

U. S. Farm Trade Groups Developing 11 Projects in 13 Foreign Countries

The U. S. Department of Agriculture reports that 11 new export market development projects were approved in September 1957 involving work expenditure to total \$765,000 in 13 countries. This compares with nine new projects totaling \$207,000 in August, and brings the total for July-through-September to 33 projects totaling \$2,017,000.

Export market development projects are designed to maintain, expand, or develop new markets for U. S. agricultural commodities. Participation as cooperators under project agreements is open to private trade groups, research organizations, and institutions such as Land-Grant Colleges. Projects are also carried out by the Foreign Agricultural Service independent of trade group participation.

The September approvals bring total for this program since the latter started in July 1955 to 145 projects totaling \$10,980,000 in 28 countries.

Projects approved in September included Department contributions of \$668,000 equivalent in foreign currencies, and trade group contributions of \$96,000 in funds, personnel, services, and other contributions.

New projects by country were Chile, provision of a dairy cattle judge by the Holstein-Friesian Assn. and two swine specialists by FAS; Ecuador, provision of a dairy cattle judge by the Purebred Dairy Cattle Assn. and promotion of dairy products by the Dairy Society International; France, one survey and one promotion project for tobacco, both to be carried out cooperatively by the Leaf Tobacco Exports Assn., Burley and Dark Leaf Tobacco Assn., and Tobacco Associates, Inc.; West Germany, visit of food inspectors to the U. S., arranged by FAS; Italy, visit of wheat technicians to the U. S. to be carried out by the Nebraska Wheat Growers' Assn.; and Spain, trade fair activities by FAS.

New regional projects approved included cotton promotion by the Cotton Council International in Burma, India, Indonesia, and Korea; and a wheat market survey by the Nebraska Wheat Growers' Assn. in Austria, Finland, West Germany, Greece, and Italy. With these additions, 36 trade groups have entered into market development agreements with the Department.

Approval of market development projects depends upon availability of funds, benefit to U. S. agricultural exports, whether trade groups concerned represent broadly U. S. commodity interests, harmony with U. S. foreign policies, and proposed financing. No cooperative project with a trade group will be approved unless there is a substantial contribution by the trade group. The total of 145 projects to date includes 80 cooperator projects valued at \$8,302,000, including trade contributions of \$2,599,000, for work in 28 countries.

Project proposals may be addressed to the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Foreign Agriculture Service, Foreign Trade Programs Division, Washington 25, D. C.

Tennessee Team Win Meat Judging Contest at Royal

The University of Tennessee won the intercollegiate meat judging contest which was held in Kansas City, in connection with the American Royal Live Stock Show. High individual in the 27th annual event was Fred Toplikor of Kansas State College who made 905 points out of a possible score of 1,040. The contest is sponsored by the Meat Board in cooperation with the American Royal.

By winning the event, the University of Tennessee gained permanent possession of the Meat Board's rotating challenge trophy which must be won three times for permanent ownership. This makes Tennessee the third school to retire a Meat Board trophy in the American Royal intercollegiate meat judging contest. Other such trophies have been retired by Oklahoma State University and the University of Nebraska.

Members of the top team which was coached by Professor I. W. Cole, are James W. Bond, Thompson Station; Curtis Lard, Savannah; and Gerral Tucker, Memphis, all of Tennessee. The team made 2,615 points out of a possible 3,000.

A record number of 17 colleges and universities from 16 states participated in the contest. The field of 51 animal husbandry and meat students judged nine classes of beef, pork and lamb carcasses and wholesale cuts and graded 20 beef carcasses and 10 lamb carcasses.

Second and third placing teams were from Texas A. & M. College and the University of Wisconsin, with scores of 2599 and 2590. Robert Gooch, Texas A. & M., and Lowell Mohler, University of Missouri, tied for second and third place in the individual rankings, each with a score of 895.

Other teams in the contest ranked behind the three top schools in the following order: Oklahoma State University, Kansas State College, Ohio State University, University of Missouri, University of Kentucky, Iowa State College, University of Illinois, Pennsylvania State University, North Dakota Agricultural College, Michigan State University, University of Nebraska, Texas Technological College, South Dakota State College and University of Minnesota.

The high team in beef judging was the University of Illinois. Kansas State College placed second and Ohio State University was third. Donny Notter of Ohio State took top individual honors in beef judging. In the beef grading division, Kansas State had the high team. The second and third place teams were Pennsylvania State University and the University of Missouri. The high individual in beef grading was Robert Gooch, Texas A. & M.

