

PGC eases regs on deer disposal

HARRISBURG — Dramatic increases in vehicular fuel costs coupled with ever diminishing outlets to handle deer accidentally killed on the state's highways has caused the Pennsylvania Game Commission to adopt a more liberal disposal policy. The Commission has also adopted new regulations concerning the disposition of deer taken illegally by poachers, or destroyed by farmers for crop damage.

Effective August 1, the operator or any occupant of an automobile which hits and kills a deer may claim the carcass. The operator or any occupant of an automobile which happens upon a deer accidentally killed on a highway may also claim the carcass.

The only requirements are: the individual claiming the deer must report the incident to a Game Commission officer within 24

hours. The officer will then issue a permit good for up to 120 days.

The permit will indicate how the deer will be utilized, what is to be done with the head and hide, and any other conditions required by the issuing officer. The deer is to be retained on the premises of the person to whom the permit is issued unless otherwise provided.

A slightly different policy will govern disposition of deer which have been otherwise accidentally killed, or have been killed illegally, or have been destroyed for crop damage and are not retained by the person doing the shooting.

If the deer has been illegally or accidentally killed (other than on a highway), or destroyed for crop damages, and is fit for human consumption, the carcass may be given to any institution, or to any Pennsylvanian the game protector determines is needy.

In such instances, the game protector will issue a permit valid for up to 120 days.

The permit will indicate how the deer will be utilized, what is to be done with the head and hide, and any other conditions which may be required. The deer must be

retained on the premises of the institution or person to whom the permit is issued unless otherwise provided.

Deer unfit for human consumption may be given to any Pennsylvanian for any purpose on a Commission permit valid up to

120 days. The permit will state how the carcass is to be used, disposition of the head and hide, and outline other conditions required by the issuing officer. Again, the deer must be retained on the permittee's premises unless otherwise specified.

Md. expands gypsy moth quarantine

ANAPOLIS, Md. — In the face of the worst threat from tree defoliating gypsy moths in recent years, Maryland is now subject to an expanded federal gypsy moth quarantine in an effort to limit the spread of the insects.

The quarantine, imposed by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, (APHIS) of USDA, in cooperation with the Maryland Department of

Agriculture, now includes all of Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Cecil, Frederick, Harford counties and portions of Montgomery and Washington counties.

Featuring "High Risk" and "Low Risk" zones, the quarantine is aimed at preventing the movement of uninspected regulated items in an effort to prevent freshly laid eggs masses being introduced into non-infested areas.

Regulated items include nursery stock, firewood, logs and pulpwood, mobile homes and

recreational vehicles. In brief, it is now illegal to move such items out of a "High Risk" area into an unregulated area without prior inspection. Such items may be moved into "Low Risk" areas without inspection and also can be moved from unregulated areas into low and high risk areas without inspection.

Persons wishing information as to inspection procedures should contact the office of Harold Smith, Officer in Charge, Plant Protection & Quarantine, USDA-APHIS, in Beltsville at 301-344-2527.

Md. gets marketing grant

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — Maryland is one of 14 states and Puerto Rico that will share in U.S. Department of Agriculture marketing grants totaling \$636,159.

The state will receive \$40,650 to help fruit and vegetable growers sell directly to retail food stores. The project will be carried out in cooperation with the National Association of Retail Grocers and

its affiliates in Maryland and Virginia.

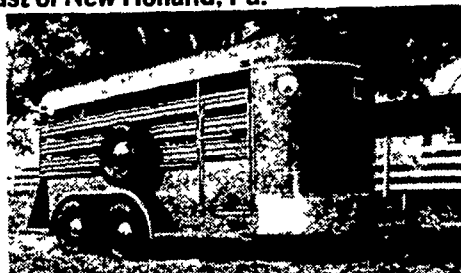
The grant is being made under the Federal-State Marketing Improvement Program administered by USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service. Maryland will match the federal money with state funds, which may come from public or private sources.

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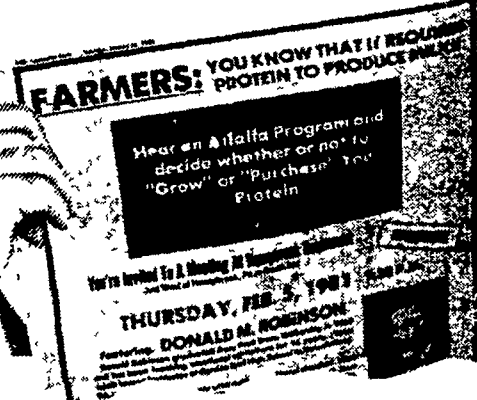


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