

U.S. Sheep Industry To Act On Deluge Of Lamb Imports

In an emergency session in Denver recently, the presidents of the two largest sheep organizations expressed alarm at the steady rise in imports of lamb in recent months into the United States.

James L. Powell of Fort McKavett, Texas, president of the National Wool Growers Association, and Reed C Culp of Salt Lake City, Utah, president of the National Lamb Feeders Association, said in a joint statement that there is extreme concern about the imports of lamb which have grown out of all proportion in the first three months of 1969.

During the first quarter of 1969 lamb imports were 180 percent of the same period in 1968, while during March of 1969 they were 292 percent of March 1968. In addition, lamb producers in the U.S. expect an increased supply of imported frozen lamb during April.

Powell and Culp said the increased imports of lamb, which is not protected under any import quota law at present, have been reflected in weakening of domestic lamb prices at wholesale during the last three weeks.

Some of the important processors of lamb, as well as labor unions, have also expressed concern over the rising lamb imports.

Powell said the NWGA also objects strenuously to any attempt to cut tariffs on imported raw wool. "We are absolutely opposed to any cut in tariff because of the difference in cost of production between the

United States and exporting wool countries."

Powell added that the sheep industry is making some giant strides toward improving its production and marketing practices under the Sheep Industry Development Program, but that the imports of lamb can literally wreck this plan and with it the domestic sheep industry.

Culp supported the NWGA in this action and stated that the time has come for the domestic sheep industry to take appropriate action to save the industry. "We have just reached a point where we are turning around and progressing rapidly toward an improved and more successful industry. These imports could very well reverse this trend," Culp said.

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Scout Expo At Sales Pavilion

Scouting skills and activities will be exhibited during the Scout Expo '69 at the Guernsey Sales Pavilion, Lincoln Ave. this Friday and Saturday.

The eighth local "Guide to Boypower on Parade" will be held inside and outside the huge pavilion from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday. Admission will be \$1. Council officials said a record 7,500 Cub, Boy and Explorer Scouts and adult leaders will be involved in the exposition, which will be divided into three separate sections.

Scouting skills will be exhibited in 70 booths inside the pavilion.

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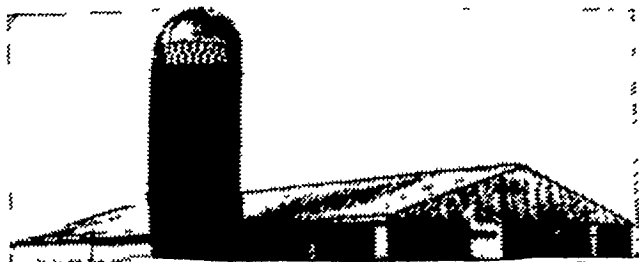
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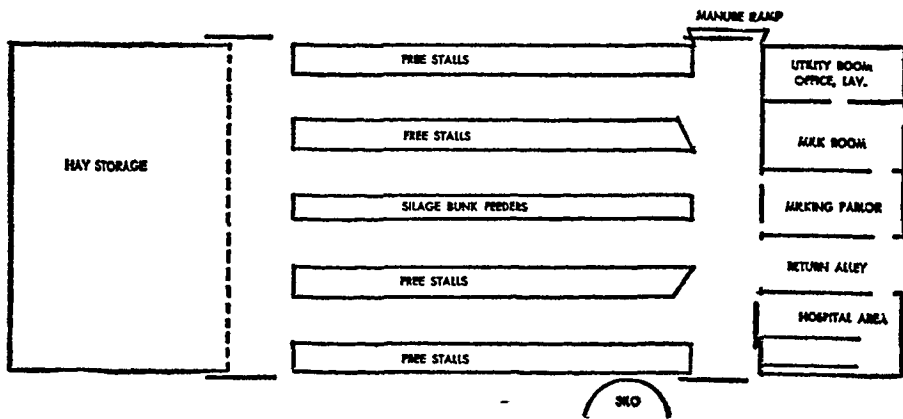
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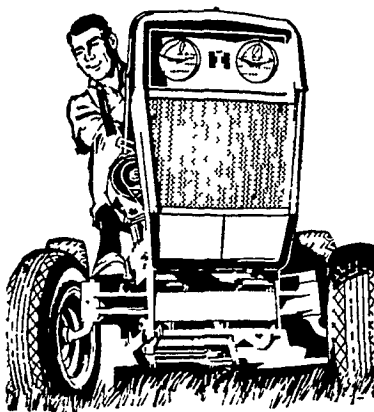
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