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Forecasts indicate that fuel oil will be in tight supply this fall. Already there are spots in the country where supplies are low to critically low. The northeast and parts of the midwest (Wisc., Mich., Ia.) have the greatest danger of running out. This means applicators using No. 2 diesel oil for dormant cane sprays may find supplies run out before the season does. Test work by Velsicol indicates a way to circumvent the problem. According to Chuck Middleton, a modified low oil basal treatment can reduce the amount of dormant oil by 80 percent and still give satisfactory results. He says to use Accutrol nozzles, diesel fuel and Banvel. You spray two-thirds of the main stem and leaves. Advantages: 1. Greater penetration in the stem area; 2. Air emulsion of Accutrol causes spray to look white, thus acting as a marker; 3. There's a 3:1 expansion factor in using this setup. Tank mix goes farther. You can reduce the amount of oil used by 80 percent with the substitution of Banvel in the tank, Middleton says.

The Environmental Protection Agency has Officially changed leadership. Russell E. Train becomes Administrator for the agency, replacing Robert W. Fri, who was Acting Administrator. His background is heavy in law, conservation and management.

Don't count on getting early delivery on equipment and machinery. Large manufacturers of farm equipment and other machinery are backlogged with orders. Some reports from manufacturers indicate that current orders will not be filled until well into next year. Problems in manufacture include short supplies of steel, parts, competing with expanded foreign markets, and labor. One midwestern dealer commented that he had already sold next year's equipment allocation by the end of July, 1973. Everything in his shop had someone's name on it.

Manufacturers of environmental protection chemicals should prepare for an increase in paperwork and forms. An EPA proposed regulation under the Federal Environmental Pesticide Control Act (FEPCA) would identify all producers and formulators of pesticides, both inter- and intrastate. This also includes those in the repackaging business. Plants must send in application for registration. EPA will assign each establishment a registration number. This number must appear on each pesticide produced by the plant. For interstate commerce, plants, including exporting and importing, have until December 24 to submit applications. For intrastate commerce, applications must be submitted to an EPA regional office by October 21, 1974.

Thirty days after registration, and annually thereafter, producers must submit a report on the types and amounts of pesticides which are currently being manufactured, what was produced during the past year, and what was sold or distributed during the past year. Those reports are due to EPA by March 1, 1974 for the coming year. In 1975, the reports will be due February 1.

Bay Pipe & Supply, Inc., Concord, California has been appointed a distributor for Weather-matic lawn and turf irrigation products, according to C. S. Putnam, sales manager for Weather-matic Division, Telsco Industries.

Sandoz-Wander, Inc. has acquired the crop aids department of International Minerals and Chemical Corp. Acquisition price was not disclosed. Included in the exchange are Thuricide, a Bt compound and Viron/H, a polyhedrosis virus insecticide used in cotton.