

● **State Holstein**  
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the Holstein-Friesian breed of dairy cattle.

A feature of the convention's first day program on November 16 will be an advertising clinic scheduled for 2 p.m. with John W. McKittrick, Columbus, Ohio, and James F. Pound, Brattleboro, Vermont, as speakers.

The Friday program, Nov. 17 will feature the annual meeting of the State Holstein Association with president, Glen F. Zimmerman, Millinburg, presiding. Mr. Robert H. Rumber, executive secretary, Holstein-Friesian Association of America, will give the annual meeting address titled "Where Do We Go From Here"

Ladies attending the conven-

**Schnittker Cautions Hog Farmers To Avoid Expanded Production**

Under Secretary of Agriculture John A. Schnittker, addressing a group of hog farmers from across the country, today cautioned producers to guard against increased production next year.

The group met with U. S. Department of Agriculture of-

tion program on Friday will tour the Seven Springs Resort, participate in a discussion of antiques plus witness a foods demonstration.

The Convention Banquet (scheduled for 7 p.m., Friday, Nov. 17) will feature columnist, Bob Hagan, Girard, Ohio.

officials in Washington, D.C.

Under Secretary Schnittker made the following statement:

"As hog producers, you gentlemen and your members rate as the best in the country and in the world. I have raised some hogs starting with a Sears 4-H project pig in 1940. But after many years I no longer feel confident talking to you about hog production practices.

"There is one point however, which I know something about and which I would like to discuss with you today. It will be critical to you and all hog producers in coming months. This is: pork supplies and hog prices.

"For perspective, let's review the past several years. Only four years ago — in 1963-64 —

per capita pork supplies averaged over 65 pounds. Prices received for hogs averaged about \$15.00 per 100 pounds. Producers were dissatisfied with these price levels, and on their own initiative, cut back production. This led to record high prices late in 1965 and early 1966.

"Hog producers showed remarkable restraint in limiting production expansion after that, but production did increase. This year, hog slaughter is up 10 percent and prices will average just over \$19 — down \$4 from a year earlier.

"This brings us to November 1967 — a time of decision for hog producers. One old rule seems to hold even with the new and highly skilled hog producers: Lower corn prices still encourage producers to breed more sows — perhaps too many — for next year's pork supply.

"The record 4.7 billion bushel corn crop this year and substantially lower prices, are tempting producers toward a substantial increase in production next year. We have taken steps through the acreage diversion program to increase feed grain prices for next year, but this will not necessarily temper the potential for expanding livestock expansion

this year. I hope all hog growers will consider what a further production expansion now would mean in returns next year.

"With a large prospective supply of other meats, even a five percent increase in farrowing next spring would result in substantially lower hog prices in late 1968 and early 1969. Prices could fall to 1963-64 levels if producers plan poorly now for next year's profits.

"So the prices you will get for your product next year rest on the decisions you and your fellow producers make in the next several months. A wise man once warned that those who do not learn from the mistakes of the past are doomed to repeat them. Will history repeat itself in the pork industry? Of will you continue to move forward by keeping supplies in line with demand.

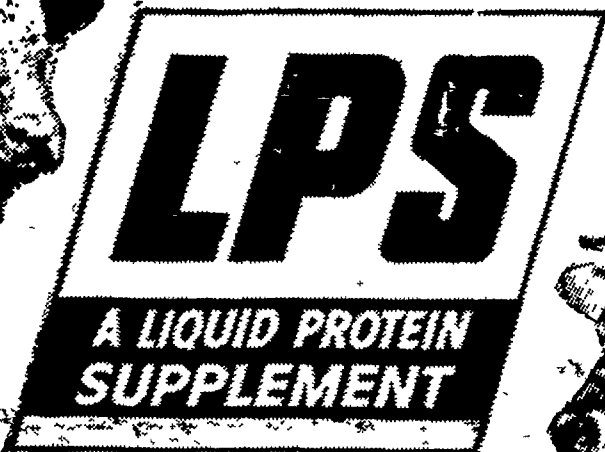
"I urge you to use your influence with other swine producers to smooth out the hog cycle. This is easily within the reach of a group such as this."

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