

Emergency Livestock Loan Eligibility Requirements Eased

The emergency livestock loan program has been changed to make loans available to more livestock and poultry farmers, Secretary of Agriculture Earl L. Butz announced last week.

"The purpose of the change is to open the program to more family farmers without throwing it wide open to other than bona fide farmers and ranchers," he said.

"For example, a farmer may get most of his income and spend most of his time during the summer raising cotton, but for the year overall, he spends most of his time on his livestock," the Secretary said. "Now, that farmer might qualify, whereas before, he wouldn't."

"The intent of the law was

to make credit assistance available to the nation's livestock and poultry producers, especially family farmers, during a period when falling livestock and poultry prices and rising costs caught them in a pinch," the Secretary said.

Under changed eligibility criteria, an individual farmer may qualify for an emergency livestock loan if he derives a majority of his gross income from, or devotes most of his time to his livestock or poultry operation. Previously, the farmer was eligible only if he received a majority of his gross income from his livestock or poultry enterprise and devoted most of his time to it. Now, either income or time can qualify a farmer for these loans. A partnership or corporation

must still get most of its gross income and devote a majority of its time to the livestock or poultry operation to qualify.

Emergency livestock loans are made at regular commercial rates, but are guaranteed by the government, and therefore easier to obtain.

The emergency livestock loan law was passed three months ago, and 421 loans, exceeding \$59 million, have been guaranteed since then.

The intent of the law is to offer assistance to bona fide farmers and ranchers who are primarily and directly engaged in agricultural production for the purpose of breeding, raising, fattening or marketing livestock, including beef or dairy cattle, swine, sheep, goats, chickens or turkeys.

From Local Ag Teachers:



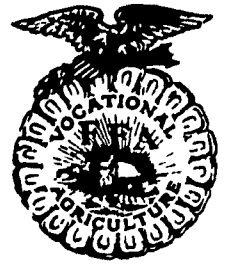
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Show Steer Selection Time
Many FFA members across Lancaster County are currently in the process of purchasing feeder steers for show and sale at fairs in the county next fall.

Over the next 10 to 11 months these members will care and train their steers, putting in many hours and much hard work. Their goal-to have the champion steer at their fair.

However, there is another underlying purpose to raising a steer. These members are helping to support their local fairs as

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well as having a management responsibility.

Keeping accurate records of labor, expenses, and receipts are the backbone of any enterprise; whether a member has one steer or 10 steers. With the increasing feed costs and falling markets of today, accurate records are a necessity.

And finally, there is the thrill of competition. Those last minute preparations for

showing and the selection of their steer hopefully culminates their 10 month project with a champion.

As the fairs roll around next fall and you see these members with their project steers, remember the work and money they have invested in their project and show your support and encouragement by purchasing one of those steers.

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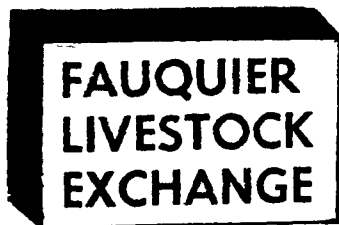
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7:00 P.M.

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Blackleg Disease Found In Maryland

Several cases of Blackleg or Blackquarter disease in a very few herds of cattle in Garrett, Montgomery and Frederick counties have spurred the Maryland Department of Agriculture to issue an advisory to dairymen, beef cattlemen and sheep farmers, in the western half of the state, of the presence of this almost invariably fatal, spore-borne disease.

Dr. Hugh E. Binks, Chief, Animal Health Section, of the state agriculture agency, reports that the number of cases is not of major proportions. Nevertheless, the state animal health official suggests that farmers with livestock should be aware of potential occurrences of this fatal illness.

Treatment for Blackleg is generally unsuccessful and costly. But a highly reliable vaccine is available. Vaccination is virtually 100 percent effective.

Blackleg, which is a rapidly fatal disease,

generally commences with fever, lameness and depression. Symptoms include prostration, tremors, high fever and labored breathing. It is almost invariably fatal within 12 to 48 hours. Purebred and high quality animals are usually the most susceptible.

The disease is believed to be caused by the ingestion of a spore similar to tetanus, which survives for long periods in the soil. Blackleg cadavers are the chief source of soil contamination. "Therefore," says Dr. Binks, "such dead animals should be promptly burned or buried deep."

The term Blackleg is derived from the fact that the disease causes the heavy leg muscle of the animal to turn very dark red or black. While the disease is virtually worldwide in distribution, it is readily controlled by vaccination. It is seldom contracted by cattle past three years of age.



In 315 B.C. someone advanced a theory that gems would grow if left in the ground.

PUBLIC SALE

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COWS

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1974
At 1:30 P.M.

Location: Between Womelsdorf and Myerstown along Route 422, at Stouchsburg take Scharff Road South 1 mile, third farm on left, 1/2 mile North of Sheridan Furnaces; Marion Twp. Berks County, Penna

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