

## Harkin rejects Nader meat inspection charges

WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Rep. Tom Harkin, chairman of the House Agriculture Subcommittee, says he has rejected a Ralph Nader-backed group's charge of serious inadequacies in U.S. meat inspection programs, after studying the group's report and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's response to it.

The House Agriculture subcommittee has jurisdiction over the nation's meat inspection program.

"As chairman of the Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry subcommittee, I am committed to continuing and comprehensive oversight to ensure compliance with the Wholesome Meat Act to ensure that our consumers have pure and wholesome meat and meat products," Harkin said.

While I question some of the

changes made in the inspection program in recent years, I am satisfied the Reagan Administration is not imperiling the nation's meat and poultry inspection program as the report charges."

Harkin said the subcommittee will not hold special hearings to look into the group's charges. "We have taken the time to study each of the allegations in the report and upon careful inspection, have found numerous flaws. It is factually incorrect in a number of important areas. The research is simply not good enough for its conclusions to be taken seriously." Harkin said the subcommittee will pursue those issues raised by the report which appear to be well-founded, during oversight hearings already planned by the subcommittee.

## N.J. holds pesticide seminar

COLUMBUS, N.J. — The Adult Education Program for farmers, offered by Northern Burlington County Regional High School, recently conducted a pesticide seminar.

The purpose of the program was to update farmers on proper pesticide usage, weed identification, insect identification, ropewick sprayer construction, sprayer calibration and sprayer safety. Those participating also received credits for pesticide recertification.

Presentations were made by Richard P. Grant, Ciba-Geigy; Greg Samis, American Cyanamid; Peter Sollazo, BASF Corporation; Diane Godbey, Monsanto Corporation; and Mark Robson, Pesticide Coordinator, Cook College.

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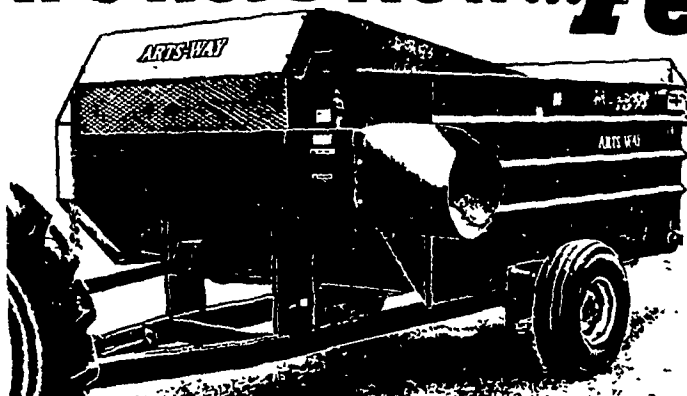


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