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LABELLED FERTILIZER GOVERNMENT ORDER

Must Guarantee Analysis, Nitrogen, Phosphoric Acid and Potash

The season for buying fertilizers has arrived, and it is well that the farmers should know how to protect themselves in making sure that they are delivered the kind and analysis of fertilizer which they purchase.

The Federal Fertilizers Act offers the means through which this may be done. This act requires that every fertilizer delivered to a farmer must be labelled with the guaranteed analysis in terms of nitrogen, phosphoric acid and potash, so that the first thing that should be done when the fertilizer arrives is to check the guaranteed analysis and see if it is the same as that purchased. If it is short 1 per cent. nitrogen it is worth approximately \$2.50 per ton less than the purchase price, and phosphoric acid and potash are worth about \$1 for each per cent.

Purchasers are advised to refuse acceptance of fertilizer which is not labelled with precisely the same guaranteed analysis as that purchased. The fertilizer division of the Department of Agriculture is anxious that farmers receive the greatest possible benefit from the protection that the Fertilizers Act affords. Should any purchaser have substantial reason for doubting the value of a fertilizer which is delivered to him he is invited to communicate immediately with the nearest Federal fertilizer inspector, who will be glad to investigate the matter first hand. In such case the farmer could protect himself by deferring payment until the inspector has completed his investigation.
