

# Comment Period Is Extended On Interstate Semen Shipment

# 56th Farm

The comment period for the recently published U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) proposal for the regulation of bovine semen in interstate commerce is being extended by 30 days.

Notice of the extension was scheduled for publication in the Federal Register November 30. With the extension, the comment period will continue through December 30.

Officials of USDA's Animal and Plant Health Service (APHS) decided to extend the comment period after numerous responses were received from interested groups and individuals. All suggestions received will be considered during evaluation of

possible changes in the proposed regulations

The proposed regulations are designed to strengthen protection of livestock against diseases such as tuberculosis, brucellosis, leptospirosis, trichomoniasis, vibriosis and paratuberculosis. These, and others including foot-and-mouth disease should it enter the United States, could be spread to many artificially inseminated animals through the use of frozen semen from infected sires, according to the USDA.

The proposal calls for donor sires to be inspected and tested for tuberculosis, brucellosis, leptospirosis, trichomoniasis, vibriosis and paratuberculosis. Bulls used in continuous production would be inspected and tested every six months. Sires just entering production would have to be examined and tested at least 60 days before the first semen collection for interstate shipment.

Comments on the proposal have been received from representatives of the livestock industry, veterinary medicine, artificial insemination organizations and cattle breed associations. These groups were included in discussions with APHS officials when the proposed regulations were formulated. Other groups com-

menting on the proposal include State veterinarians and agriculture departments, agricultural colleges and private individuals.

Suggestions include changes in the identification and processing provisions of the proposal. These cover such things as the formula for extension of the semen and

labels used to identify the donor sires and the semen packager.

Anyone wishing to submit written data, views or arguments concerning the proposal may send them to Animal Health Programs, APHS, USDA, Hyattsville, Md 20782. These submissions will be available for public inspection.

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As the nation's largest free indoor agricultural exposition under one roof, the Farm Show amounts to a premier event for the showing of the latest farm and allied equipment. For years, the show has held this distinction among the trade and among those attending the event.

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Except for certain classes of poultry, the Farm Show is an all-Pennsylvania event. The competition exhibits are a salute to the men and women who occupy Pennsylvania's approximately 70,000 farms.

Individual entries vying for the \$74,658 in premiums are expected to total around 10,000. Both farm and farm home entries are included in the exhibits.

From its inception early in World War I, the show has contributed to the knowledge and information that has helped to develop agriculture into one of the state's largest industries with an annual income in excess of \$1 billion.

The largest single premium class is dairy cattle at \$20,850, indicating that milk represents nearly one-half of the state's \$1 billion-plus income from agriculture.

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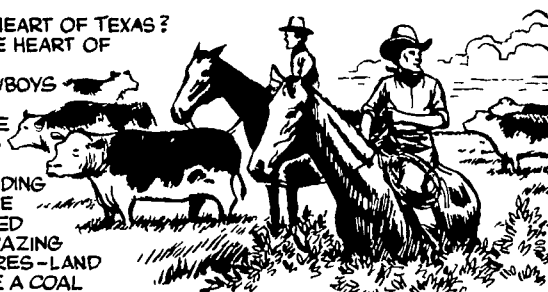
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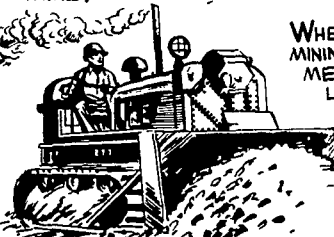
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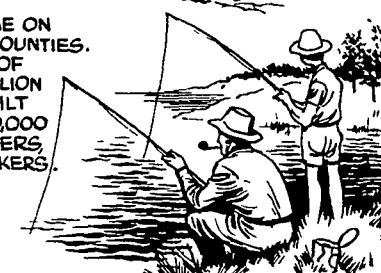
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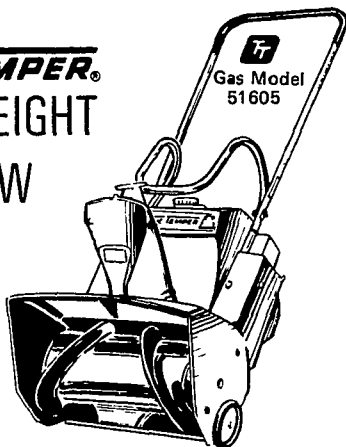


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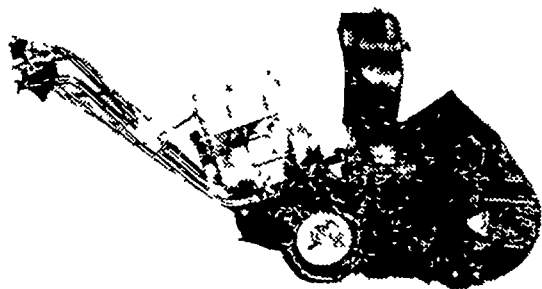


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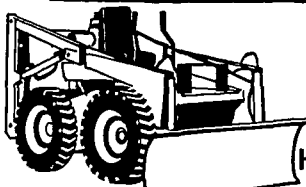
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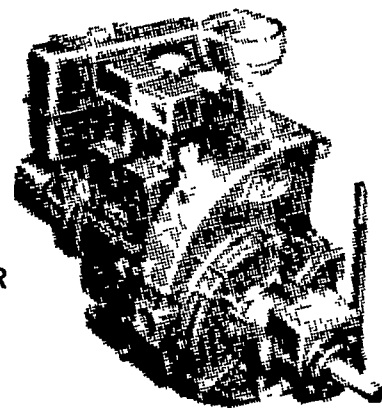
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