

Sperry New Holland Buys Land In Nebraska For Plant Construction

Sperry New Holland, a division of Sperry Rand Corporation, has purchased land for a future manufacturing plant at Lexington, Nebraska, it was announced by Thomas Beaver Jr, vice president and general manager, North America.

The company, with headquarters in New Holland, has signed an agreement to buy a 150-acre site from Lexington's Council for Industrial Development.

When built, the new plant will be used primarily to help meet the growing needs of North American farmers and ranchers for agricultural equipment. Construction plans have not yet been made.

Sperry New Holland, which has a plant in Grand Island, Nebraska, manufacturer and markets farm and industrial

equipment. The Grand Island plant was opened in 1965 and Beaver said the company has been well pleased with its experience there.

In addition to the Grand Island plant, the company has manufacturing facilities at Belleville and New Holland, and Fowler, California. Overseas plants are in Australia, Belgium, France and England. The company markets its products in more than 70 countries and has 9,000 employees worldwide. It is the world's largest manufacturer of specialized farm equipment.

Sperry, the parent company, has its headquarters in New York City. It is a diversified company with 79 plant locations and approximately 85,000 employees worldwide. It has research, manufacturing and sales operations in 30 countries.

In discussing the decision to locate a plant in Lexington, Beaver said: "An important part of our long range planning involves making available the facilities required to meet our marketing plans. This new facility, in addition to planned expansion at our existing plants, will give us the added manufacturing capacity we need to get that job done."

"We're locating our new plant in Lexington because we feel this is a community ready and willing to help us meet the challenge of building a local organization which will operate effectively and efficiently."

"In recent weeks, our representatives have worked closely with a number of Lexington's community and business leaders and they have been most helpful in supplying us with the information we needed to arrive at this important decision."

"This is a progressive community and we're delighted to become a part of it. Meeting the challenge of growth has become an important way of life for the people of Sperry New Holland. We feel we're beginning a new and vital chapter in the company's story of growth with our decision to locate a new plant at Lexington, Nebraska."

Repair Leaky Faucets

Drip...Drip...Drip...Leaky faucet bothering you? Well, it may bother you even more if you add up the wasted water. At one drop each second, one faucet wastes a quart of water every hour. That's seven gallons a day or 210 gallons a month, says N. Henry Wooding, Extension agricultural engineer at The Pennsylvania State University.

Interstate Swine Shipment Markets List Updated

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has issued an updated list of stockyards and livestock markets approved to handle shipment of swine crossing state lines. Approval is granted under federal regulations aimed at preventing the spread of hog cholera.

The list is scheduled for publication in the Federal Register Friday, August 3. Copies may be obtained from any Veterinary Services office of USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), or by writing to USDA, APHIS-VS, Room 870, Federal Center Bldg. number 1, Hyattsville, Md. 20782.

APHIS officials explained that "approved" stockyards and livestock markets are listed in two categories:

- Those authorized to ship any class of swine, i.e., feeder, breeder or slaughter animals; and

- Those authorized to ship slaughter animals only.

Also listed are the livestock markets and stockyards that have lost their approved status.

Approval of swine markets is part of the cooperative program to eradicate hog cholera in the United States. Under the national eradication program started in late 1962, 45 states are now classified as "hog cholera free" by USDA.

Hog cholera is a highly infectious, viral disease of swine. It affects no other animals or humans, but is usually fatal to hogs.

Operators of approved markets must agree to comply with sanitation standards and to assemble and ship hogs in ways

designed to reduce the chances of spreading disease among animals. They must also keep proper records and must promptly report any suspicious disease.

APHIS officials noted that the updated list reflects, in part, the agency's continuing inspection efforts to assure that the markets and stockyards are fully complying with sanitation standards and other requirements (see press release USDA 892-73). Most of the additions and deletions are due to normal turnover of businesses, APHIS officials said.

Witmer Cow Production

A ten-year-old Registered Guernsey cow in the Penn-Del Farm herd of Raymond and Louise Witmer, Willow Street, has completed an official DHIR actual production record according to The American Guernsey Cattle Club. Burkes Taverns Emorys Dottie produced 14,510 pounds of milk and 561 pounds of butterfat in 305 days, two times a day milking. Testing was supervised by Penn State University.

