
From Washington

USDA expects near-record world oilseed crop

The USDA's *World Crop Production* circular for March 10, 1982, estimated 1981/82 world oilseed production at 172 million metric tons, with the possibility the final crop could exceed the record 174 million metric tons of 1979/80. Increases were forecast for soybeans, up 8.27% to 87.63 million metric tons; cottonseed, up 7.53% to 27.54 million metric tons; peanuts, up 14.7% to 18.35 million metric tons; sunflower seed, up 6.72% to 14.13 million metric tons; and rapeseed, up 4.89% to 12 million metric tons. Source: USDA's Foreign Agriculture Circular (WCP-3-82) *World Crop Production*.

Peanut growers approve quotas

U.S. peanut producers gave a 93.9% approval to poundage quotas during a referendum earlier this year by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The approval means government loans of \$550 per short ton will be offered for up to 1.2 million tons in 1982; 1.16 million tons in 1983; 1.13 million tons for 1984, and 1.1 million tons in 1985. Poundage quotas will be assigned to each producer qualifying for such quotas. Any U.S. farmer may now grow peanuts, but those marketed outside the quota system will be eligible for support prices far below the \$550 per ton level for quota peanuts, about \$200 a ton.

U.S. peanut growers plan to cut acreage

The USDA's annual spring planting intentions report says peanut producers indicate they plan to grow only 1.38 million acres of peanuts in 1982 compared to 1.51 million acres in 1981. The decline is mainly in the southeastern states, primarily Georgia, where a 90,000 acreage reduction to 470,000 acres is indicated.

NPA and allocation factor for cotton revised

The USDA has revised the national program acreage (NPA) for 1981-crop upland cotton from 14,021,538 acres reported in December of 1980 to 12,837,577. Based on this new figure, the allocation factor is 93%. Details: *Federal Register*, Friday, Feb. 5, 1982, p. 5444.

Food Chemicals Codex revisions

FDA has asked for public comment on pending changes to certain monographs in the *Food Chemicals Codex*, 3rd edition. The National Academy of Sciences/National Research Council Subcommittee on Codex Specifications invites comments on and suggestions of specifications on the proposed new monographs and proposed revisions of current monographs. Included among proposed topics for new monographs are synthetic fatty alcohols, hydrolyzed vegetable protein, and triglycerides. Details: *Federal Register*, Friday, Feb. 5, 1982, p. 5467.

Chlorpyrifos tolerance raised

EPA has raised the tolerance for residues of the insecticide chlorpyrifos in or on fat, meat, and meat byproducts of goats and sheep from 0.5 ppm to 1.0 ppm and has set a tolerance of 0.5 ppm for the presence of the insecticide in or on soybeans. Details: *Federal Register*, Wednesday, Feb. 10, 1982, p. 6019.

EPA exempts malathion, methyl eugenol

The insecticide malathion and the insect attractant methyl eugenol have been exempted by the EPA from the requirement of a tolerance for residues in or on all raw agricultural commodities when used in combination with Oriental-fruit-fly eradication programs under the authority of the USDA. Details: *Federal Register*, Wednesday, March 3, 1982, p. 9001.

Oxamyl tolerance established

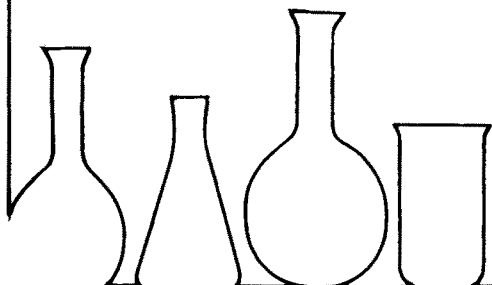
EPA has established a tolerance for residues of the insecticide/nematocide oxamyl in or on peanuts at 0.2 ppm. Details: *Federal Register*, Wednesday, March 3, 1982, p. 8999.

Cottonseed delinting agents approved

The FDA has amended the food additive regulations to provide for the safe use of α -alkyl- ω -hydroxypoly (oxyethylene) and an alkanolamide as delinting agents for cottonseed. Details: *Federal Register*, Friday, Feb. 26, 1982, p. 8345.

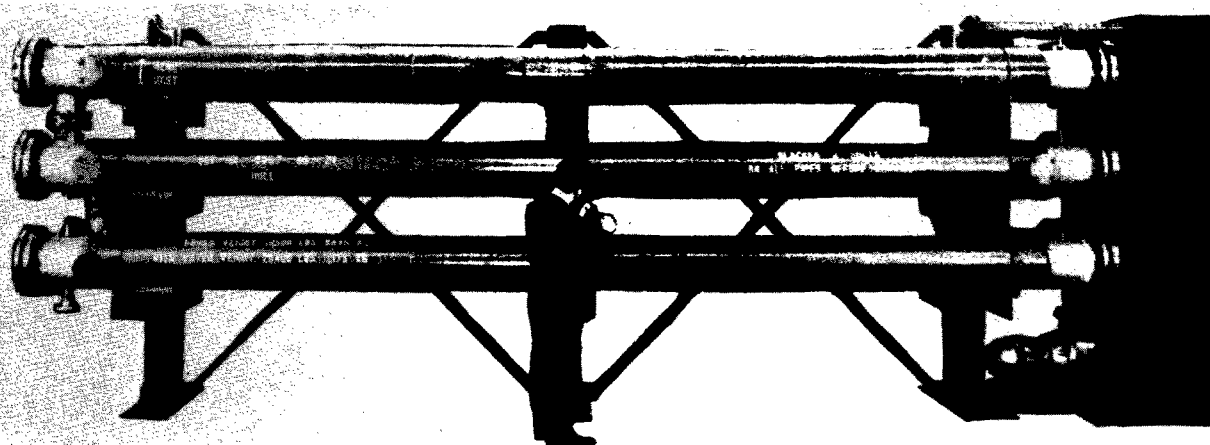
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