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Colorado health officials have reported that a farmwife's breast milk contains more PCB than is considered safe for cow's milk. According to Dr. John Donnelly, a county health director, tests of the woman's milk revealed that her milk has levels of PCB at roughly twice the level considered dangerous for consumption of cow's milk. Marie Darling was tested for PCB levels after 17 barrels of PCB had been found to be leaking on their rented farm. Sampling from the farm discovered a chicken containing 20 times the allowable PCB levels in its fat. The bird had 62.5 parts per million PCB. Eggs tested from the farm had 2.3 ppm PCB; Federal limit is 0.2 ppm. Soil samples from the farm contained as high as 440 ppm PCB.

Meanwhile, the Agriculture Department's newly intensified monitoring program for PCB in food has turned up hog tissues in Montana contaminated with PCB. USDA found 2 of 350 samples taken over the past month that contain the compound. USDA stepped up its monitoring efforts last month due to the Idaho PCB incident (TMN, Oct. 3, 1979, p. 314).

Up north, the first industry challenge to Canada's PCB banning legislation is scheduled to be investigated by a board of review Dec. 10. Two companies have protested proposed additional restrictions to Canada's PCB regulations. New restrictions would prohibit the use of PCBs as a new filling or as make up fluid in servicing or maintenance of any electrical transformer or switchgear. Canada banned the use of the substance in all but certain specified equipment in 1977.