## **Guidelines** for grain inspection change

NEW YORK, N.Y. -Beginning Dec. 21, federal fees for original on-line grain inspection services will be charged on an hourly basis instead of the present unit rate. Travel costs will be included in the hourly fee.

On-line inspection services includes all services which are based on official samples obtained during loading or unloading of grain.

The new rule also rescinds the two-hour grace period, in effect since July, before inspectors begin charging a standby fee for on-line grain inspection.

L.E. Bartelt, administrator of U.S. Department of Agriculture's Federal Grain Inspection Service (FGIS), said the change may result in decreased costs for some high-volume elevator houses and increased costs for some others.

"However, the hourly rate will result in fees that, as nearly as practicable, cover the costs of providing the service," Bartelt added.

He said the U.S. Grain Standards Act requires fees

for official inspection or weighing of grain to be reasonable and to cover the costs of providing the services, except for administrative and supervisory costs.

The new hourly fee for non-contract inspection services will be \$12.80 per employee hour on regular weekdays and \$16 per emworkdays.

However, the elevators can obtain reduced fees of \$11.20 per hour on regular workdays and \$14.40 an hour on non-regular workdays if they contract with FGIS for inspection services in advance.

Bartelt said the change to

ployee hour on non-regular hourly fees was made after 10 comments were received in response to a notice published in the May 31 Federal Register.

"Nine of the comments favored the hourly method of assessment, although five suggested that users be allowed to choose either hourly or unit rates," Bartelt said.

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dustrial Group, which now

Prior to joining USI, Mr.

Settimi held management

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He said that adopting two systems of charging for inspection services would result in a complex fee schedule which would increase FGIS operating costs, and thus increase the fees.

services other than on-line weighing services.

will be reduced by 20 percent for noncontract regular workdays, and by 5 percent on holidays.

Adoption of the hourly fee rate also will result in inspection fees being consistent with the hourly rates Hourly fees for inspection now being charged for

### **USI Agribusiness president named**

OAK BROOK, Ill. - Mr. Ravmond J. Settimi has been appointed president of USI Agribusiness, according to an announcement by Frank W. Tobin, senior vice president of U.S. Industries, Inc.

Mr. Settimi has been with USI since September, 1969, when he joined the Corporation as executive vice president of Leon Plastics in Grand Rapids, Michigan. In June, 1970, he was appointed president of Leon. A year later, he was named group chairman of the USI Plastics and Chemical Group. From



Raymond J. Settimi

1975 to 1979, he has held the position of director of group

# How to winterize

vices.

#### vegetable gardens

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**Yearling horses** 

Horse shows Kelly Jo has taken numerous 4-H projects including swine, clothing, gardening, goats, foods, and crafts. She served as president, secretary, news reporter, and teen leader in various clubs.

Four-H work doesn't occupy all of her spare time. She is active in church work, Girl Scouts, school band, ski club, and swine and rabbit breeders associations.

Jeffrey, a 4-H member for five years, started horse club work at the age of 10. His initial project was a grade pony, then two years later he purchased a double registered Palomino Quarter Horse. He also shows a 7-year-old Appaloosa gelding in breed shows.

"I'm happy to win this Quarter Horse yearling because of my interest in the breed. When I am finished showing the horse, I will breed the animal with one of our Appaloosas," he points out.

Jeffrey serves as treasurer of his 4-H club and assists others as a teen leader. He also is a member of the McKean County horse show committee.

He has shown horses at the state level for inree years and also took part in the Square Dance Contest at the 1978 Farm Show. He conducted horse demonstrations at local meetings and fairs.

The award winner is active in church work and is an honor student, receiving his school's Certificate of Excellence the past three years.

Gardeners can prolong the productivity of their vegetable crops if certain precautions are taken before cold weather comes. Five to six inches of mulch such as straw, hay, leaves, grass clippings or anything organic, can save Swiss Chard and other salad crops from very cold weather. Turnips and carrots will last until December if mulched. Parsnips, scallions and leeks will survive the entire winter without protection and develop a sweeter taste than those harvested in warmer weather. According to James J. McKeehen. Delaware County Extension Agricultural Agent, this is also the time of the year when "cole" crops such as broccoli, cauliflower, and and is also an equal op-Brussel sprouts develop high portunity employer.

quality. After the center heads of broccolı are harvested, continue to water the plants and enjoy the tender side shoots that are produced. Cauliflower will be more tender and keep a nice white color if the long "rabbit ear" leaves are pulled over the head and tied with a piece of string. Brussel sprouts will last through freezing weather. Closely related vegetables such as kale and collards

will continue to provide greens for your table right up to cold weather. The Pennsylvania Cooperative Extension Service offers programs and materials without regard to race, color, sex or national origin

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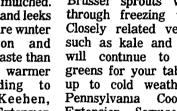
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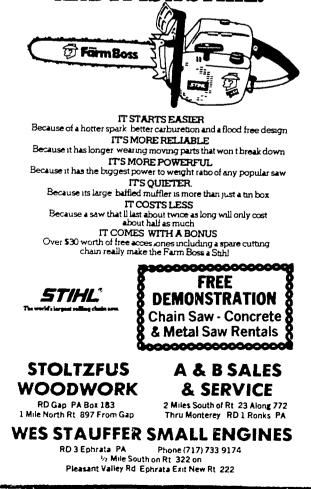
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