

# Happier Homes

## Insulation made easy

The CertainTeed Home Institute gets many questions every day from home builders and homeowners around the country who want to know more about special insulating situations. Joseph A. Kimpfen, CertainTeed's residential energy expert, provides the answers... and welcomes your questions.

**Q.** I've seen diagrams for installing insulation in crawl spaces using wiring and insulation stays. I've checked around my neighborhood and can't find either of these materials. Can you help?

**A.** Write to Easton Wholesale Co., P.O. Box 500, Easton, Md., or any large building supply firms in your

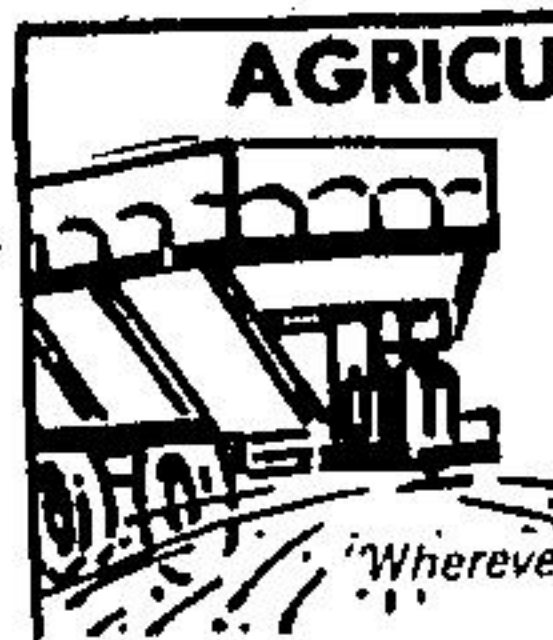
area. You might also consider using galvanized nails in the joists, with heavy wire laced around them, or use chicken wire nailed or stapled to the bottom of the joists. See the diagram.

**Q.** What's the difference between kraft-facing and foil-facing on insulation?

**A.** Both are approved va-

por barriers which retard the passage of water vapor through them, in accordance with the requirements of most building codes. While the foil faced products are more expensive than kraft faced ones, they are stronger and do a superior job in retarding moisture when properly installed.

In sidewalls if you allow at least 3/4" airspace between the foil-faced insulation and the outside wall surface, you'll get some additional reflective thermal value.



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