

Penn State To Host 26th Meat Conference

Approximately 300 recognized authorities in the meat science field from throughout the United States and several foreign countries will convene on The Pennsylvania State University campus June 17-20 for the 26th Annual Reciprocal Meat Conference of the American Meat Science Association.

Highlights of the conference will include the presentation of 100 technical papers, association committee meetings, special activities for the wives and children, the annual awards banquet, and special intercollegiate and youth activities.

Dr. John D. Sink, Penn State professor of meat science, is serving as general conference chairman.

Sessions will get underway

Monday morning, June 18, in the J. O. Keller Building. Keynote speakers will be Harold B. Hendrick, of the University of Missouri, president of the Meat Science Association; Dr. John W. Oswald, president of The Pennsylvania State University; Dr. B. R. Baumgardt, head of the Penn State Department of Animal Science; and Dr. Donald V. Josephson, chairman of the Division of Food Science and Industry at Penn State.

Special programs also will be held June 18, including an intercollegiate seminar on teaching cured products and sausage appraisal, and the value of meat judging and evaluation contests.

The presentation of technical papers and research projects will begin June 18 and continue through June 20. Topics include the chemistry of flavor, meat animal growth and development, processed meats, continuing education, meat marketing, and feed additives.

Three of the nation's outstanding meat scientists will be honored at the annual recognition banquet June 20. Awards will be presented in the areas of Teaching, Research, and Extension-Industry Service.

Special sessions will be held for the Intercollegiate Meat Judging Coaches Association, Extension Service staff members, graduate students, and a review of special U.S. Department of Agriculture research projects.

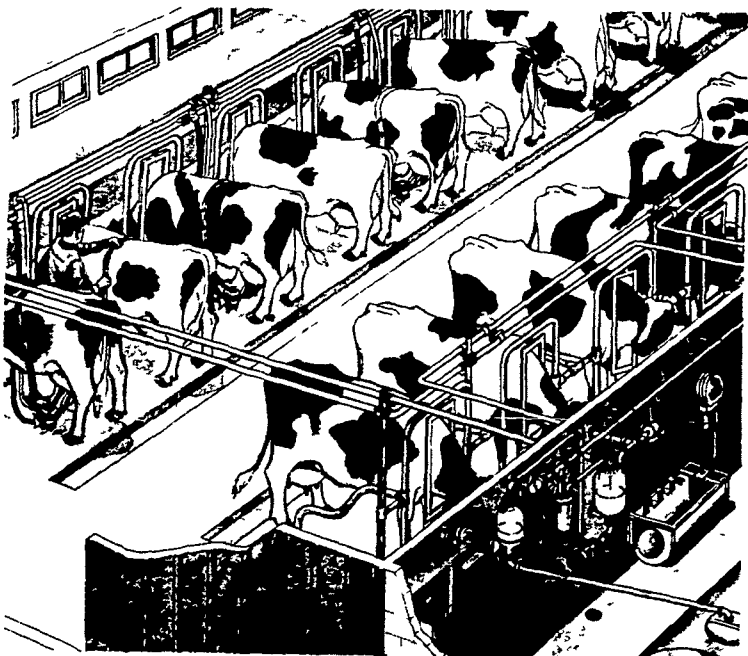
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Judge Certification Program Approved By Angus Board

A nationwide program to certify qualified Angus judges has been approved by the directors of the American Angus Association and will be implemented this summer, reports Robert O. Swaim, president of the Association, Marshall, Indiana. The two-day certification program, a first for the Angus breed, will be held August 2-3 at Louisville, Kentucky just prior to the All-American Angus Breeders Futurity.

As outlined by a special committee appointed by the president, the program will be open to beef cattle judges from throughout the country who wish to participate in the certification procedure. Those who receive certification will be awarded an Angus judging card and placed on the American Angus Association's qualified judging list. This list will be made available to all show managers for the coming year. In addition the three judges for the World Angus Forum in Kansas City, Missouri, October 1-4 will be selected from the list.

Chosen to serve as official judges for the event are three well known Angus judges. They are Herman Purdy, professor emeritus of Pennsylvania State University; Jim Bradford, a registered Angus breeder from Guthrie Center, Iowa; and Dr. Harlan Ritchie, Michigan State University. The board ruled that these three men would be placed temporarily on the judges list until they have the opportunity to be certified officially in a similar Angus judging program.

Participants will each judge 12 classes of breeding cattle, six classes of bulls and six classes of females. Each class will consist

of at least five animals and not more than eight head and oral reasons will be taken on at least one class of breeding cattle. Also included will be a class of 10 slaughter weight steers which will be placed and evaluated for four economically important traits. The traits are quality grade, loin eye area, fat cover over the loin and USDA cutability. The program will consist entirely of evaluating a judge's skills. There will be no

instructions on how to judge.

All persons interested in judging Angus breeding, cattle shows are invited to take part in the event. The cost for participation is \$30 and reservations will be accepted from the first 250 judges who apply by July 1. There will be no spectators. Only those people who register will be allowed to attend. Anyone wanting additional information or an application form should write the secretary of the American Angus Association.

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