

# A opposes EEC Power grab skim milk plan suspected

ROME, Italy. — Top officials of the American Soybean Association (ASA) are launching a campaign against the European Economic Community (EEC) plan to dump surplus stocks of milk powder by forcing it into animal feeds.

President Seymour Johnson and Executive Vice President Ralph Jackson met in Europe last week with EEC soybean processors and industry officials reconfirmed their belief that the plan will have a detrimental effect on the U.S. meal consumption program.

Bean consumption is expected to drop by about 100,000 metric tons — the equivalent of over 18 million bushels of soybeans.

Johnson also said the proposal is setting a dangerous precedent. Johnson noted that there is widespread belief that once put into effect, the program will become permanent even though it is now scheduled to end next October.

ASA plans to do

everything in its power — working through trade negotiators, Congress, the Department of Agriculture and others — to assure that this interference in the European soybean market is not extended beyond next October," said Johnson.

The ASA president also said he is concerned that the plan contains no provisions to prevent stocks of skim milk powder from building up again in future years.

"It solves an immediate problem but does nothing about the underlying cause," he said. "We feel the EEC should abandon the present plan in favor of one which would discourage overproduction of milk."

"If the EEC persists in its present plan, ASA would have no alternative other than to ask our government to take countermeasures."

Jackson is meeting in Rome with officials of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO). He said ASA expects to enlist the support of other nations who export protein to the EEC in acting against the plan.

A spokesman for the Pennsylvania Chamber of Commerce warned recently that a labor-sponsored bill now before the General Assembly would destroy collective bargaining in the state, and make the state's unions preeminent in deciding the future course of Pennsylvania's economy.

Robert Hibbard, executive director of the statewide business organization, said the bill, H. 2144, was ostensibly designed to prevent use of strikebreakers in labor disputes.

"But it broadens the definition of 'strikebreaker' to include nonstriking employees and management personnel who are used to perform the work of strikers," he said.

"In other words," Hibbard explained, "if there are three unions in a plant with one on strike, the members of the other two unions, as well as nonunion employees, cannot assume the strikers'

jobs. What the unions want here is a situation in which they are able to say, 'If we strike, you shut down.'

"I can't believe that the legislature will be so unmindful of the rights of citizens that it will enact such a bill," Hibbard said. "We realize that the House labor relations committee is heavily oriented toward organized labor, but we hope that the General Assembly will recognize the danger of such legislation."

Government should remain neutral in labor management relations, Hibbard said. "This bill puts the state government on the side of labor and will discourage much needed job-producing investments," he said, adding that "no one in his right mind would locate or expand in Pennsylvania with this type of legislation on the books."

"If H. 2144 is enacted, the only thing the legislature has left to do for the unions is to walk the picket line for them," Hibbard concluded.

## Charolais Registry adjusts feeds

HOUSTON, Tx. — The American - International Charolais Association has made changes in its fee structure for registering and recording cattle to strengthen the association's support for its 22,000 members.

These supports come in the establishment of new lower fees for registration of calves under six months old, and a recovery period to allow for low-cost registration of over aged cattle which were not registered when overall beef cattle market conditions were extremely low, says Dr. J. W. Gossett, executive vice president of AICA in Houston.

The board of directors of AICA approved a \$10 registration fee for purebred Charolais calves under six months of age. Calves not registered by that time would be assessed the usual \$15 registration fee for purebred and fifteen-sixteenth Charolais calves. Effective now, registration - recordation fees for calves under six months of age are purebred and fifteen-sixteenth Charolais \$10, ¾ Charolais \$7.50, ½ Charolais \$5, and ¼ Charolais \$2.50.

Beginning March 15, 1976, and continuing through September 15, all over-aged cattle will be registered - recorded at the following rates without regard to age of the individual animal: purebred and fifteen-sixteenth Charolais \$15, ¾ Charolais \$7.50, ½ Charolais \$5, and ¼ Charolais \$2.50.

"With the improved beef prices and the new carcass grade changes, there will be an increased demand for purebred and recorded cattle," the Charolais executive stated. "AICA is attempting to assist its members in being prepared for these increased sales by these registration fee reductions."

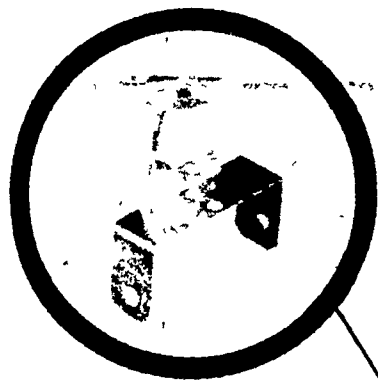
"Recent USDA carcass grade changes recognize younger, faster-growing and more efficient high yielding beef cattle, the type Charolais breeders have been producing for years. After all, this is the type, kind and quality of cattle necessary to produce slaughter cattle which will benefit from the grade changes," he added.

