

### PFU backs chemical law

LOCK HAVEN — The Pennsylvania Farmers Union Legislative Committee endorsed House Bill 1236 at its recent meeting held at the Fallon Hotel in Lock Haven.

Carl L. Kaufman, Director of the Pennsylvania Farmers Union,

stated, "How can a family farm organization be against a "Right To Know" bill that offers protection to farm workers when in most cases those workers are their own family members?" Kaufman also stated, "this bill will give farmers and their families

protection from the hazardous chemicals commonly used on the farm."

M. James Brown, President of the Pennsylvania Farmers Union, said, "We believe in basic occupational safety and protection from chemicals for all workers in agriculture, business and industry." Brown further stated that, "the Pennsylvania Farmers Union will lobby hard for this legislation that will give Pennsylvania's family farmers some basic protection from chemicals."

### Poultry water data revised

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Effective April 12, the U.S. Department of Agriculture will permit poultry processors to replace part of the fresh water used to chill poultry carcasses with reconditioned water, proved certain safety standards are met.

Reconditioned water is filtered or treated to keep bacteria levels low so it can be reused.

"The final rule contains essentially the same provisions as the Sept. 15 proposal," said Donald L. Houston, administrator of USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service. "Poultry processors will be allowed to reduce the amount of fresh water used, provided the water is replaced by a greater amount of reconditioned water."

After slaughter, poultry carcasses are immersed in large tanks of chilled water to quickly reduce carcass temperatures, thus preventing spoilage. To minimize the accumulation of bacteria in the chillers, processors are required to add fresh water — at the rate of one gallon per turkey and one half gallon per chicken. As fresh water enters the chiller, waste water is discharged.

Under the new regulation, the amount of reconditioned water required to replace the fresh water will be based on the quality of the reconditioned water.

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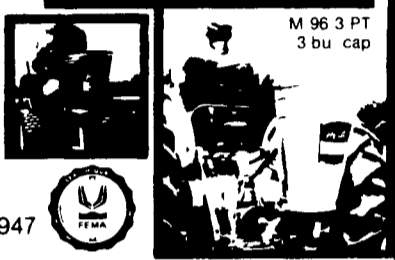
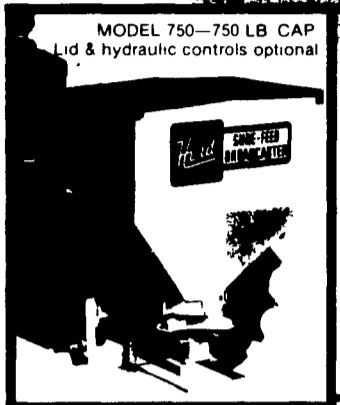
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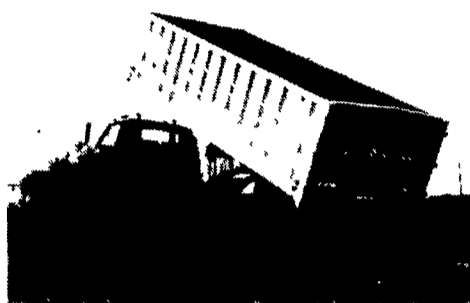
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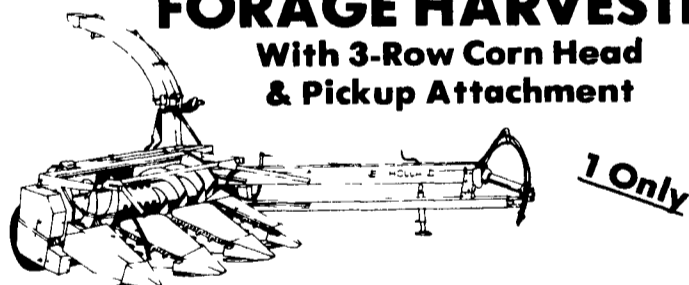
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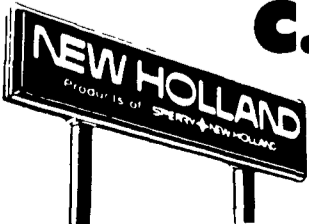
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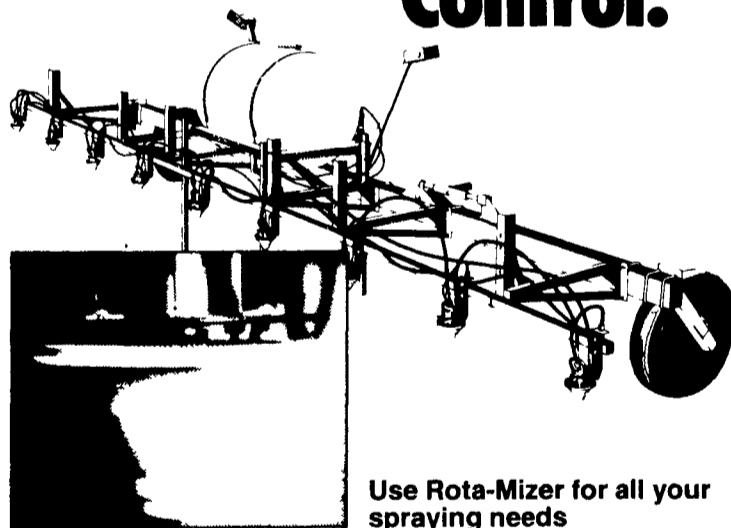
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