



Farm Safety Tip

People who use gasoline-powered pressure washers indoors are risking their lives, according to the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH). A 35-year-old farmer recently died from carbon monoxide poisoning while using one of these washers in an enclosed barn.

"Carbon monoxide strikes quickly and it strikes without warning," says Dr. J. Donald Millar, NIOSH director. The gas is colorless, odorless, tasteless and gives no signs of its presence.

All gasoline-powered engines produce carbon monoxide. This gas can rapidly build up in any indoor area. Individuals can be overcome without even realizing they are being exposed. Confusion, headache, dizziness, fatigue and weakness may set in too quickly for victims to save themselves. Carbon monoxide poisoning can cause permanent brain damage, including changes in personality and memory. Even low levels of carbon monoxide can set off chest pains and heart attacks in people with coronary artery disease.

While electrically-powered pressure washers are available, NIOSH has not evaluated the safety of these devices.

U.S. Beef Delegation Will Travel Down Under

The Citizen Ambassador Program of People to People International has announced the formation of a special delegation of professionals in the beef cattle industry that will travel to Australia and New Zealand this fall. The delegates will be selected from the various segments of the industry, and will include producers, feeders, researchers, processors, marketers and breeders.

Paul Engler, co-founder and chief executive officer of Cactus Feeders Inc., has been selected as the delegation leader. Engler's background in the beef cattle industry, which includes both domestic and international experience, and his understanding of critical issues in the industry, were key considerations in his selection. A graduate of the University of Nebraska College of Agriculture, Engler was a group vice president and member of the board of directors of Iowa Beef Processors Inc. He has also been appointed to special committees by two past U.S. Secretaries of Agriculture, and serves on the board of

directors of several organizations. Cactus Feeders is one of the largest cattle feeding companies in the United States.

As part of this unique exchange, members of the delegation will have opportunities to evaluate the beef cattle industry in Australia and New Zealand through visits to university research facilities, experiment stations, farms, feedlots, abattoirs, and beef processing and marketing operations. They will participate in seminars, question and answer sessions, and other formal and informal meetings.

Delegates will meet with their professional counterparts in the regions surrounding Sydney and Brisbane, Australia, and Palmerston North and Hamilton, New Zealand. The delegation will depart from Los Angeles November 12 for the 17-day program.

Professional meetings will include encounters with the Australia Meat and Livestock Research and Development Corporation, the Beef Improvement Association of Australia Inc., CSIRO Institute of Animal Production and Processing, the Australian Lot Feeders Association, the Cattle Council of Australia, the Meat Industry Research Institute of New Zealand, and several other key organizations and research centers.

In addition, the delegation will enjoy sightseeing and cultural programs arranged by the Citizen Ambassador Program. In New Zealand, delegates will have the option of spending a fully-guided day fishing in the renowned trout waters near Hamilton. Spouses and guests are invited to accompany delegates. Those not wishing to participate in the professional meetings will have special guided sightseeing programs arranged for them.

Founded by President Dwight D. Eisenhower, People to People International is a private-citizen, nonpolitical initiative that encourages international cooperation and understanding through professional interaction and exchange. The Citizen Ambassador Program has more than 30 years experience organizing international delegations and conferences.

Persons interested in participating in the delegation can receive further information, including a free program brochure, from D. Michael Rennaker, director of agriculture programs, or Jana Lien, project coordinator, at Citizen Ambassador Programs, (509) 534-0430.

Two Cents Worth

A college education never hurts a person if they are willing to learn a little something after they graduate.

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Beef Cow Herd Management Tips

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1. In many areas, new forage seedings may be established in mid to late summer after plowing and tillage in the early summer to control weeds and grass regrowth. If tillage was not used, herbicide can be applied, followed by sod seeding. However, sod seedings in summer are not successful as spring seedings. Consult Extension officer for details.
2. Vaccinate replacement heifers for Bangs (brucellosis) if not done already. Requirements vary from state to state. Consult your veterinarian for details.
3. Reimplant non-replacement calves with growth stimulant if not done already.
4. If calves are not doing as well as expected, consider deworming, especially if pastures are short.
5. Be prepared to supplement the herd if pastures are drying up. You can stretch pastures further if you start supplementing early.
6. If you are a seedstock who consigns spring-born bull calves to a central test station, it is time to check entrance requirements so that all rules are met on schedule prior to delivery date.

Editor's note: Several of these management tips apply to February in fall calving programs.