More Time Granted For Comments on **Federal Milk Order**

Time for filing exceptions to its recommendations on amending the Eastern Ohio-Western Pennsylvania Federal milk marketing order has been extended to Aug. 24, the U.S. Department of Agriculture announced today. The initial deadline had been Aug. 9.

USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service said additional time for commenting was requested by Sealtest Foods,

a division of Kraftco Corp. AMS said the proposed amendments would establish three milk pricing zones, instead of the present two, to help offset

the cost of moving milk from producing to consuming areas. Also, as recommended, a common butterfat differential would be used to compute all prices under the order. Other changes would price diverted milk at the plant where actually received, and revise rules under which a cooperative plant qualifies to have its milk priced under the order.

Those wishing to send in exceptions or comments should file them, in four copies, with the Hearing Clerk, Room 112-A, U.S. department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250, on or before Aug. 24.

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Secretary of Agriculture Earl L. Butz, taking note of a major commercial sale of soybeans to the Soviet Union, which was announced last week, said "We are pleased to see this transaction take place."

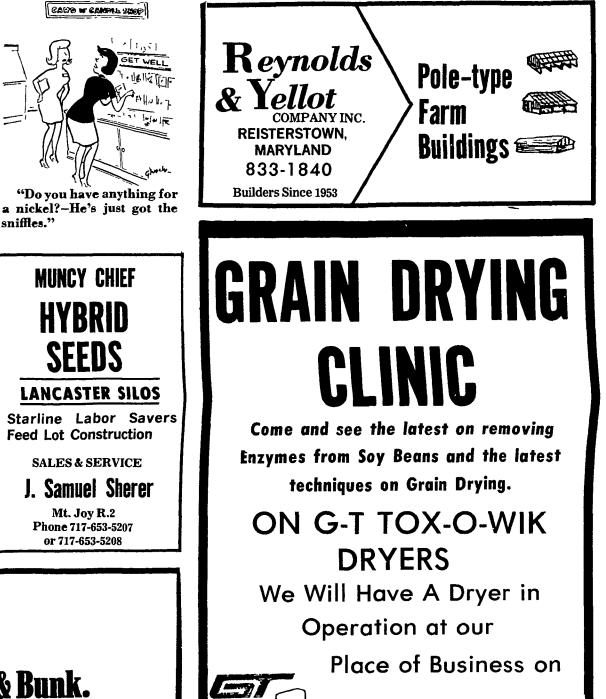
"When I visited the Soviet Union in April of this year, heading up the U.S. grain negotiating team, I pointed out to Chairman Brezhev that in the United States, the use of soybean meal and other protein supplements has added immeasurably to the efficiency of our livestock and poultry production — that a protein supplement would make their short supplies of feed grain go farther," the Secretary said.

The Soviet Union, in their

current 5-year plan, has announced a goal of increasing the protein in the Russian consumer's diet by 25 percent.

"Our message to the Soviet Union, both in my visit in April and President Nixon's summit conference in Moscow in May," was that the farmers of the United States have the land, the climate and the know-how to help the Russian people meet that goal through commercial sales of feed grains and protein supplements,' the Secretary said.

"We are delighted that these peace initiatives and trade initiatives are leading to substantial sales of wheat, feed grain and soybeans to the Soviet Union."





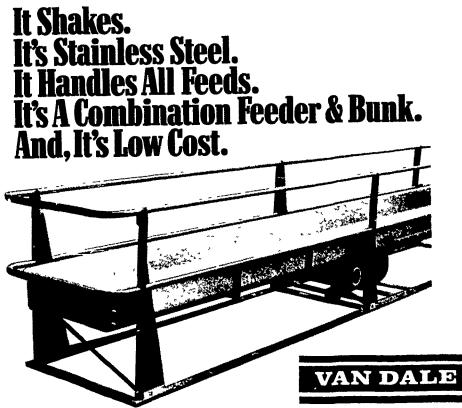
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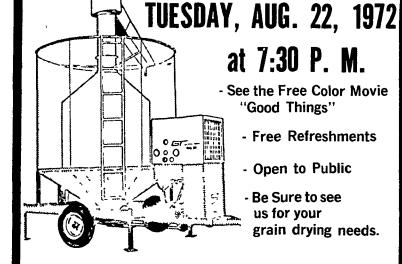


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