

Moisture meter testing program begins

HARRISBURG — Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture Penrose Hallowell Tuesday announced that the Bureau of Standard Weights and Measures has

begun its annual inspection of grain moisture meters. Moisture meters are used by mills to test the amount of moisture contained in a farmer's load of grain

Deductions are made in the farmer's payment in relation to the amount of moisture. Grain dealers can incur added costs from a faulty meter if excessive moisture leads to high drying costs or spoilage. "The grain moisture

meter inspection program can save farmers and millers literally thousands of dollars," Hallowell said. "An error of one percent moisture can result in a loss of from 30 to 60 cents per bushel. Certification of these meters provides a valuable

economic service to the grain industry.

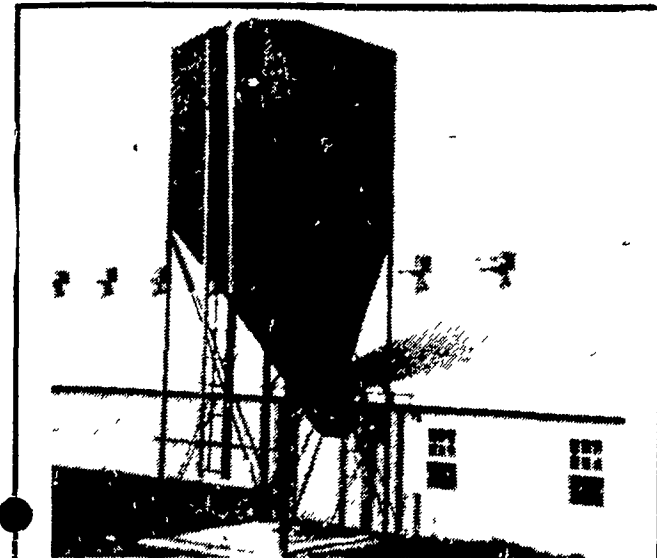
Hallowell said that bureau inspectors will concentrate their efforts on commercially operated devices, but added, "As a service to our grain farmers, we will also test non-commercial or on-farm meters on request. He said that all 600 moisture meters in the commonwealth should be tested by September 1980.

Farmers with non-commercial meters can have them tested by contacting the Bureau of Standard Weights and Measures at 717/787-9089, or at the seven regional offices of the Agriculture Department.

Fourteen model so of

moisture meters have been approved for commercial use by the Bureau. The meters are verified with known samples of grains precisely examined for moisture with an over-drying method prescribed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The Bureau's inspectors will also test accuracy of thermometers, small capacity metric balances and standard weight per bushel scales. The inspectors are supplied with up to date operating instructions and interpolation charts from the manufacturer, and can provide assistance to owners in methods and use of the meters.



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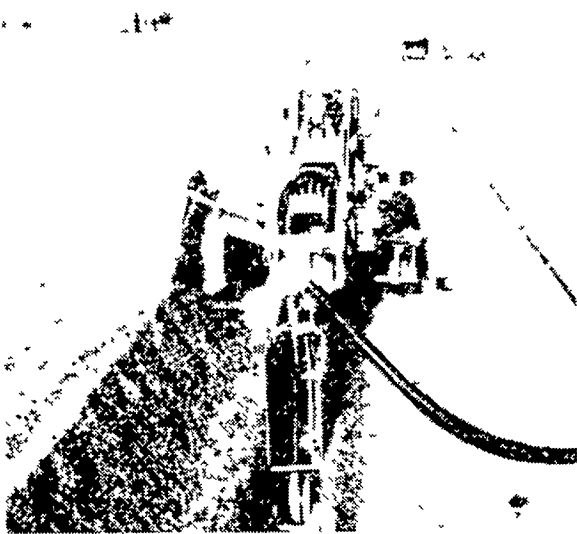
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