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2,4,5-T Hearings Set For Fall Public hearings on cancellation of 2,4,5-T will be held this fall according to an Environmental Protection Agency release. EPA is seeking more facts while the cancellation order on the chemical continues.

Non-Crop Pesticide Bans Banning of pesticides is not solely an agricultural problem. Maryland state statistics on Restricted Use Permits show that almost 80% of those issued in the first half of 1971 affected residential-industrial use. Less than 20% were in regard to agriculture.

Egyptians Research Biological Controls Foreign currency grants are being awarded scientists at Dokki, Egypt, to study pollinators and control of weeds and flies. Lab tests on insects which attack Russian thistle, purple star thistle, and milk thistle are proposed. Insects that show promise for controlling these weeds will be identified, reared, and sent to the USDA Agricultural Research Service for US tests.

Soil/Water Pesticide Study Grant Prairie View A&M College, Texas, has been awarded a \$25,000 grant to study movement of pesticides in soil and water as related to rainfall, runoff, and infiltration. USDA's ARS is supporting a 2-year study.

New ARS Administrator Named Talcott W. Edminster has been named administrator of the USDA Agricultural Research Service, advancing from the role of associate administrator. He succeeds Dr. George W. Irving, Jr., who retired August 1.

African Honey Bees A Threat Beekeepers are being asked by the USDA to avoid illegal importation of African queen honey bees. The variety is known for vicious swarming and stinging habits and could make beekeeping a dangerous occupation. To control this bee, the Department believes major changes in management would have to occur.

Pesticide Reports To Be Speeded William D. Ruckelshaus, EPA administrator, has announced that the agency will begin immediately to release--as soon as received--scientific advisory committee reports filed under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act.