

## Dauphin holds gypsy moth meeting

HARRISBURG — The Dauphin County Conservation District and the Bureau of Forestry, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources, will conduct a public meeting to explain the 1982 gypsy moth spraying program in Dauphin County. The meeting date is Wednesday, March 3 at 7:30 p.m. in the Lower Paxton Township Municipal Building located at 75 South Houcks Road.

Resource Specialist Duayne Forsberg from the Dauphin County Conservation District and Mike Blumenthal, Area Entomologist from the Bureau of Forestry, will be the speakers. To meet the increasing complications of the gypsy moth spraying program the Dauphin County Commissioners have requested the assistance of municipalities in Dauphin County that have or can anticipate future gypsy moth problems.

Beginning with the 1982 gypsy moth spraying program any landowner who desires spraying shall place their request with their local township supervisors or borough council. These municipal officials will compile these requests for field investigation by the Dauphin Conservation District.

Once field investigations are made and, if the requested areas meet the qualifications of the Bureau of Forestry, they will be proposed for spraying the following spring to the Bureau of Forestry for their acceptance or rejection.

The deadline to request spraying for this coming spring was last summer. All additional requests for spraying in the spring of 1982 will be denied.

The Dauphin County Commissioners, Conservation District and local municipalities are only coordinating gypsy moth spraying programs which are administered by the Pa. Dept. of Environmental Resources, Bureau of Forestry.

## S.C. asks USDA to assume meat, poultry inspection

WASHINGTON, D.C. — South Carolina has asked the U.S. Department of Agriculture to assume responsibility for its state meat and poultry inspection programs, effective Feb. 22.

Donald L. Houston, administrator of USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service, said the state has advised USDA that it can no longer continue funding its inspection programs.

Houston said under the federal meat and poultry inspection acts, any state must give up its inspection program if it cannot enforce requirements at least equal to those at the federal level.

"When USDA assumes responsibility for state programs, it is usually voluntary and most often for financial reasons," Houston said.

To ensure a smooth transition to the federal inspection program, USDA is working closely with officials in the state. The transition to federal inspection means 118 meat and poultry plants now under state inspection in South Carolina — and operating solely within the state — must apply for federal inspection services.

When USDA assumes inspection responsibilities in South Carolina, it will be responsible for state meat inspection programs in 24 states and poultry inspection in 28 states.

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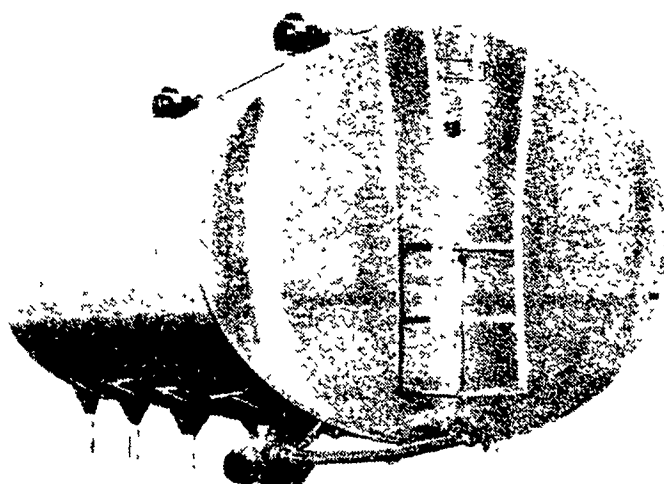
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