

Capsule News Summaries . . .

United States Gypsum Company has developed a granulation process for gypsum to be used primarily in the formulation of gypsum based agricultural products, including soil conditioners, sulfur fertilizers and pesticides. For the first time gypsum or gypsum-additive mixtures can be formed into granules of any size. The announcement was made by James S. Brinckerhoff, general manager of U.S.G.'s Chemical Division.

Ford Motor Credit Company has announced a new tractor and equipment Residual Value Lease Plan—offering lower payments and longer terms—available through Ford Motor Company tractor dealerships. "Many customers need equipment for intermediate to long periods but, for a variety of reasons, their needs are filled better by leasing than by owning the needed equipment," Says Edward C. Nevergold, executive vice president—North American Sales Financing Operations. "Ford Motor Credit Company's new Residual Value Lease Plan offers customers lower lease payments, and a wide variety of repayment options."

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The U.S. Department of Labor has suspended the effective date of a requirement regulating farm worker exposure to pesticides. The emergency temporary standard was scheduled to take effect Monday, June 18. It will be issued at a later date. The Department's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) issued the original standard on May 1. Among other things, the standard set time limits for re-entry into growing areas treated with certain chemicals.

Scientists at the agricultural experiment station of the University of Minnesota, St. Paul, will study methods for the application of sewage sludge to land under a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The department's Agricultural research service will provide \$35,000 for this one-year study. The Metropolitan Sewer Board, St. Paul, Minn., and USDA's soil conservation service will cooperate in the study. The objective of this cooperative study is to develop safe, efficient and practical methods of applying sewage sludge to land while controlling pollution of surface and ground waters through a program of total water management.

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