

Strong grain market foreseen

LANCASTER — "Export controls have not been effective. We must keep track of foreign sales, certainly, but we should not be using food in any attempts to bring foreign governments around to our way of thinking," Raymond Ioanes told the annual PennAg grain meeting, held here at the Sheraton - Conestoga last week. Ioanes is a foreign trade consultant.

Speaking particularly of grain sales to Russia, Ioanes

said, "We are in a period of competition with Russia, but today it's a peaceful competition. They have adopted a policy of feeding their people better, and I think we ought to support that kind of policy in Russia and other countries."

Ioanes said the size of the U.S. foreign grain trade tripled in the early 70's with the dropping of barriers between the U.S. and Russia, China, and Eastern European countries. He said

he didn't think we should go back to the days when we weren't trading.

He said he was also glad to see the government out of the grain business. In years past, government programs had idled some 40 million acres of productive farmland. With the end of government storage and subsidy programs, farmers have put most of those acres back into use, Ioanes said. They have helped fuel the export boom in American agricultural products.

When the current feed grain year ends on October 1, Ioanes noted, the U.S. will probably have a 316 million bushel carryover, which is very low. Exports, he said, are expected to hit 1.7 billion bushels, which includes a 450 million bushel sale to the USSR. "The plain fact is that grain exports have been exploding, not just for Russia, but for the whole world."

Livestock operations throughout the world are growing rapidly, he said, increasing the demand for

American feed grains. prices would also remain strong. Europe is becoming a bigger customer every year.

Some weakness in wheat prices could occur, though, Ioanes noted. Wheat farmers are ending the 1975 harvest year with a huge 700 million bushel carryover, making wheat a very abundant commodity.



The above pictured members of Inter-State Milk Producers Cooperative were selected as the five finalist couples at the Young Cooperator Program held recently at Hunt Valley, Md. Pictured in the front row are (left) Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Jones, Burlington, N.J., and (right) Mr. and Mrs. Paul Yingling, Martinsburg, Pa. the second and first place couples, respectively, who will both be attending the National Milk Producers Federation annual meeting in San Francisco. Second row: from left Mr. and Mrs. Harry C. Barrick, Newville, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. Howard L. Burrows, Earleville, Md.;

and Mr. and Mrs. Richard H. Steel, Pocopson, Pa. third, fourth, and fifth place couples who will be representing Inter-State at the American Institute of Cooperation later this month at Blacksburg, Va.

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