

USDA to Deny Overtime Meat, Poultry Inspections

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Department of Agriculture will deny meat and poultry plant requests for overtime inspection during the last weeks of fiscal 1986 in order to meet reduced spending levels required by the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings budget law.

"This is one of several actions to keep the inspection budget in line with the budget law, which requires us to reduce all spending by 4.3 percent—whether costs are borne by taxpayers or by industry," said Donald L. Houston, administrator of USDA's Food

Safety and Inspection Service.

"In fiscal 1986, the agency must spend no more than \$37.4 million on overtime and holiday inspection services—about \$1.7 million less than was received and disbursed in the last fiscal year."

Under the federal meat and poultry inspection laws, appropriated funds support inspection during regular working hours. However, said Houston, when plant officials request overtime and holiday inspection services, USDA assigns inspectors

if they are available, and is then reimbursed by the plant, importer, exporter or broker.

Houston said USDA expects the spending ceiling to be reached about Sept. 12 and will issue a Federal Register notice in August noting the date overtime and holiday services will be discontinued.

Slaughtering and processing plants must operate under federal inspection in order to sell their meat or poultry products in interstate commerce.

Penn State Names Professor

UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. — Michael M. Miller has been named assistant professor of animal science extension in The Pennsylvania State University's Department of Dairy and Animal Science.

Miller, who comes to Penn State from western Iowa, will be responsible for developing management software for swine producers.

For the past three years Miller has worked as an extension associate at Iowa State University, developing multi-disciplinary

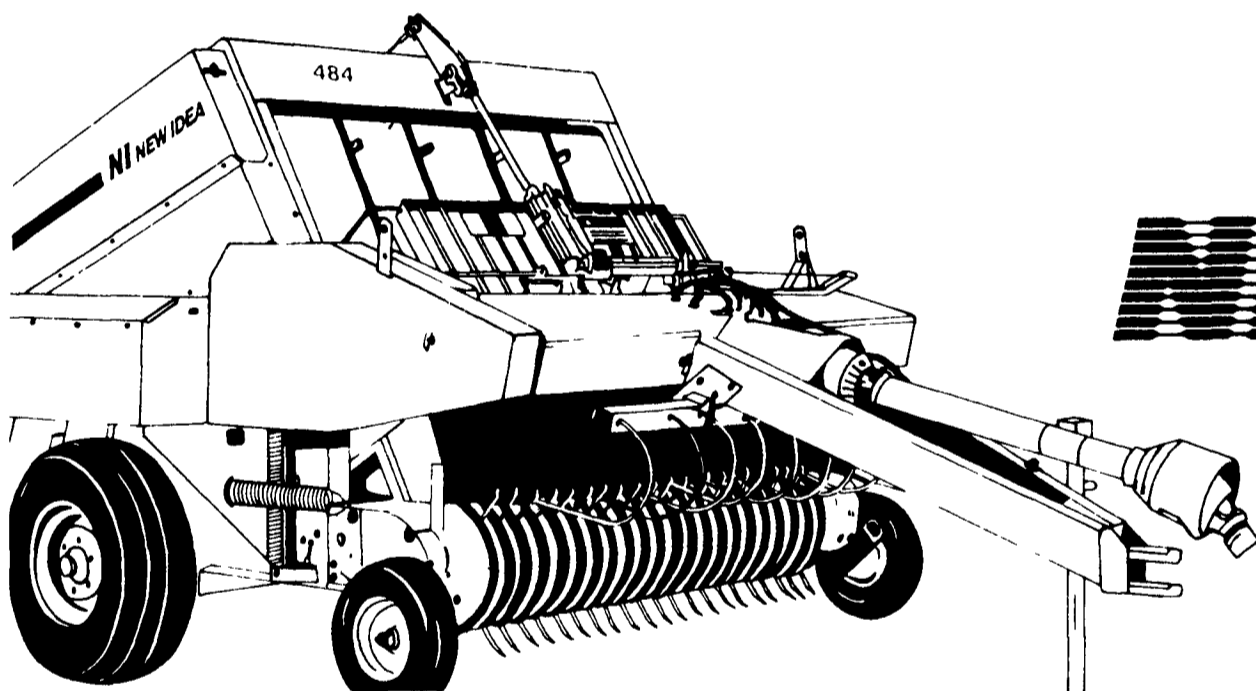
microcomputer applications and assisting in training programs. He has also instructed part time in Iowa State's Mobile Microcomputer Program, which emphasizes the application of microcomputer technology for farmers, agribusinesses and other agriculturalists.

Miller received his Ph.D. in swine breeding, M.S. in animal production, and B.S. in animal science from Iowa State University. His interests include swine breeding and herd management as well as computer modeling.

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