

# Beef Council Commends Secretary Butz' Stand

The U. S. Beef Breeds Council, composed of the nine major beef breed registries in this country, paid special tribute to Secretary

of Agriculture, Butz for his unyielding stand in support of prices received by farmers and ranchers.

Meeting with the Secretary Tuesday, the council presented Secretary Butz with a resolution that also urged his "continued objective support of the American beef industry and American agriculture in general".

C. D. Swaffar, president of the council and also executive secretary of the American Shorthorn Association said "I have never witnessed a Secretary of Agriculture give such strong, dedicated support to American Agriculture as has been exhibited by Secretary Butz. He has demonstrated his depth of knowledge of the beef cattle and agricultural industry and has show his willingness to defend them."

The last few weeks have been extremely difficult for the beef producer, who today is receiving the same dollars for his product as he did 20 years ago, council members said. Yet, Secretary Butz has kept his ground, relating the real reasons for alleged high meat prices and placing the blame for those prices where it belongs—on the middleman and his rising labor costs.

The resolution presented the Secretary of Agriculture read: "The U. S. Beef Breeds Council goes on record supporting the

dynamic stand of the U. S. Secretary of Agriculture, Earl Butz, supporting the quality beef production industry of this country";

"The U. S. Beef Breeds Council commends his aggressive efforts to improve the image of American agriculture and in placing the responsibility on the cost of beef where it belongs";

"And the U. S. Beef Breeds Council urges his continued objective support of the American beef industry and American agriculture in general".

Members of the council are: American Angus Association, St. Joseph, Mo.; American Brahman Breeders Association, Houston, Tex.; American Hereford Association, Kansas City, Mo.; American International Charolais Association, Houston, Tex.; American Polled Hereford Association, Kansas City, Mo.; American Shorthorn Association, Omaha, Nebraska; International Brangus Breeders Association, Kansas City, Mo.; Red Angus Association of American, Denton, Tex.; and Santa Gertrudis Breeders International, Kingsville, Tex.



Steven N. Heller

## Heller Receives Scholarship Award

Steven N. Heller, Gettysburg, Adams County, was awarded the second annual \$100 Benjamin P. Forbes Company scholarship award in the amount of \$100 at the University of Maryland campus.

The award is resented each year to an outstanding student in the food science program involving four departments of the University's College of Agriculture.

Heller is a senior food science major at the University of Maryland. He plans to begin graduate study next fall at Cornell University.

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