

## Berks announces gypsy moth spraying

LEESPORT — The Berks County Commissioners are cooperating with the state and federal governments in a joint effort to suppress the gypsy moth this spring in certain populated and high public use areas by one-treatment chemical spraying, to be done by helicopter.

Treatment areas will be selected on the basis of resident requests

and field surveys now being conducted by local coordinators in individual townships. Participating townships will report all infested areas to the county coordinator, Roman B. Spehar, to be recorded on the proposed treatment map by September 23.

All pertinent data must be reported to the Department of Environmental Resources prior to October 1 if spraying is desired in

the spring of 1982. Spraying will occur sometime from early May to early June.

A spray block must contain a minimum of 25 forested acres. This provides for the protection of a single infested property for a distance of 500 feet on all sides (square shaped block). Exceptions to this minimum may be made down to 6 forested acres, providing

the area is within 1 air mile of a 25 acre or larger block. A minimum number of 250 healthy egg masses per acre must be present to warrant treatment.

The estimated cost to residents will be \$2.50 per acre with a \$10 minimum payment for this spraying.

Residents that do not want their residence or property included in the spray programs are responsible for contacting their local coordinator to pinpoint the exact location of the property to be omitted.

Local township appointed coordinators or volunteer coordinators of participating municipalities: Albany, Oscar Kleinsmith; Amity, John Karst; Bethel, Carl H. Brown; Brecknock, Karl Peterson; Colebrookdale, Ernest Hartline; Cumru, William S. Shea; District, Franklin J. Schoch; Douglass, Eugene W.

Rinehimer; Earl, Nancy Davidson; Exeter, Carrie Conrad; Heidelberg, Calvin W. Yoh; Hereford, John Crossley; Lower Alsace, Barry L. Vogt; Mandencreek, Ruth B. Randazzo; Marion, Richard A. Weber; Muhlenberg, Richard Doerrman and Steve Landis; North Heidelberg, John C. Blatt; Oley, Daniel D. Levensood; Penn, Robert F. Blatt; Perry, G.F. Weiler; Pike, Philip Askman; Richmond, Feryl J. Treichler; Robeson, David Turner; Rockland, William Strachan; Ruscombmanor, John Emerick; South Heidelberg, John H. Mustane; Spring, George Sponagle; Tilden, George E. Savage; Union, Donald J. Gutekunst; Upper Bern, John F. Messner; Upper Tulpehocken, Judith A. Lando; Windsor, Curtis D. Yeager; and the Borough of Hamburg, Charles L. Clark.

## USDA proposes inspection fee increase

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The U.S. Department of Agriculture is proposing to more nearly recover costs by increasing fees about 30 percent for voluntary federal inspection of processed grain commodities, hay, hops, pulses and straw. Pulses are beans, lentils and peas.

USDA is also proposing to increase the average fee for 100 individual laboratory tests by about 30 percent.

Kenneth A. Gilles, administrator of USDA's Federal Grain Inspection Service, said these inspection and testing services are not required by law, but are performed on request from the industry.

He said the increase is necessary to match the fees as nearly as possible with costs of providing the services, as required under the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946.

"Fees for providing these services were last increased in April, 1977," said Gilles. "Since then we have absorbed four salary increases totalling about 29 percent, plus other substantial cost in-

creases".

Under the proposal, new fees for grading field run beans, lentils and peas would be \$13.40 per lot, up from \$10.35. Fees for other than field run would be \$10, up from \$7.70. Fees for a single grade factor analysis would be \$6.75 per factor, up from \$5.50. These fees are in addition to a charge of \$20.80 per staff-hour for sampling.

Fees for checkloading, checkweighing, condition of product and stowage examinations of carriers would be \$20.80 per staff-hour, up from \$16. When more than one of these services are performed at the same time, USDA would charge only one hourly rate.

Fees for sampling and grading a lot of hay and straw would be \$20.80 per staff-hour. Fees for inspecting submitted samples for grade only would be \$13.40 per sample and \$20.80 per staff-hour for grade factor analysis. These fees were formerly \$16 and \$10.35, respectively.

Fees for inspection of hops would be \$20.80 per lot, up from \$12.

Wherever hourly rates apply,

applicants can obtain services for \$16.60 per staff hour by contracting for services on an 8-hour-day, 5-day week basis.

Notice of the proposed changes were published in the August 26 Federal Register. Two copies of comments must be sent by September 25 to the Issuance and Coordination Staff, Rm. 1127 Auditor's Bldg., USDA, FGIS, Washington, D.C., 20250. Phone: 202/447-3910. Comments on the proposal will be available for public inspection.

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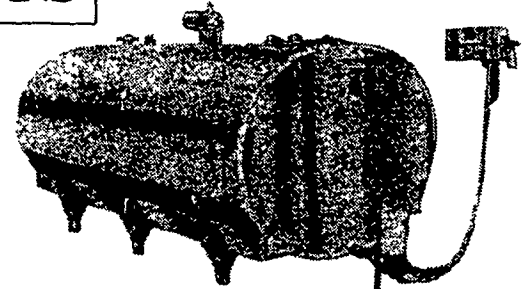
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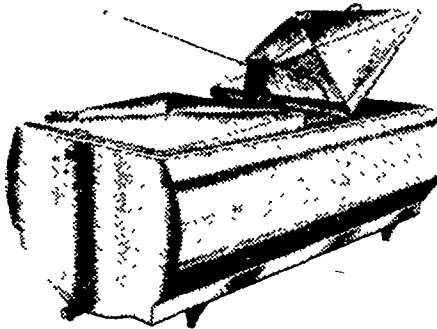
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