

Brown Swiss Society Schedules Three Shows

Again this year, three Regional National Brown Swiss Shows are planned to climax the 1974 show season. The shows, scheduled from the fourth week in September to the last week-end in October, will be held in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; Madison, Wisconsin and Phoenix, Arizona. High quality Brown Swiss, including the winners from many state fairs, will be exhibited at all three shows.

Highlights of the three shows will include the Total Performance Winner Class, designed to recognize a cow based on her show ring placing and her milk production, and the colorful Swiss Parade of Champions which traditionally takes place immediately prior to the selection of the Grand Champion female at each show.

Each of this year's National Shows will also feature special monetary awards for junior members exhibiting Brown Swiss females registered by or

transferred to the individual ownership of the boy or girl by the animal's first birthday. The cash awards, made available by the National Association, may total up to \$1,000 per show.

The Eastern National Show will be held September 24 in conjunction with the Pennsylvania All-American Dairy Show, Harrisburg. Richard Keene, Gilbertsville, New York will be the official judge of the show beginning at 9:00 a.m. The Pennsylvania All-American Invitational Brown Swiss Sale, offering 45 top quality Swiss, will be held September 23, the evening prior to the show.

Richard Keene will also be judging the Central National Show at 9:00 a.m. on October 4 during the World Dairy Expo '74, Madison, Wisconsin.

The Arizona State Fair, Phoenix will be the site of the Western National Show, October 27, at 10:00 a.m. John W. McKittrick, Columbus, Ohio will be the

judge. A Western National Arizona Classic Brown Swiss Sale, also offering many top animals, will be held October 28 in connection with the show.

In 1973 a total of 508 head were shown at the three Regional National Shows. It is predicted that over 500 head will again be shown this year. Prior to the initiation of the three regional national shows, the largest National Brown Swiss Show was in 1967 when 302 head were exhibited at the North American Dairy Show, Columbus, Ohio.

Optimistic

A real optimist is the guy who goes in a fancy restaurant and orders oysters — hoping to pay with the pearls he finds.

Swine Proposal Withdrawn

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) recently announced it is withdrawing its proposal to require uniform identification of all swine shipped across state lines.

Officials of USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) said, on the basis of all comments received, it is apparent that it would not be feasible to effectively implement the proposed regulations. Therefore, the Department has decided to take no further action on this proposal.

The identification plan was proposed in early May (USDA Press Release No. 1303-74), and a period of 90 days was allowed for interested persons to submit comments. Over 9,300

comments were received with approximately three-fourths of the comments opposing the proposal.

USDA officials said they still believe an acceptable swine identification program would be of much benefit to swine health programs. Also, many of the comments received—including a number from persons opposed to the May proposal—showed support for an identification system that

would be combined with a particular disease eradication program.

The aim of an identification system is to help veterinary officials trace infection sources when animals are found to be diseased after entering trade channels. USDA officials indicated that work on an acceptable system will continue in consultation with state and industry leaders.

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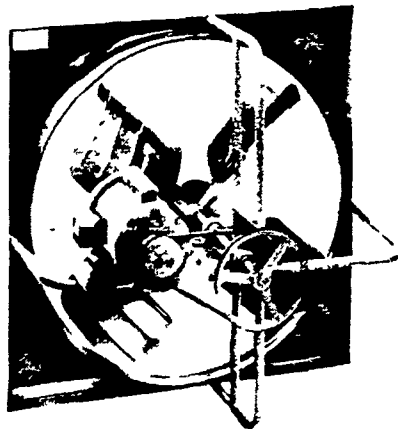
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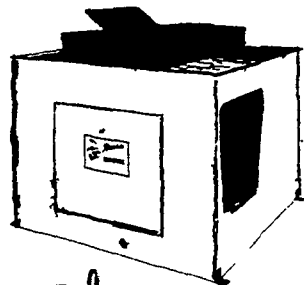
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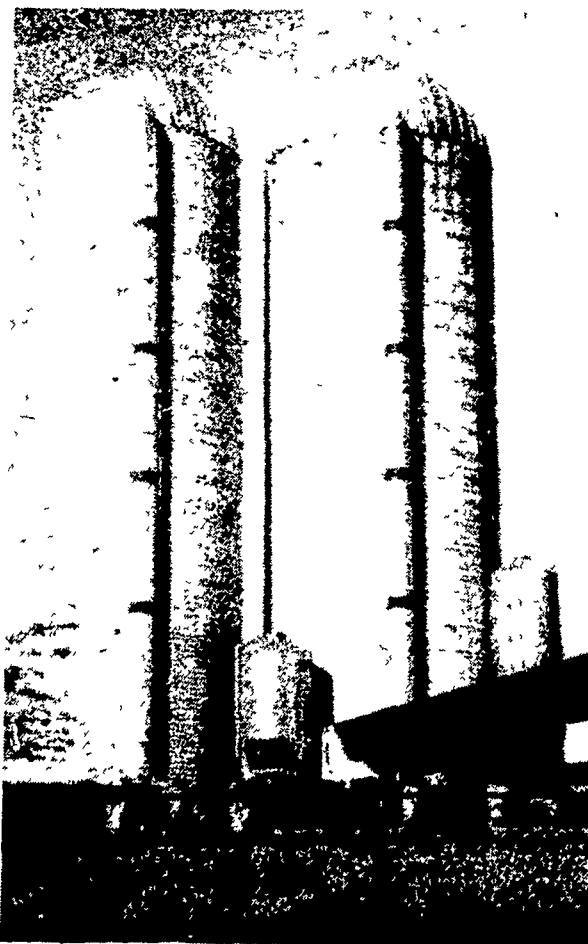


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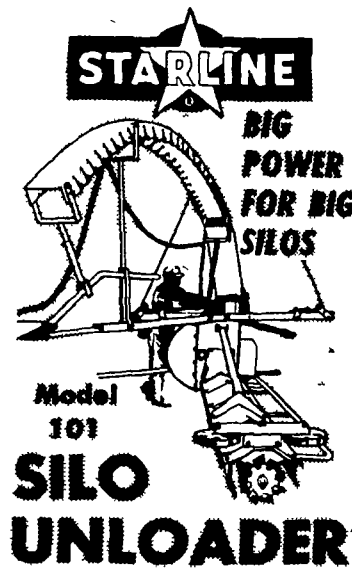
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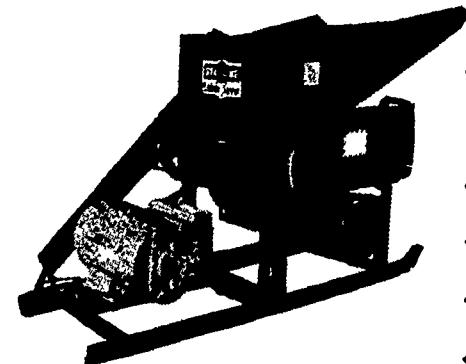


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