New Soybean Variety Resists Lodging

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resistance to lodging may become an increasingly important research goal in the development of varieties respponsive to highly productive environments. Scientists of USDA's Agricultural Research Service (ARS) and the Illinois Experiment Station, Urbana, observed that early lodging could be a barrier to increased soybean yields in highly productive environments. Increasing soil fertility, irrigation and using other practices to improve yields normally increases lodging.

Yield of WELLS is similar to that of Amsoy 71, Beeson, and Corsey. It is resistant to phytophthora root rot, race 1, and frogeye leafspot, race 2, but it is susceptible to bacterial pustule and downy mildew.

WELLS is adapted as a fullseason variety from about 40 degrees to 44 degrees latitude in the United States. It matures four days earlier than Amsoy 71 and five days earlier than Beeson. It was evaluated in 89 regional tests conducted by ARS at the U.S. Regional Soybean Laboratory and cooperating state experiment stations in Illinois. Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Dakota and Wisconsın and cooperators in Ontario, Canada.

Breeders' seed will be maintained by the Purdue University Agricultural Experiment Station. USDA has no seed for distribution



Senate Minority Leader, Hugh Scott (right, above) was recently awarded an engraved copper skillet conferring on him the status of "Good Egg". Hendrik Wentink, Assistant to the President at Pennfield Corporation in Lancaster and president of the Northeastern Poultry Producers Council made the presentation on behalf of the nation's four leading poultry trade associations. The trade groups jointly sponsored a Congressional Reception in the nation's Capitol with Senator Scott serving as host.

Lyng to Head Meat Institute

Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, has accepted an offer of the Board of Directors of the American Meat Institute to be elected president of the AMI at its Annual Meeting in Chicago, Sept. 22-25, it is announced by Clifton B. Cox, Board chairman

Lyng is slated to succeed Herrell DeGraff, who will complete a ten-year term as the AMI chief executive this year.

Cox also announced that the AMI headquarters, which have been located in Chicago for more than a half century, will be moved to Washington, D.C., sometime in 1974.

The AMI is the national trade,

Richard E. Lyng, former research and educational association of the meat packing and processing industry. Its 950 packer, processor, and supplier members do business in all 50 states and handle about twothirds of the nation's total meat production. The presidency of AMI is a full time job.

Lyng served as Assistant Secretary of Agriculture during the first term of President Nixon. He had responsibility for the Marketing and Consumer Services areas of USDA. Previously, he served as California Director of Agriculture under Governor

Lyng is a native of San Francisco and for many years was active in California business and civic affairs.

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