

ASSOCIATIONS FORUM

Conference on Cottonseed Processing and Quality of Meal

Recent advances in research on cottonseed processing with emphasis on improvements in nutritive value of the meal will be the subject of a conference to be held Nov. 9 to 11 in New Orleans at the Southern Regional Research Laboratory of the USDA Bureau of Agricultural and Industrial Chemistry.

The National Cottonseed Products Association and Bureau of Agricultural and Industrial Chemistry, sponsoring organizations, extend an invitation to attend and participate to cottonseed processors, nutrition specialists, scientists in federal and state agencies, and others interested in improving the usefulness of cottonseed products.

Topics to be discussed include the effect of oil content of cottonseed meal on its nutritive value, the use of cottonseed meal in swine rations, and the status of research on the chemistry of cottonseed processing. Seminars will meet to consider nutrition problems involving cottonseed meals—for example, the nutritional value of prepressed solvent-extracted meals; chemical and microbiological methods of measuring nutritive value; value of cottonseed meal in mixtures with other oilseed meals; and suitability of cottonseed meals for feeding to laying hens. On the last day of the meeting only informal discussions are planned.

Persons wishing to attend this conference and needing hotel reservations are asked to write C. H. Fisher, director, Southern Regional Research Laboratory, New Orleans, La., well in advance of the meeting date.

Symposium on Extraneous Materials at AOAC Meeting

A symposium on extraneous materials in foods and drugs is one of the features of the program planned for the October meeting of the Association of Official Agricultural Chemists. The meeting is scheduled for the Shoreham Hotel in Washington, D. C., from Oct. 12 through 14.

The symposium will include at least eight papers, which will emphasize newer techniques for isolating and identifying extraneous matter in the nation's food supply. Among the new methods to receive attention at this symposium is the principle of applying surface active and complexing agents to obtain more complete extractions of insect fragments and rodent hairs. This paper is to be given by Mrs. M. G. Yakowitz of FDA.

New radiographic techniques for evaluating the internal damage of wheat will be discussed by Burton A. Burquest of Pillsbury Mills. William H. Schoenherr of Lauhoff Grain Co. will discuss the identification of insect fragments from cereal products. J. H. McCormack of Kroger Food Foundation will discuss insect fragments from other food products, and O. L. Kurtz of FDA will give a paper on insect larvae identification by structure as found in cereal products.

A report on the collaborative investigations of present methods of isolating extraneous materials from white flour will be given by Erich J. Kiteley of International Milling Co. Mr. Kiteley is chairman of the sanitation committee of the American Association of Cereal Chemists.

Another phase of identification of extraneous materials is the identification of mold mycelia, which will be discussed by T. H. McCormack of Kroger Food Foundation. A paper on identification of manure fragments in dairy products will be presented by Dorothy B. Scott of FDA. Howard Smith of the National Canners Association, who has worked for many years on the training of plant laboratory workers on methods for extraneous materials, will present a discus-

sion of "Instruction in Microanalytical Methods."

More than 150 papers covering methods of analysis for foods, feeding stuffs, soils, disinfectants, economic poisons, plants, fertilizers, beverages, drugs, cosmetics, colors, and nutritional adjuncts will be delivered at this meeting. The complete program is expected to be ready about Oct. 1. Copies can be obtained by writing the association at Box 540, Benjamin Franklin Station, Washington 4, D. C.

During the same week, associations with interests closely related to those of AOAC will also be meeting at the Shoreham Hotel in Washington. They are: Association of Feed Control Officials, Oct. 14 and 15; Association of American Fertilizer Control Officials, Oct. 16; and the Association of Economic Poison Control Officials, Oct. 17.

Ag Chemical Convention Given By American Chemical Paint

Forty countries will be represented at a convention sponsored by American Chemical Paint Co. in Ambler, Pa., during the week of Sept. 21. The conference will be on metalworking and chemical agriculture. Delegates will divide their time between Ambler and Washington, D. C. In the capital they will meet with government representatives from NATO and MSA to discuss ways of increasing the Free World's food supply.

They will also visit the Beltsville Experiment Station of the Department of Agriculture.

Master Brewers Convention At St. Louis in October

The 66th convention of the Master Brewers Association of America will open in St. Louis on Oct. 19, it is announced. It is scheduled to continue through Oct. 23, running concurrently with the International Brewing Industries Exposition in the St. Louis Kiel Auditorium.

As tentatively arranged, the meeting will consist of technical sessions in the morning and time for attending the exposition in the afternoon. Topics to be discussed in the morning sessions include wort processing, quality control, and container cleaning.

Further information about the program and advance registration can be arranged through Allan E. Beach, executive secretary, Master Brewers Association, P.O. Box 186, Winnetka, Ill.

CALENDAR

American Tung Oil Association.

Annual Meeting. Buena Vista Hotel, Biloxi, Miss. Sept. 24-25.

American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Alaska Division. Juneau, Alaska. Sept. 28-Oct. 3.

Association of Official Agricultural Chemists.

Shoreham Hotel, Washington, D. C. Oct. 12-14.

Association of Feed Control Officials.

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Association of American Fertilizer Control Officials.

Shoreham Hotel, Washington, D. C. Oct. 16.

Association of Economic Poison Control Officials.

Shoreham Hotel, Washington, D. C. Oct. 17.

First International Congress for Plant Protection.

Naples, Italy. Oct. 19-23.

Packaging Association of Canada.

Annual Convention. Toronto, Ont. Nov. 1-7.

American Oil Chemists Society.

Fall Meeting. Sherman Hotel, Chicago, Ill. Nov. 2-4.

American Society of Agronomy.

Annual Meeting. Hotel Baker, Dallas, Tex. Nov. 16-20.

Soil Science Society of America.

Annual Meeting. Hotel Baker, Dallas, Tex. Nov. 16-20.