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consumer radio briefs

Fabric Softeners Ok'd

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Two new types of fabric softeners to be used in the clothes dryer have won safety approval from several appliance manufacturers.

Minnesota Extension Household Equipment Specialist Wanda Olson says consumers may be frightened of dryer softeners because aerosol spray softeners can damage dryer controls if used incorrectly. The new tear-off sheets of softener and cakes of softener that attach to the dryer drum do not pose this potential problem.

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New Acidophilus Milk

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A new dairy product, acidophilus milk, is appearing in grocery store coolers. Minnesota Extension Dairy Products Specialist Vern Packard says microorganisms are added to sweet fluid milk in a way that will not cause the sour taste of other cultured products such as buttermilk.

There is evidence that the microorganisms have health value, particularly for persons recovering from antibiotic therapy. Packard says consumers will have to decide for themselves whether the benefits of this type of product justify the additional cost.

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Sharpen Shopping Skills

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Minnesota Extension Textiles and Clothing Specialist Sherri Gahring says tightly woven fabrics last longer than loosely woven ones. Blends containing at least 35-percent polyester or acrylic fiber or at least 20-percent nylon wear especially well. In readymade clothing, look for half-inch wide seams, extra stitching at stress points such as pocket edges and zippers that work smoothly.

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