For years, the American Charolais have demonstrated that rapid early growth of consumer preferred, lean beef is not only possible, but profitable, and that an adequate genetic base is available in the Charolais breed to develop the kind or type of beef cattle which will serve as seed-stock to the ever changing needs of the world's commercial beef industry, Dr. Gossett stressed.

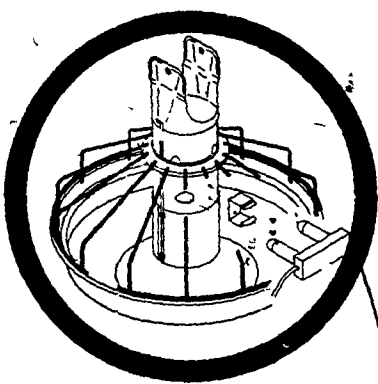
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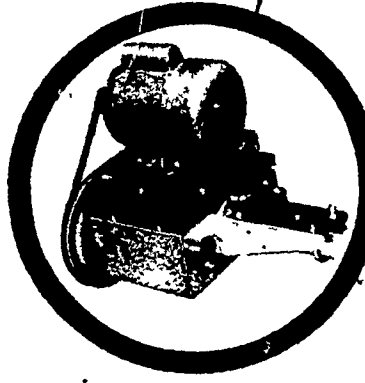
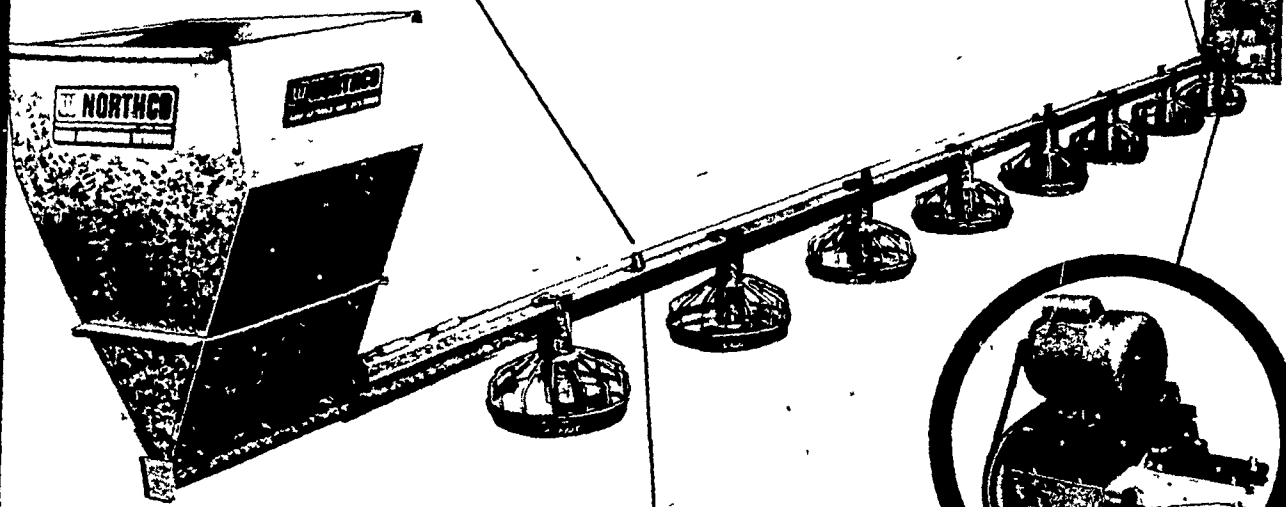
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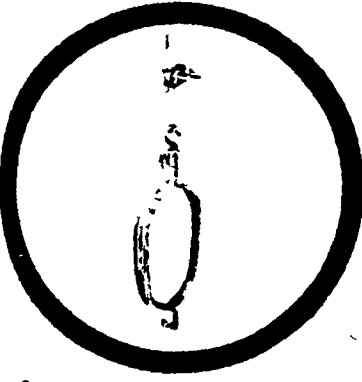
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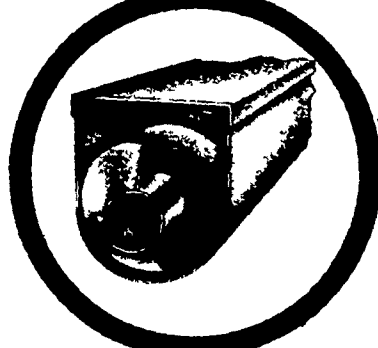
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