

LEAD INDUSTRIES ASSOCIATION

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Mr. William G. Lussky
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Dear Mr. Lussky:

I am extremely sorry that your inquiry of September 18th, received during my extended absence, has gone so long unanswered.

There is really no adequate reply to the question which you pose. White lead paint is unquestionably toxic, and while the majority of cases of lead poisoning in livestock which come to our attention involve ingestion of fresh paint from fences or farm buildings or from containers, paddles, etc. carelessly left about, there are enough reports of poisoning caused by the chewing of dried paint to render this a matter which cannot be wholly ignored.

It is my personal belief that authenticated cases of this last sort are extremely rare, but I would not attempt to say how much paint a given animal would have to ingest in a given time to be adversely affected.

Possibly Dr. Robert A. Kehoe, Director of the Met-tering Laboratory, College of Medicine, Eden Avenue, Cincinnati 19, Ohio, could give you a more satisfactory reply.

Very truly yours,

MB:JG

cc (Blind) Dr. Kehoe

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