

Values of new beef grades outlined

DENVER, COLO.—The new beef grading standards are tools which can definitely benefit cattlemen as well as the public, but the industry has made virtually no attempt in the past year to produce for the new

standards. If the new system was used, the feeding industry would be producing about 10 million pounds less carcass beef each week, and the market certainly would be better.

These observations were made by W.D. Farr, Greeley, Colo. chairman of the Beef Grading Committee of the American National Cattlemen's Assn., in a paper prepared for presentation at the 1977 ANCA Convention.

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Utilize the New Grading Standards," Farr said that a better future for feeders is tied in large measure to intelligent use of the new beef grading standards—including the modification of quality grades and the combining of yield grading (cutability grades) with quality grading.

He said that feeders will never know how effective the new standards are until the industry gets away from the over-fat cattle which it has produced for most of the past year. Feeders must start to market shorter-fed cattle.

"Until we overdo the short side," he added, "the industry will not truly know what quality grade or yield grade number is acceptable to the consumers, retail chains and purveyors. All we have is opinions and guesses.

We must get answers. The new beef grading standards are tools in the hands of the cattle feeder. I hope they

happen them to a razor's edge.

Along with large liquidation of non-fed cattle, the market has had an oversupply of fed cattle most of the time since the new

standards went into effect in February, 1976, Farr said. Figures on dressing percentages and higher average slaughter weights—in spite of more heifers in the slaughter

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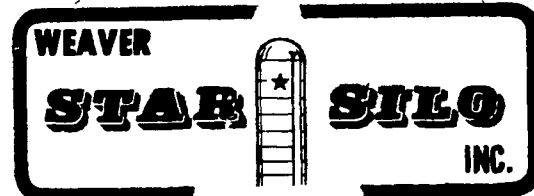
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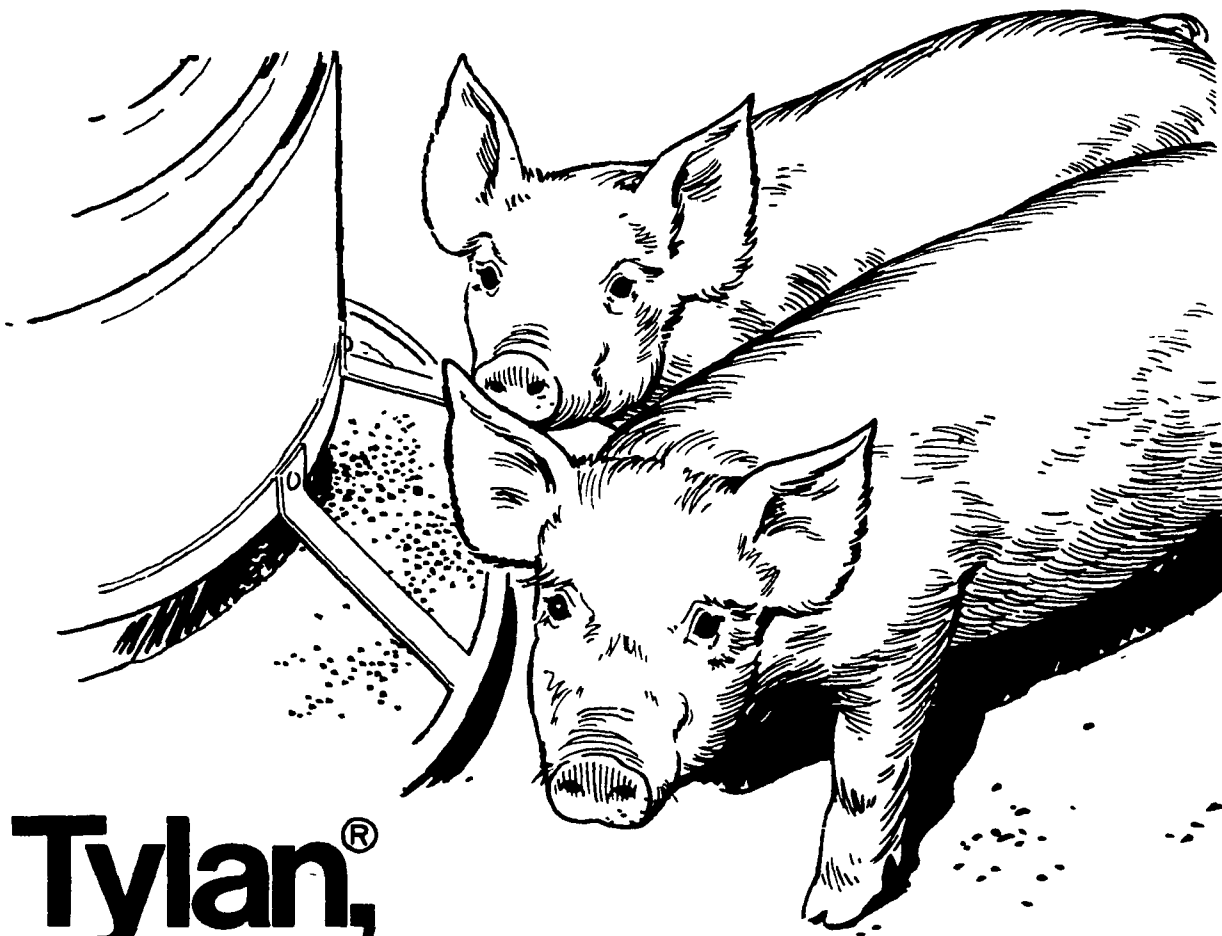
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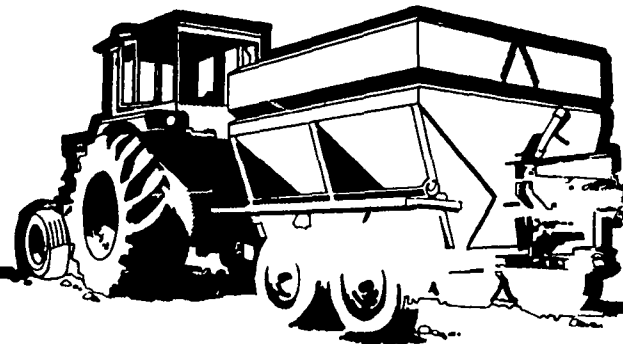


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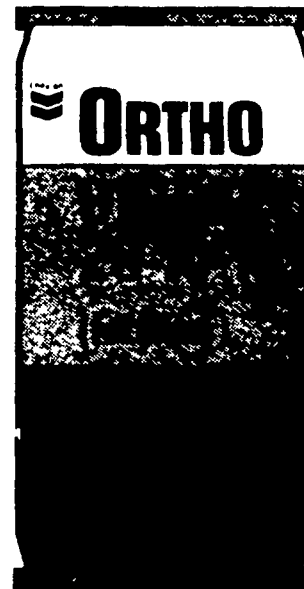
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