

Farm Bureau tells Bergland of drought, grade standards, imports

PARK RIDGE, Ill. - Allan Grant, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation (ABFF), has recommended to Secretary Agriculture Bob Bergland that any drought related cuts in grazing permits on federal land be temporary, emergency actions only.

Grant further requested the secretary to take steps to avoid any federal grazing reductions that could lead to excessive liquidation of cattle herds because of drought.

Earlier, in a letter to President Carter with copies going to Bergland and Interior Secretary Cecil An-

drus, Grant urged that wilderness and parkland areas be made available to domestic livestock if grazing reductions on other public lands became necessary.

"We also believe any reductions in domestic livestock grazing should be preceded by a corresponding reduction in big game and wild horse grazing," Grant said in the letter to President Carter.

The actions taken by Grant were the result of recommendations made by the AFBF beef cattle advisory committee and approved by the AFBF board of directors.

Other beef committee suggestions relayed to Bergland by Grant included one that proposed U.S. feeder cattle grade standard changes be tabled until further study and resulting workable revisions can be made; one that asked for improvement in the uniformity and efficiency of U.S. beef quality grading standards; and another requesting imports of beef and beef products for 1977 be held at or below the quotas established by the Meat Import Act of 1964.

Other beef committee actions that Grant referred to Bergland included: numerous recommendations to speed up the complete eradication of brucellosis in the U.S.; opposition to government involvement in production and marketing of livestock by setting price ceilings, controlling production or manipulating markets; support for unrestricted movement of boxed beef into all markets; establishment of a foreign embarkation quarantine facility for assembling and

inspecting livestock before shipment to the maximum security quarantine station now under construction at Fleming Key, Florida; and a recommendation that more uniform trucking regulations be formulated.

While some of the hard-hit drought areas have received some moisture recently, the advisory committee expressed considerable con-

cern over much of the range country where the grazing season is about to get underway.

In another drought related committee recommendation passed on to Bergland by Grant, the U.S. Department of Agriculture was urged to price any disaster assistance feed supplies from government sources at a rate which covers government costs.

Wayne introduces new feed

Chicago, Ill. - A new dairy feed line-Dair-Forage Balancers-will be marketed this Spring and Summer by the Wayne Feed Division of Allied Mills according to an announcement by Art Henderlong, Dairy Feeds Marketing Manager.

The new products are designed to provide a balanced milking ration for cows on pasture or green chop. Further, the new line is formulated to complement the changing quality of grass for the progression of the Summer season, according to Henderlong.

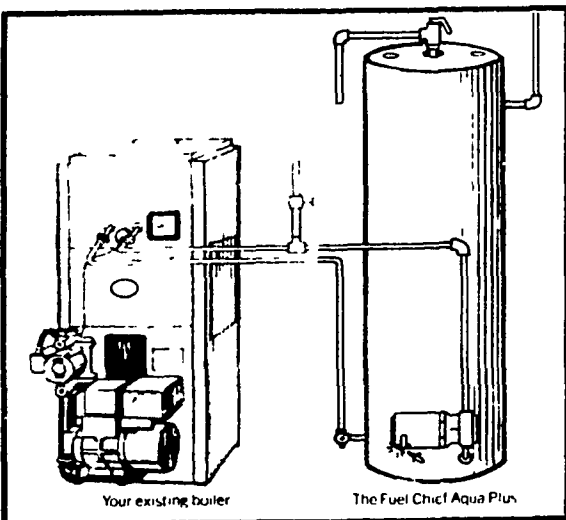
The new line includes three Dair-Forage Balancers according to protein level-12 per cent, 14 per cent and 16 per cent. The 12 per cent product is intended for use in spring and early summer when forage quality permits a lower protein requirements for the milking ration. The 14 per cent

formulation is recommended from mid to late summer. From late Summer through early fall when pasture quality dictates a higher protein need, the 16 per cent product is recommended.

"Relative energy and fiber levels are critical with most summer roughage programs," Henderlong said. "These critical needs and their importance to maximum milk production are pointed up by the Wayne Maximizer program. Wayne Dair-Forage Balancers compensate for the critical needs and assure milk production stability throughout the summer months," Henderlong concluded.

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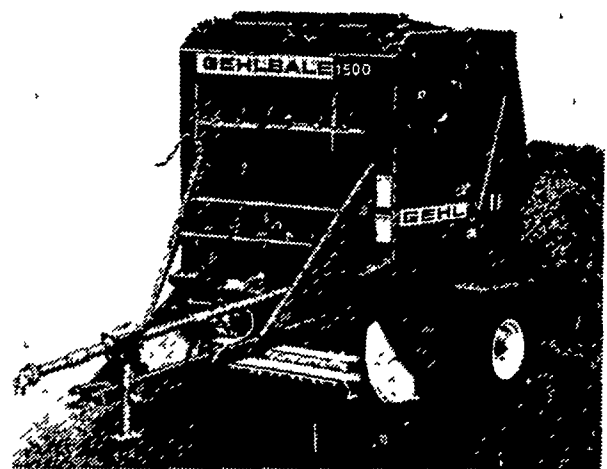
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