

Penn Packing

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higher expected marketing numbers through the remainder of the year and increased feed costs due to both PIK and the drought.

As far as hog numbers are concerned, marketings are still expected to be up some 10 percent through the remainder of the year. To combat the pork glut, producers have been urged to market at lighter weights and then cut back on breeding herd size.

And, while some effects of PIK and the drought have already been felt, no one really knows yet what the full effects will be. Those will have to await harvest.

This year, farmers may finally

find out how accurate those billions-of-bushels figures that the USDA throws around really are. As Payment-In-Kind payoffs are made, it may finally be known how much corn there really is in storage. And when the combines get in the fields - or stay out because of the drought - there may be a better idea of just what this year's yields may be.

So, with this extra amount of uncertainty facing hog finishers (and other livestock operators as well), is it any wonder that any favorable market sign will be welcomed.

When Penn Packing closed two years ago, labor costs were cited

Poultry punch

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The Larvadex revocation ordered by the Environmental Protection Agency went into effect on August 19. A number of states with emergency exemption to use the larvacide were told to halt all shipments, sales and use as a poultry feed additive.

Meat and eggs from poultry fed

as the primary reason by company officials.

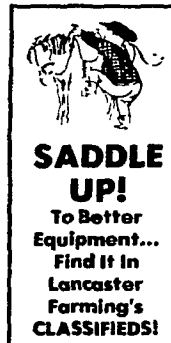
Similar problems were recently experienced at A and B in Allentown, where threatened closing was reversed through operational concessions.

Larvadex could be used, as well as material already in feed bins. But no new formulations could be made.

The EPA listed its reason that one of the elements of Larvadex may be a possible carcinogen.

State veterinary officials stressed that the suspected element was not new and any possible residues would be miniscule.

Ciba-Geigy is working closely with the EPA concerning the review of Larvadex. It had received extensive testing, including use in Lancaster County prior to the granting of the emergency exemption.



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