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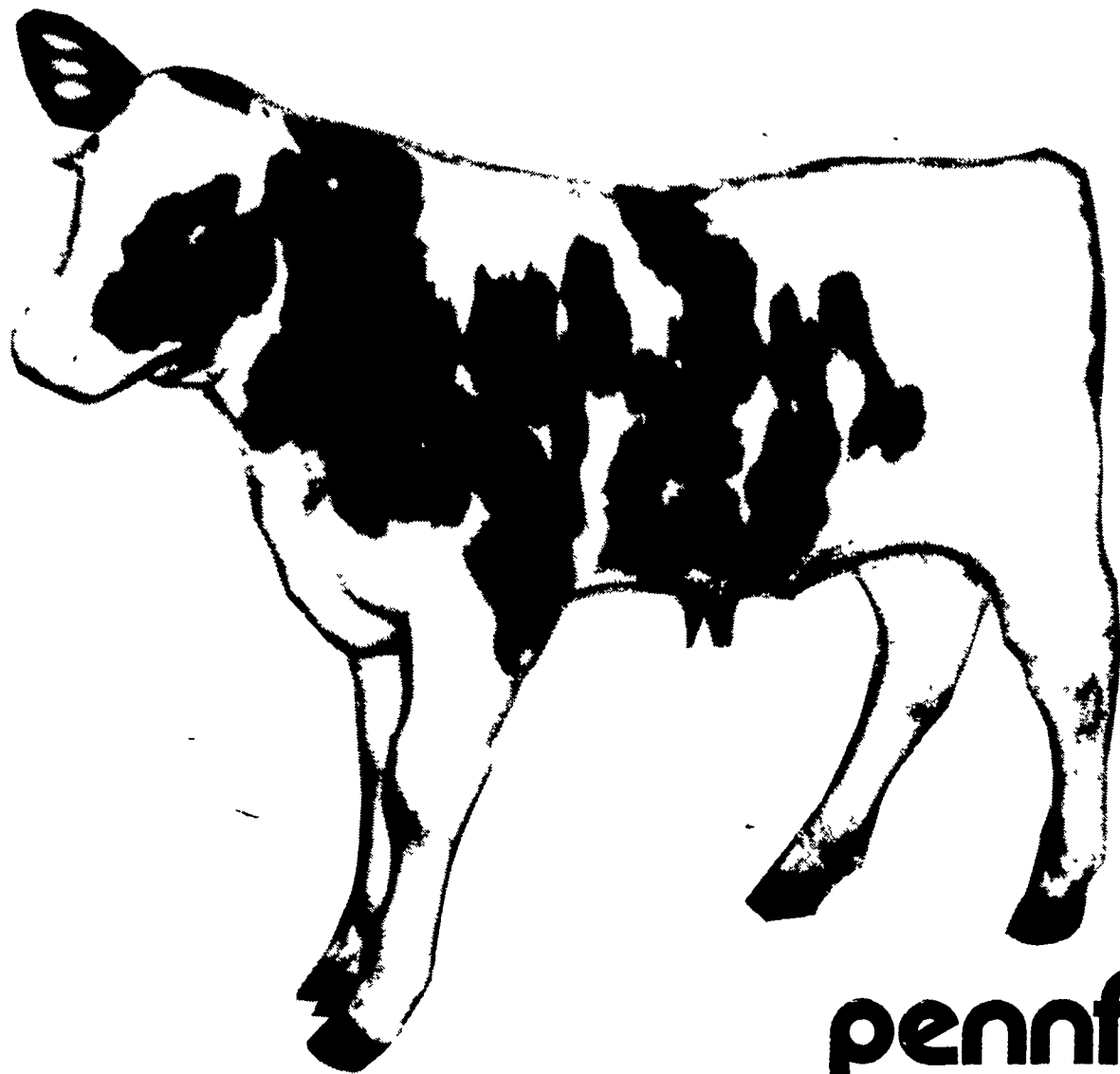
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