

**USDA extends comment period for peanuts**

The USDA extended the time period for public comment on proposed standards of grades for U.S. shelled peanuts. The original deadline had been set for March 5, but later was extended to April 2. Details: *Federal Register*, Tuesday, March 3, 1981, p. 14899.

**Dynapol seeks approval for antioxidant**

Dynapol of Palo Alto, California, has filed an FDA petition for approval of a food antioxidant growing out of the firm's work to produce functional polymers that are too large to be absorbed during the digestive process. The antioxidant involved is termed 1,4-benzene-diol, 2-(1,1-dimethylethyl)-polymer with diethenylbenzene, 4-(1,1-dimethylethyl)phenol, 4-methoxyphenol, 4,4'-methylphenol (CAS Reg. no. 60837-57-2). Dynapol has been working on developing the polymer materials for several years. The firm also expects to file a petition for a food color additive, according to a spokeswoman for the firm. Details: *Federal Register*, Tuesday, March 3, 1981, p. 14970.

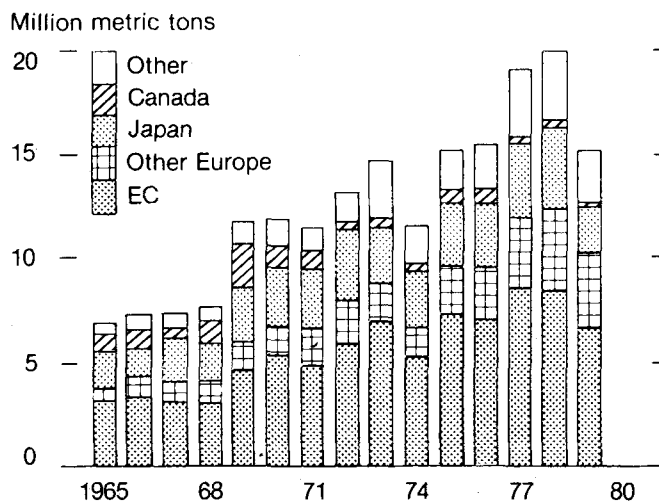
**Fungicide approved**

The federal Environmental Protection Agency has approved tolerances of the fungicide thiophanate-methyl (dimethyl(1,2-phenylene)bis-(iminocarbonothioyl))bis(carbamate)) in a variety of agricultural products including cattle fat, 0.1 parts per million (ppm); hog fat, 0.1 ppm; peanuts, 0.2 ppm; and soybeans, 0.2 ppm. Details: *Federal Register*, Thursday, Feb. 19, 1981, p. 12974.

**Tolerance set for ethylene dibromide**

The federal Environmental Protection Agency has approved a tolerance of 0.001 ppm in soybean for the nematocide ethylene dibromide. The chemical has previously been approved for use in soils used to grow a variety of fruits and vegetables. A tolerance of 0.125 ppm in soybeans was established for inorganic bromides resulting from soil treatment with ethylene dibromide.

**Destination of U.S. Soybean Exports**



Transshipments via Canada to unidentified countries not separately reported prior to January 1973. EC is European Community. Year beginning September 1, 1979 September-March.