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Buying Paint

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Waning summer days generally bring a rush of outside painting projects around home and farm buildings.

You can save time and money by knowing a few simple facts about exterior latex paint composition.

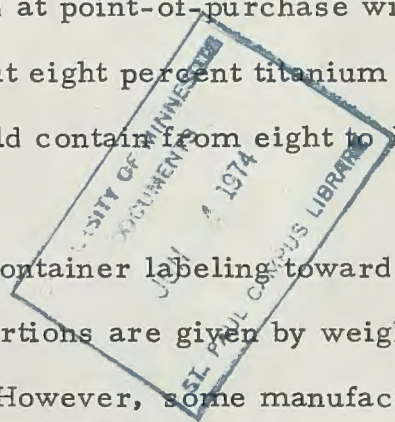
The paint formula on the container is the most important factor to consider. Look for the total amount of solids as compared to water content. With modern latex paints, the greater the water content, the cheaper the paint is to produce.

Here are some recommendations for home and farm building exteriors: White, ready-to-use latex paint, should contain 20 to 25 percent titanium dioxide.

Tint base, or white mixed at point-of-purchase with a desired color, should have about eight percent titanium dioxide.

Red latex barn paint should contain from eight to 10 percent iron oxide.

There's a trend in paint container labeling toward "direct reading" in which content proportions are given by weight. It's a simple matter to add these. However, some manufacturers still use a double percentage label. On these, for example, pigmentation percentage is given and composition of pigmentation is also broken down by percentages.



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Fruits, Vegetables

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Of all foods, fruits and vegetables are most apt to be missing or short in diets. University of Minnesota extension nutritionist Isabel Wolf says to keep healthy, you should have four servings of fruits and vegetables each day.

Check grocery ads in the newspaper and store flyers.

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