

## Wool Producers OK Promotion Program

Sheep producers by a substantial margin have voted to continue deductions from Commodity Credit Corporation wool program payments to finance the promotion of wool, according to preliminary returns from a mail referendum held Nov. 4 through 15, the U.S. Department of Agriculture has announced.

In Pennsylvania, 1071 of the state's 1275 sheep

producers voted in favor of the program. They represented 84 percent of the state's sheepmen.

Nationally, about 85.5 percent of the producers, owning 87.8 percent of the sheep represented by those voting in the referendum, favored the advertising and other market development activities which would be continued under a proposed new agreement between the

Secretary of Agriculture and the American Sheep Producers Council, Inc. Sheep producers have approved the wool and lamb promotion program in five referendums since 1954. In the most recent referendum of 1971, 87.0 percent of the producers voting, who owned 87.2 percent of the sheep, approved the program.

Approval by either two-thirds of the producers voting or by producers of two-thirds of the volume of production represented in the referendum is required for the agreement to become effective. Preliminary results in this year's balloting show 40,181 producers voted for the new agreement and 6,829 producers voted against it. Those favoring the agreement owned 7,959,642 sheep and those opposed to the agreement owned 1,103,448 sheep.

The proposed agreement authorizes continued deductions from payments made under the National Wool Act on wool and unshorn lambs marketed during the four years, 1974 through 1977. Deductions are authorized at rates up to 1½ cents a pound on shorn wool and 7½ cents a hundredweight on unshorn lambs. These are the rates at

which payment deductions have been made for the past 8 years.

The council's expenditures for wool and lamb promotion during the year ended June 30, 1974, were about \$2.2 million and its budget for the current year is \$1.6 million.

The council's wool promotion is on a national basis in cooperation with other segments of the industry which provide additional or matching funds. Lamb promotion now is concentrated in high lamb-consuming areas. The promotion activities include advertising, merchandising, and education.

### Storing Onions

The "at home" life for mature onions may be several months, according to Extension consumer specialists at The Pennsylvania State University. Make sure you store them at slightly cooler than room temperature. You may keep onions in their loosely woven or open mesh containers for several months. At high temperatures or in high humidity, they sprout and decay.

## Oct. Farm Price Index Rises 1 pct.

The November 15 Index of Prices Received by Pennsylvania farmers increased 1 percent from mid-October according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service. The index was 7 percent below a year ago.

Higher prices for wheat, oats, hay, potatoes, milk, turkeys, and eggs offset lower prices for corn, barley, fruit, meat animals and milk cows.

Nationally, the November 15 Index of Prices Received by Farmers decreased 2 percent from mid-October, but was one-half percent above a year earlier. Contributing most to the decrease were lower prices for cattle, soybeans, oranges, upland cotton and corn. Higher prices for milk and tomatoes were partially offsetting.

The National Index of Prices Paid was up 1 percent from mid-October and 17

percent above a year earlier. Higher prices for new and used autos and turcks and family living items accounted for most of the increase.

### Polar Weather

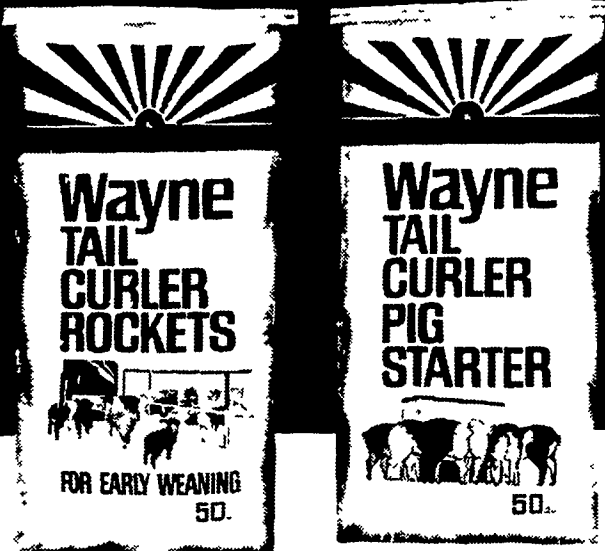
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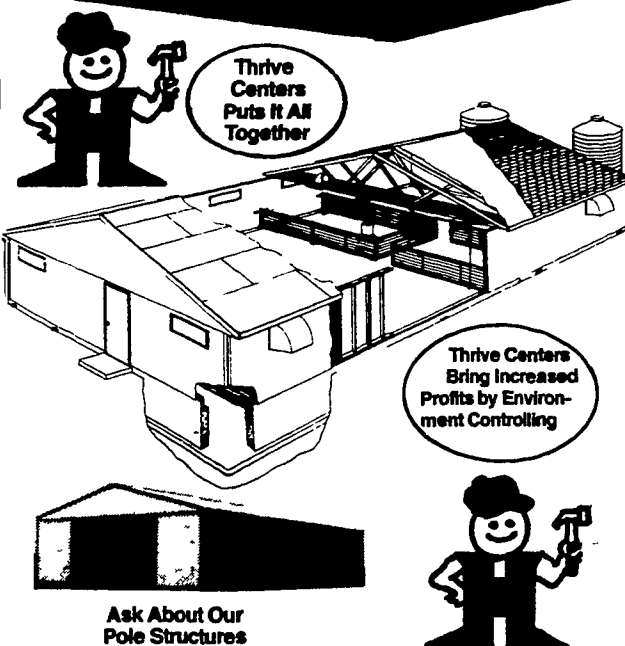
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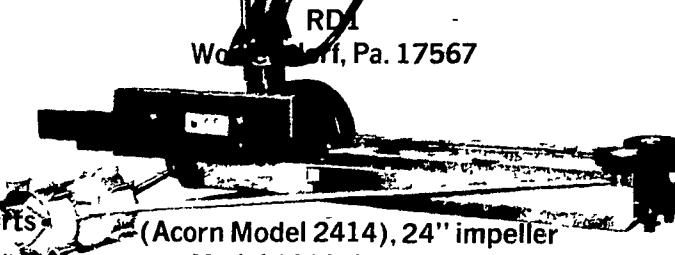
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