

Board of Health Adopts New Rules

Regulations Apply to Places Where Food Is Handled

According to R. L. Griggs, Jr., sanitarian of the Chowan-Bertie Health Department, the State Board of Health recently adopted rules and regulations governing the sanitation of frozen food lockers, poultry processing plants, as well as some revision of meat market and abattoir rules and regulations.

The following definitions shall apply in the interpretation and enforcement of these rules and regulations:

Abattoir — The term "abattoir" shall mean and include any place or establishment where meat animals, such as hogs, cattle, sheep, etc., are slaughtered, processed, cured, smoked or rendered for human consumption.

Meat Market — The term "meat market" shall be considered to mean and include any buildings, houses or enclosures in which meat or meat products or poultry are offered for sale.

Frozen Food Locker Plants — The term "frozen food locker plants" shall mean freezer locker plants, refrigerated locker plants or any similar establishment which offers to the public, for lease or rental, separate compartments or individual lockers for the storage and preservation by continued refrigeration of meat and meat products for human consumption. This definition shall apply also to any cold storage plant where meat is processed, stored or refrigerated by the operator for ultimate sale, or where meat is stored by the operator for others.

Poultry Processing Plants — The term "poultry processing plants" shall mean and include any place or establishment where domestic fowls, such as chickens, turkeys, etc., are slaughtered for human consumption. These rules and regulations also

require operators of such establishments to have a permit from the State Board of Health. No permit to operate shall be issued until a sanitary inspection by a representative of the State Board of Health shows that such establishment complies with these rules and regulations. Applications for such inspections shall be made to the local Health Departments. Permits also being issued by local Health Department.

It has been the practice in past years for grocery stores, gas stations, etc., to offer for sale sausage, bologna, franks, etc., without meeting the market requirements set up by State Board of Health. However, under present rules and regulations such establishments shall meet meat market requirements, unless these meat products are offered for sale in cellophane package or similar package form. Then the most important item of sanitation is adequate refrigeration.

'Barnyard Babies' Need Special Holiday Care

Human nature and two long holiday week-ends this month could team up to bring a dim Christmas and an unhealthy New Year for many young animals on the nation's farms, veterinarians are warning.

In a timely bulletin, the American Veterinary Medical Association urges owners to take time out from holiday celebrations to see that their calves as well as other livestock are housed so as to prevent chilling and fed on regular schedule.

"Neglect of animals and irregular feeding, particularly during holiday festivities, account for many cases of digestive disturbance in livestock," the association said.

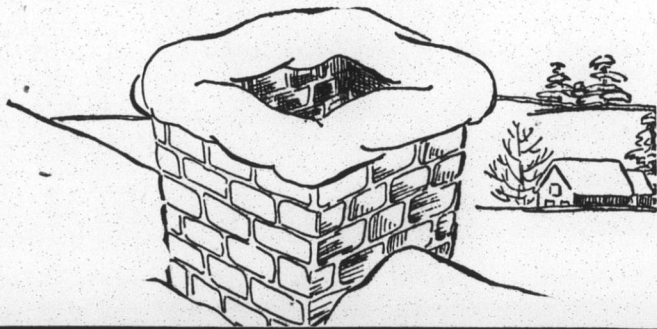
"It is a safe prediction that the Monday mornings after Christmas and New Year will bring a sharp upswing in cases of scours and dyspepsia in calves and pigs—unless owners take necessary precautions," the report declared.

Another warning note was added, for both farm and urban owners, with regard to overfeeding the family pup. "Dogs are quick to absorb the holiday spirit, especially when it comes to eating. If permitted, many of them will 'eat themselves sick' on the abnormally rich left-overs of a holiday dinner."



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