Domestic soy oil use studied

HUDSON, Iowa - Palm oil's inroads into the U.S. soy oil market have prompted the American Soybean Association (ASA) to consider doing market development work in the United States.

ASA has hired a market research firm to study the potential for increasing soy oil utilization in this country and to recommend possible marketing strategies to accomplish that end, according to ASA president Gerald Michaelson.

"This study will tell us whether a domestic soy oil promotion would be a good investment for 'growers' funds," he said

If the study recommends that ASA go ahead with a domestic program, it would operated on the premise that mark a sharp departure from past ASA market producer's market development policy, Micahelson noted.

"In the past, it was considered that the market for soybeans and soybean products in the United States was saturated," he said,

"and little or nothing would have been gained by spending producers' money to promote soybean products domestically.

"Past ASA policy, therefore, has always we could get more for the development dollar by using it in foreign countries where the market for soybeans had considerably more growth potential."

But today, Michaelson said, soybean producers are concerned about low soy oil prices brought about by competition from imported palm oil. "Palm and other highly

saturated imported oils have been taking an increasing share of the market previously held by soy oil in the United States," said the ASA president, "and we are wondering if it is time to do some market development work at home."

market development of the high saturation levels of palm and coconut oils, 400 eggs a year.

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relative to the high level of polyunsaturation in soy oil.

proach could be aided by a 480,000 hens each with the new FDA food labeling national hen population regulation which will require remaining at its present labels to list specific edible level, says Professor Ralph oils contained in foods by L. Baker of Ohio State Jan. 1, 1978

Per capita egg consumption declined 10 percent in the past two years to 275 in Michaelson said one 1975 (including the eggs were laid in the United possible basis for such a hidden in muffin mix and States. This was 3 percent store-bought eggnog). In less than the year before, but program would be informing 1945, when wartime meat still enough eggs - if laid end health-conscious consumers rationing spurred egg eating, to end - to circle the earth at the per capita average was the equator 100 times.

By the 1980's there may be Michaelson said this ap- only 520 flocks of more than University

Last year 64.4 billion eggs

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