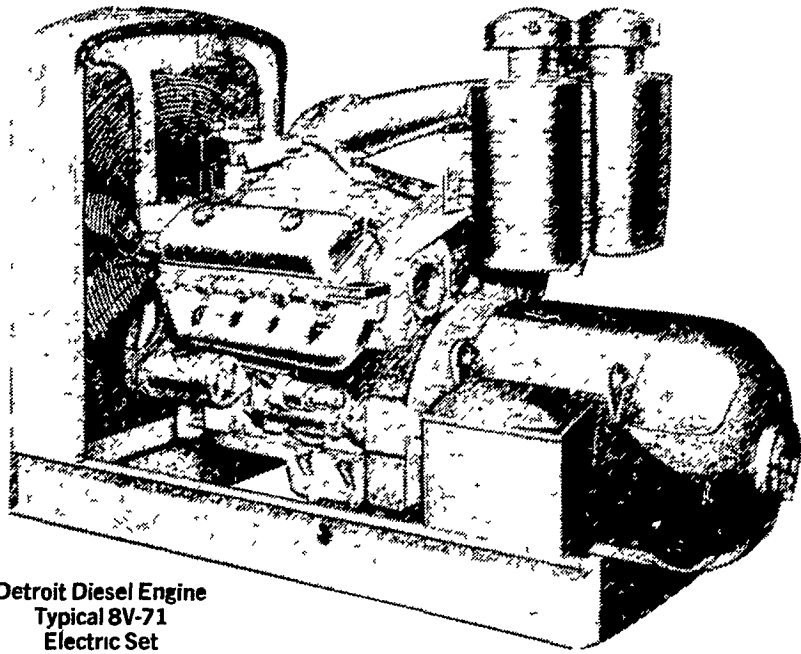
An Australian and a Scotsman were discussing the weather in their countries "When does summer come in your land?" the Scotsman asked

"January, February and March," the Australian said. "What about Scotland?"

"Last year it was on a Tuesday," was the terse reply

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Woodland to visit China

CORNING, Iowa - DeVon Woodland, president of the National Farmers Organization, will be visiting the Peoples Republic of China in mid-April at the invitation of the Chinese government.

Woodland, scheduled to leave the United States on April 15, will be a member of a trade delegation named by members of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations.

The trade delegation is being sponsored by the Foreign Trade Institute of the Chinese government.

The trade delegation will be combining its activities, wherever possible, with a Congressional delegation from the Senate Committee

on Foreign Relations - at the unprecedented request of the Chinese.

Together with the Congressional delegation, Woodland and other trade delegates will meet with the Chinese Minister of Foreign Trade Li Quiang and other Chinese trade officials, visit agricultural and construction projects, and attend several official banquets.

Woodland, accompanied by his wife Dear, will visit the Chinese cities of Shanghai, Peking and Canton. Along with the meetings and banquets, the Woodlands will visit the Great Wall of China, the Canton Trade Fair, and various other Chinese landmarks and activities.

Pa. broiler placements up

HARRISBURG — Placements of broiler chicks in the commonwealth during the week ending March 31 were up seven per cent from the same week a year ago, according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service.

The placements were at 2,286,000, three per cent below the previous week. Average placements during the past nine weeks were 13 per cent above a year earlier.

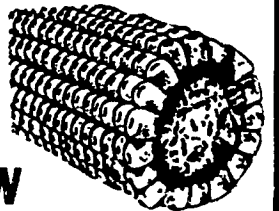
Placements of broiler

chicks in the key 21 poultry producing states were 80,797,000, about the same as the previous week but ten per cent above the same week a year earlier. Average placements in the 21 states during the past nine weeks were nine per cent above a year ago.

The number of broiler-fryers slaughtered in Pennsylvania under Federal Inspection during the week ending March 21 was 2,023,000, with an average weight of 4.02 pounds.

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