

Pesticides require planning ahead

NEWARK, Del. — Everyone who uses pesticides should plan ahead to insure the best value from each dollar spent on pest control, says Delaware extension agricultural chemical specialist John McDaniel.

Review past and future cropping plans and the pests associated with them. Consider which pest problems are likely to occur in 1980.

Consider future uses of the fields, and whether a given pesticide applied in 1980 might upset plans for use of the field in 1981. Carry-over

effects from certain herbicides may harm the next crop planted in a field. For instance, atrazine applied to corn in the spring may damage oats planted that Fall.

Several insecticides have label instructions that limit the crops which may be legally planted following the crop on which those insecticides were used. Choose pesticides with these points in mind.

After you've made your pesticide selections, shop around for the best buys. If you must accept early delivery, be sure to have a

safe storage area. Find out whether your pesticides are harmed by cold weather.

Use the winter months to be sure your application equipment is in good condition. Have pumps rebuilt if necessary, and replace worn or chaffed hoses. Check pressure gauges and all valves.

Replace nozzle tips, even if they've just been spraying water. Be sure all nozzle tips bear the same number. The numbers are stamped on the ends of the tips. Align the tips at a slight angle to the boom so spray patterns

overlap but do not interfere with each other.

Be sure applicators for granular pesticides are cleaned and rust-proofed. Replace worn gates, agitators, and drive mechanisms.

Calibrate all equipment before you use it. Measure pesticides when adding to sprayer tanks. Be sure the agitation is vigorous enough to keep pesticides suspended in the water. Before mixing two or more pesticides in the tank, check their compatibility to be sure there will be no physical or chemical problems.

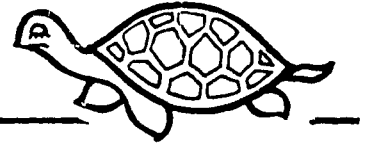
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Remember, McDaniel concludes, you have quite an out-of-pocket investment in pesticides. You are depending on them to do a job for you. If they don't do that job, the result is lowered

quality and yield, adding up to even greater dollar losses.

Be sure to select pesticides thoughtfully and apply them carefully for best results at the least cost.

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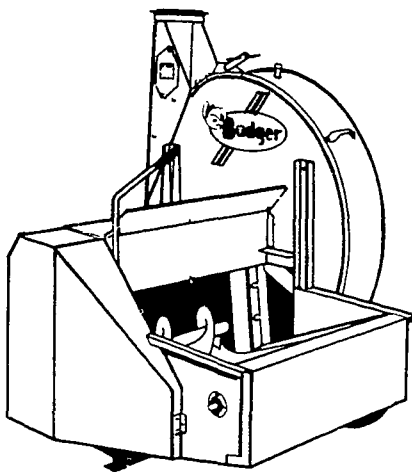
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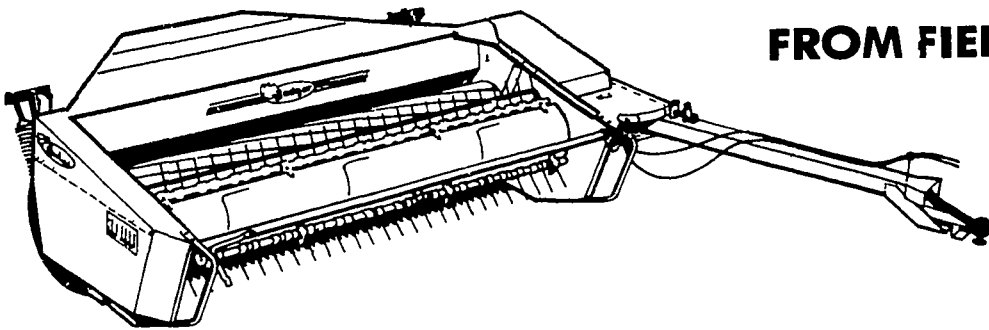
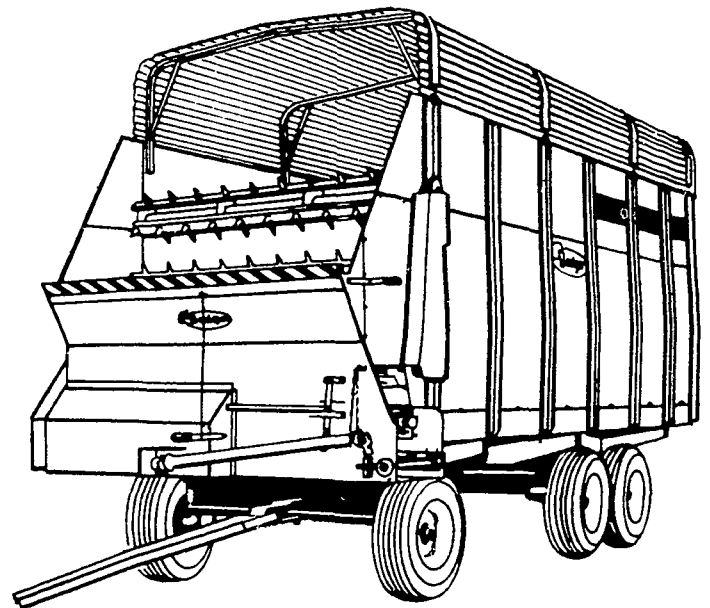
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