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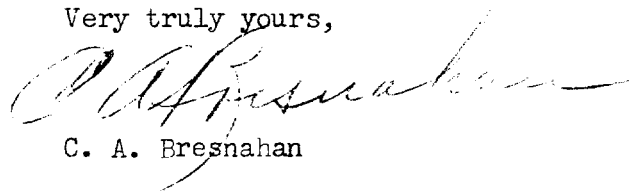
Dear Dr. Pearson:

In the August-September issue of Crops and Soils there was an article relative to the absorption by crops of radio-active products from the atomic explosions in Nevada.

The writer does considerable ranch appraising throughout this western area, so this article is of great interest. In going through Utah last month the writer had considerable discussion with ranchers in Western Utah relative to the radio-active results on both cattle and sheep. It appears that this has been a serious problem in that the hair and wool has been slipping from the animals, as well as many of the ewe bands slinking their lambs.

Mr. Kermit H. Larson, Chief of the Radio-Ecology Division of the Atomic Energy Project of the University of California, has suggested that I contact you. Any information you can give me concerning the results and effects on both sheep and cattle from the radiation caused by these atomic blasts will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,



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