The pork judging class was won by the University of Tennessee, with Oklahoma State University and the University of Wisconsin placing second and third. The number one judge of pork was Curtis Lard of the University of Tennessee.

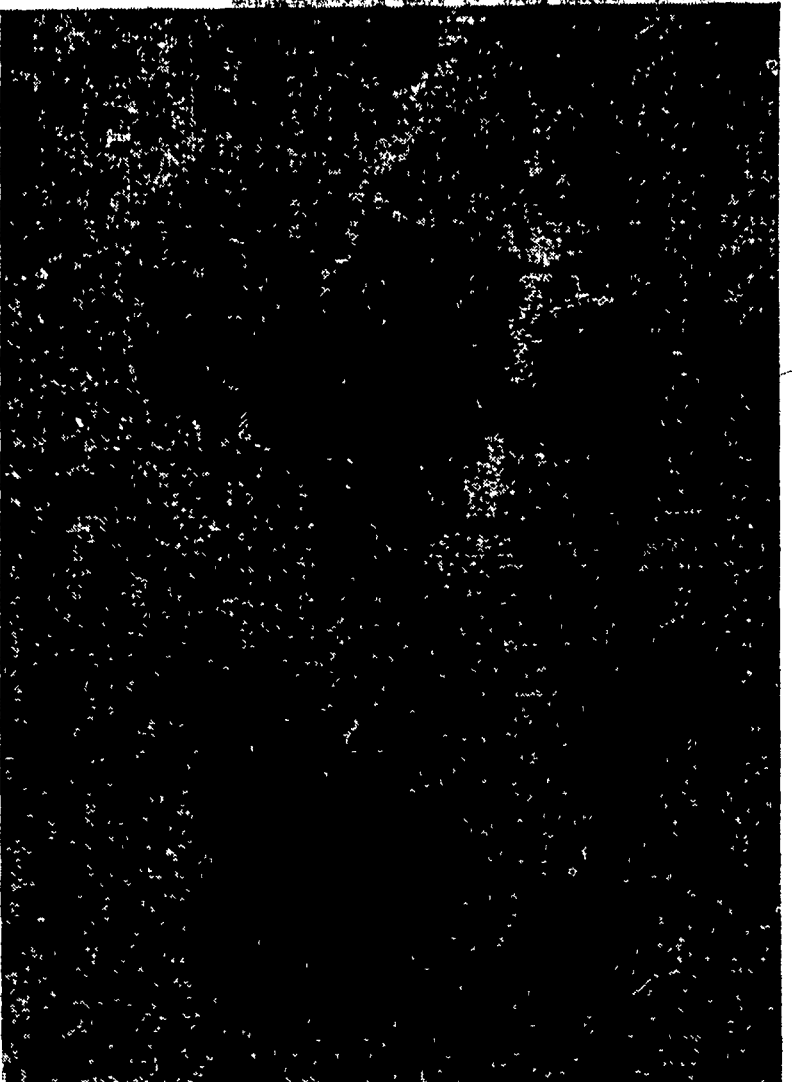
Wisconsin led in lamb judging, followed by Ohio State and Texas A. & M. Rudy Erickson of Wisconsin placed first individually in lamb judging.

In lamb grading, Texas A. & M. was the winner. In second and third were Kansas State and the University of Tennessee. Top individual in lamb grading was Homer Smith of Texas A. & M.

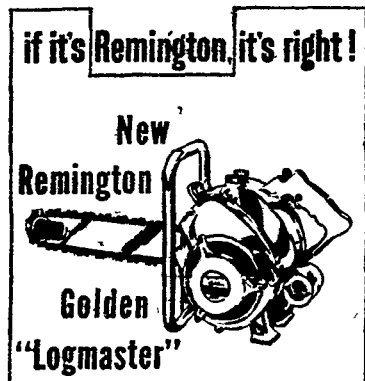
Angus Assn. Announces Registration Fee Change

The American Angus Assn. announces a rate change for registration fees effective Jan. 1, 1958, whereby animals from six to 12 months of age may be registered for \$3 by members of the association and \$6 by non-members.

Registration fees for animals of other ages remain the same. The change eliminates the \$5 and \$10 fees to members and non-members respectively, for animals nine to 12 months of age.



THE ABOVE TWO prognostic charts for the United States show, for the next 30 days, the expected departures of temperature from normal and the expected total precipitation. They were extracted from the Weather Bureau Extended Forecast Section's publication "Average Monthly Weather Resume and Outlook" which contains additional supplementary information necessary for complete interpretation.



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