

Cumberland Farmers' Association holds Spring meeting

BOILING SPRINGS — The Cumberland County Farmers' Association held its Fifth Annual Spring Banquet meeting here Monday night.

About 225 farmers packed the South Middleton Fire Hall to hear U S Representative William F Goodling speak on the economy and farm-related matters. See accompanying story.

Association President Roger Hoke introduced Connie Harness, Chief of Promotions for the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, who spoke and provided entertainment for the evening.

The former Miss Penn-

sylvania told farmers about the Department's campaign to promote Pennsylvania grown products to the Pennsylvania consumer.

She said the slogan "Pennsylvania Agriculture—We're Growing Better" is being widely accepted by state grocers, including Weis and Giant foods.

She said the Department is working with commodity groups to develop product characters to promote specific commodities.

The first of these, Eggatha, appeared at the Farm Equipment Expo last month. Two more, Milton the Milk Carton and The Big

Cheese, also are ready to meet the public.

Harness said the Department is willing to help other groups develop similar characters for mall promotions. There are 35 shopping center promotions scheduled across the state this Spring and Summer.

She sang a number of Broadway show tunes as entertainment.

PFA District Director Horace Waybright congratulated the Cumberland County group on achieving an all-time high membership.

He also said PFA is establishing its own Workmens Compensation fund and said it should be ready to roll as of May 1.

PFA has formed a Political Education Com-

mittee. The PEP group is looking for help from any farmers interest in politics.

PEP will give individual farmers a bipartisan mechanism to contribute money to candidates through a political action committee.

The PEP committee also will provide assistance to farmers who choose to run for office, either locally or on a state-wide basis.

Duane Duncan, the Cumberland County Agricultural Agent, told farmers that CPR training would be available through the extension office.

He said the training sessions will be offered Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday starting April 15.

Interested farmers should contact the extension office for details —CH



Connie Harness, promotions chief for the state ag department, asked farmer help and support for the 35 shopping center promotions of farm goods slated for the coming months.

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USDA to restrict distribution of veterinary products

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The distribution of rabies, bovine brucellosis and bovine tuberculosis vaccines will be restricted to authorized persons under new provisions to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's veterinary biologics license rules.

The new provisions will allow each state to establish additional conditions or restrictions under which Rabies Vaccine, Brucella

Abortus Vaccine, Brucella Antigen and Tuberculin-PPD Bovis may be distributed, according to Pierre A. Chaloux, deputy administrator of USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

"The additional control of the use of these products is essential to strengthen programs to control or eradicate rabies, bovine tuberculosis and bovine

brucellosis," Chaloux said last Friday.

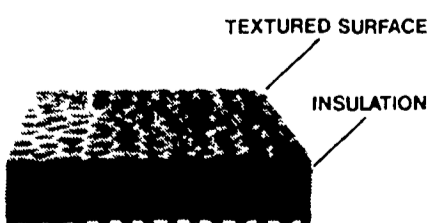
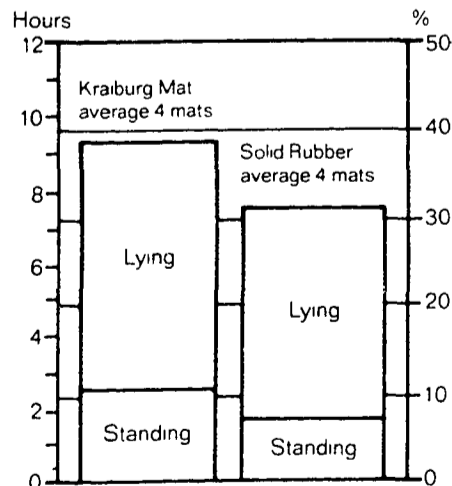
USDA proposed restricting the licensing for these vaccines last September 21. More than half of the 150 comments received supported the action. However, a number of replies from rural areas objected to limiting rabies vaccine to veterinarians because of the need for flexibility to meet local conditions. Therefore, distribution of rabies vaccines is left to the discretion of each state.

The new conditions on licenses for these four products became effective February 20. Companies holding licenses to produce these products must contact animal health officials in each state to determine how the products may be distributed.

The new provisions were published in the March 21 Federal Register. Copies are available from R. J. Price, USDA, APHIS, room 828, Federal Building, Hyattsville, Md. 20782.

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