

# Lancaster Farming

## SECOND SECTION

### Hays Converter Beef Breed Introduced At Field Day

Despite a cold, damp and snowy day, the enthusiasm of the 750 guests more than made up for any weather discomforts at the introduction of a new beef breed . . . the Hays Converter.

The Hays Converter Field Day was jointly sponsored by Senator Hays and American Breeders Service, Inc. of De-

Forest, Wisconsin. For the Canadian Senator, former Minister of Agriculture, this was a most satisfying climax to a dream that started in 1957.

Senator Hays addressed the group with an explanation of the development of the Hays Converter. "I used Holsteins," explained Senator Hays, "because that's where I found some of the characteristics I wanted."

Hays started his project with the selection of eight sons of a 3,000-pound Holstein bull, Spring Farm Fond Hope, noted for siring daughters with a butterfat test of 4 percent, but not the high milk flow of the average Holstein. These cattle had large frames, but with some thickness or beef qualities not often seen in Holsteins. They had sound, desirable udders and good feet. The eight bulls were mated to a group of 300 Hereford cows owned by Allan Baker's Bar U Ranch, a neighbor to Hays, for a two-year period. The Baker cows had a reputation of being large, thrifty, hardy cattle sired by top bulls obtained at the yearly Calgary Bull Sales. The resulting crossbred heifers

were all bred to the Hereford Certified Meat Sire, Silver Prince 7P. He is a long, upstanding Hereford bull weighing approximately 2,400 pounds. His steer sons have gained 2.72 pounds per day.

Hays stated, "We needed more hardiness, particularly in wintering ability of the cow herd," as his reason for adding Brown Swiss to the development of his breed. He introduced the Brown Swiss through four grandsons of the foundation mother of the breed, Jane of Vernon. She was a great producer and a national show winner that had a reported "perfect udder." She lived to be 17 years of age. The Swiss bulls, also weighing approximately 2,400 pounds, were out of 1,800-pound dams. They were bred to a selected group of 100 Hereford females and their daughters joined the herd. From then on, "their kind were bred to their kind," Hays said.

Since 1962, Senator Harry Hays established the standard that no bull be used unless he had a rate of gain of at least 3.5 pounds per day and weighed 1,100 pounds at 12 months of age.

"Cows must have good legs and feet, ones that don't need trimming," he said. "Also cows must be good milkers, with

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### Poultry Lots To Be Identified Throughout Slaughter Process

The U.S. Department of Agriculture proposed to amend Federal poultry inspection regulations to require poultry slaughterers to identify lots of poultry received from individual producers, handlers, or growers throughout the slaughter process.

USDA's Consumer and Marketing Service said that slaughter plants subject to Federal inspection requirements would have to furnish inspectors with names and addresses of producers, handlers or growers and a head count of lots of poultry. Plants would also assist inspectors by keeping records of birds condemned for specific causes within a lot.

This information would assist inspectors in the inspection of birds originating from an identified source of diseased or otherwise abnormal poultry flocks.

The proposed regulations would require C&MS to give condemnation information to producers to help them take immediate steps to correct the disease or abnormal condition.

Text of the proposal appeared

in the Nov. 4 Federal Register. Comments in two copies should be sent by Feb. 2, 1970 to the Hearing Clerk, Room 112-A, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250, where they will be available for public inspection.

Copies of the proposal will be available from the Consumer Protection Programs Services Staff, Consumer and Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250.

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