Eggs To Be Refrigerated

The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture has proposed amendments of regulations for grading and marketing of eggs that will require constant refrigeration from the moment they are laid until they are purchased by the consumer. This is good news for Pennsylvania egg producers and packers since eggs are one of the most abused commodities at the wholesale and retail levels. With the ability of the Salmonella enteritidis bacteria to multiply rapidly at room temperature, it is imperative that eggs no longer be treatede as if they were not perishable.

Under the proposed regulations, eggs would have to be cooled to an internal temperature of 60 degrees Fahrenheit within 10 hours of being laid. Unfortunately, the regulations also would require eggs to be cooled to an internal temperature of 45 degrees Fahrenheit within four hours of being packed in consumer receptacles, which is not possible. This is the requirement FDA imposes when commodities have been placed on the Hazardous Food List, but eggs are not on that list.

Nonetheless, the FDA Bureau of Chemistry is assuming that the present S. enteritidis problem indicates that eggs should be regarded as a hazardous food. However, this is not consistent with FDA and the technology does not presently exist to meet the 45 degrees Fahrenheit requirement.

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Dale L. Hoover - 509						
Vicky	3	4-08	305	25,843	3.1	802
Cookie	3	3-03	305	23,009	3.7	872
Ernest Hostetter - 511						
960	3	7-05	305	23,065	3.8	879
David & Kathy Smith - 514						
Wendy	3	3-04	305	26,499	3.3	876
Kristy	3	7-06	280	23,835	3.7	902
Meadow Spring Holstein - 530						
58	3	4-05	305	25,696	3.3	850
Dale & Fran Bushong - 535						
Terence	3	5-00	305	22,508	4.0	904
Jay K. Brackbill - 543						
Harmony	3	4-00	305	20,825	3.9	818
Robert Martin - 7012						
Jerry	3	4-01	305	23,957	3.8	912
Galen Bollinger - 7013						
531	3	6-10	305	23,234	3.6	856
72	3	4-11	305	20,308	4.2	855
134	3	3-08	305	20,477	4.0	832
Kenneth Mase - 7019						
Turvey	3	4-10	305	21,328	3.7	804
Casey	3	4-07	305	21,747	4.1	909
Paula	3	2-01	305	21,903	3.9	859
Kathlen	3	2-03	305	22,480	3.7	839
Babe	3	2-02	305	23,791	3.3	807
Harvey E. Bomgardner - 7037						
Suzanah	3	7-11	300	19,922	4.3	865
Clover	3	6-00	305	20,828	3.9	817

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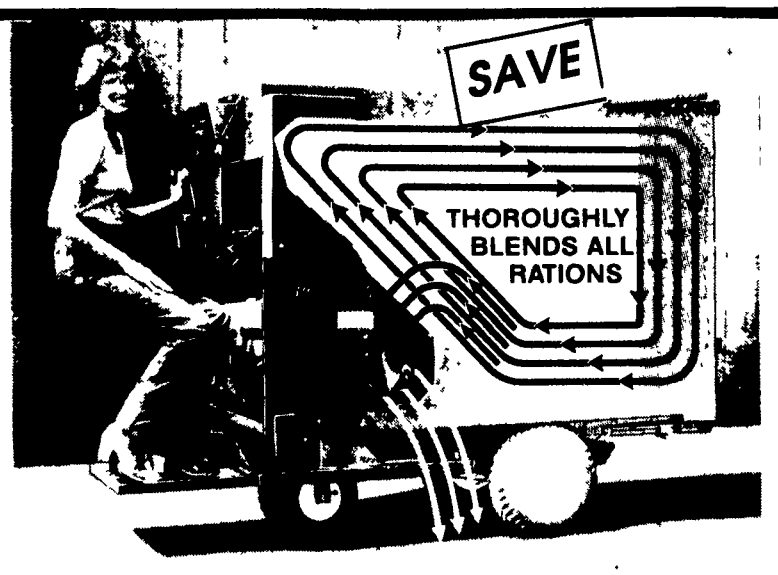

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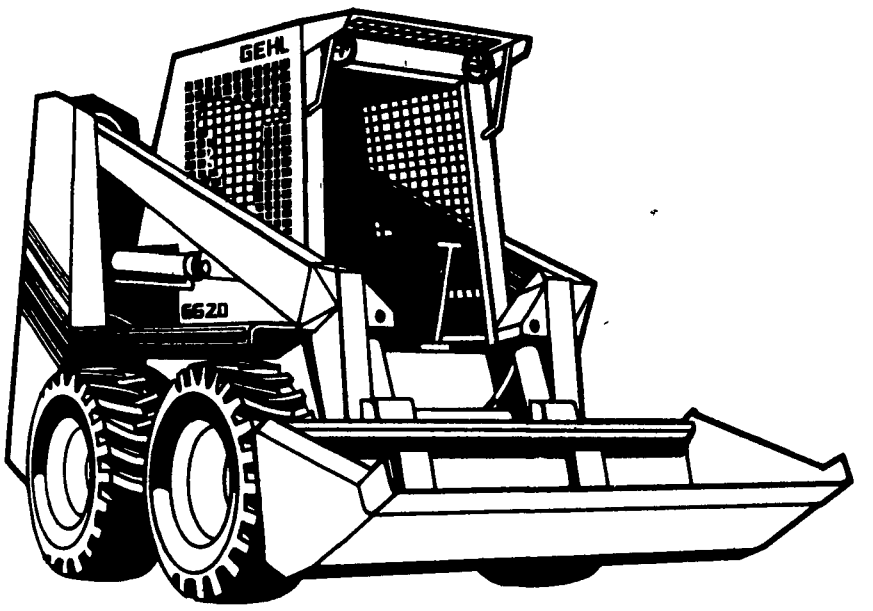

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