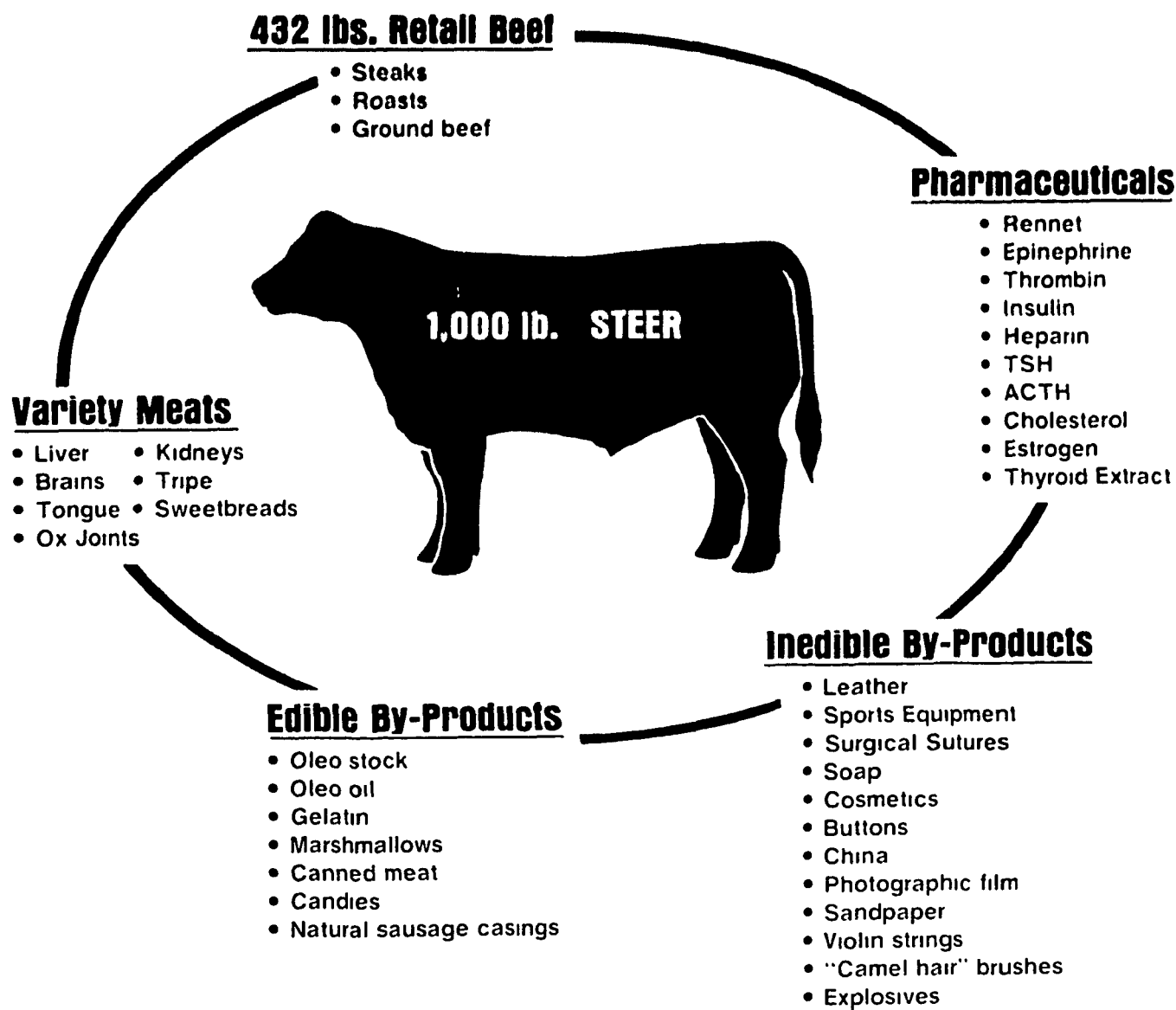


Good things from cattle

(Prepared by the Beef Industry Council of the Meat Board)



Although it's hard to attach a dollar value to the contributions of cattle by-products, the very real monetary value of these by-products helps keep the price of beef well below what it might otherwise be. The above illustrates some of the good things which come from cattle. New uses for by-products are discovered almost daily, thereby enriching the quality of American life far beyond the table.

Simpler implement hook-ups desired

CHICAGO - A new FIEI engineering task force - the Drawbar-Hitch Committee - has been formed to study and make recommendations on tractor drawbar extensions (taking into account the various PTO, three-point hitch, and drawbar requirements).

As their first project, participants are studying the possibility of standardizing tractor drawbar dimensions including the hitch pin hole. Purpose of this is to help relieve problems faced by implement manufacturers in supplying drawbar extensions compatible with the many sizes and makes of tractors.

The committee also plans future study on automatic coupling of drawbar coupled machines, automatic coupling for the three-point hitch, elimination of the hitch pin in the drawbar, and hydraulic and electrical coupling.

Committee members include chairman Kurt Hohn (J I Case), Fred Pierson (International Harvester), Wendell Van Syco (John Deere), John Plate (Allis-Chalmers), and Wilmer Witt (Koehring Farm Equipment).

The group was chartered at an October 1974 FIEI Engineering Policy Committee meeting.

Layer production down

HARRISBURG - Pennsylvania layers produced 266 million eggs during August, according to the Crop Reporting Service. This represents a two percent decline from last month and an eight percent decrease from a year ago.

The August average of 13.3 million layers was up one percent from the previous month, but down eight percent from a year earlier. Egg production per 100 layers during August totaled

2,000 eggs, down three percent from the previous month and one percent below a year earlier.

The nation's laying flocks produced 5,388 million eggs during August, one percent less than a year earlier. Layers on hand during August averaged 271 million, down three percent from a year earlier. The average rate of egg production during the month was up two percent from a year earlier.

Cooking Turkey

Cook turkey completely to an internal temperature of 185 degrees. Never partially cook it and finish later. Bacteria can survive in partially-cooked poultry. Also, "Staph" bacteria may produce toxins which are not destroyed by cooking.

MANAGING YOUR FAMILY'S FINANCES

By Dr. Carl F. Hawver

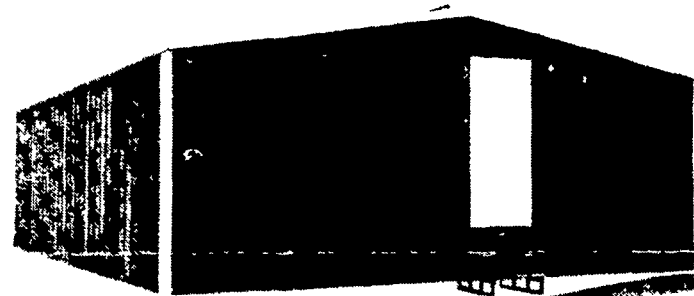
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