

Registration opens June 6 for beef referendum

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Department of Agriculture reminds that June 6 is the beginning of a two-week registration period for the Beef Research and

Information Order referendum and issued rules for the referendum. Anyone who was a cattle producer during 1976 can register to vote, either in person or by mail, at local

Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) offices between June 6 and June 17. A list of those who register will be posted daily at ASCS offices and a final listing will be posted

five days after registration closes. Those registered can vote between July 5 and July 15 at their ASCS office. For approval of the Beef Research and Information

Order, at least 50 per cent of those registered must vote, and two-thirds of them must favor it.

The Order that producers will consider in the upcoming referendum would authorize a research and information program administered by a Beef Board of up to 68 producers. Board members would be appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture from nominations submitted by producer organizations. Each state or geographic area would be represented in proportion to its cattle production.

The Beef Board could initiate a broad spectrum of projects to improve beef production, distribution, and marketing. Such a program could include consumer education and information, and research.

During the first three years of operation, the Board could collect assessments of up to three-tenths of one per cent of the value of all cattle sold. After that, the rate of assessment could be changed but could not exceed five-tenths of one per cent -- the maximum amount permitted under the Beef Research and Information Act. Producers not wishing to participate in the program

could have their assessment refunded.

Md. moisture meter tests given free of charge

ANNAPOLIS, Md.—Grain dealers and farmers in southern and Central Maryland are reminded that they can have their grain moisture meters tested free of charge by the State Department of Agriculture.

Interest in moisture meter testing seems high this year

according to the Maryland Dept. of Agriculture, because in the first three test sessions held on the Eastern Shore a total of 97 meters were tested. The last time MDA provided the service, a total of 104 meters were checked at seven locations throughout the state.

The Cooperative Ex-

tension Service of the University of Maryland is helping in the program by making County Extension Service Offices available for the tests.

The list of remaining test dates and locations follows:

Tuesday, May 24, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (The Extension office is located

four miles South of Waldorf on Route 301).

Wednesday, May 25, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the County Office Building Annex, 55 North Court St.

Thursday, May 26, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Extension Office, 520 North Market St.

Two promoted at Weaver

NEW HOLLAND, Pa. - Larry J. Shirk, 224 West Main Street, New Holland, and Dennis R. Sharp, 183 East Brook Road, Smoketown, have been promoted to new positions within the sales division of Victor F. Weaver, Inc., headquartered here.

Larry Shirk, formerly wholesale sales supervisor for Weaver Foods, Inc., a subsidiary of Weaver, has been named to the position of sales trainee, Prepared Food Sales Division. Shirk is a 1975 graduate of Elizabethtown College. He joined Weaver upon graduation as a retail

sales assistant in Weaver Foods, and in 1976 was named to the position of wholesale sales supervisor.

Sharp, has been named to the position of wholesale sales supervisor for Weaver Foods Division, replacing Shirk. Sharp came to Weaver in 1972 and was

employed in the Prepared Food Production Division. Since, then, he has held the position of group leader and more recently served as retail sales supervisor for Weaver Foods Store. In his new position, he will be responsible for supervising the wholesale sales account for the Weaver Foods Division.

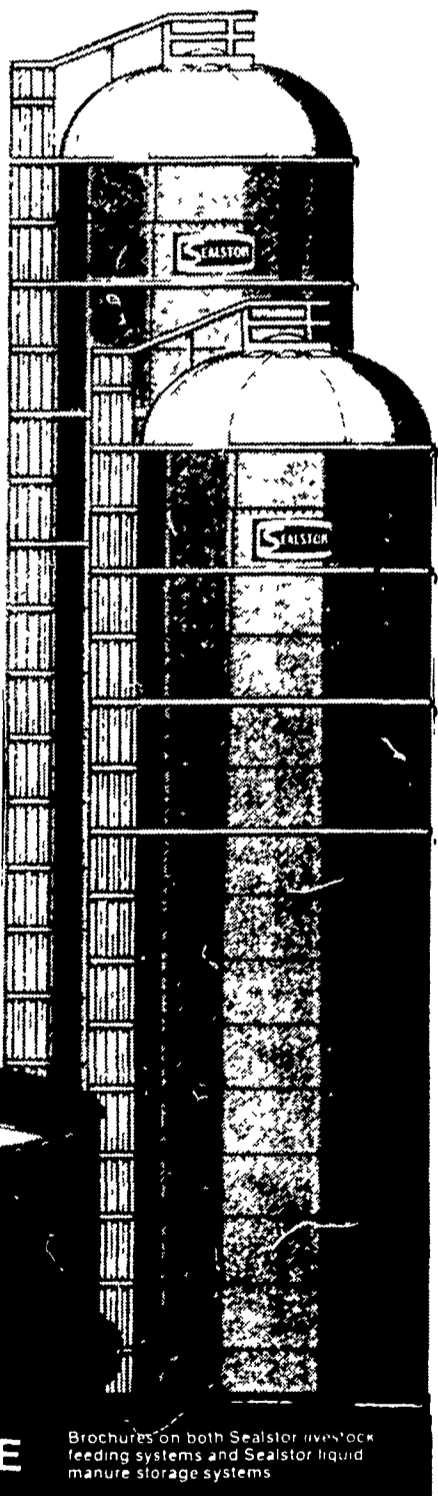
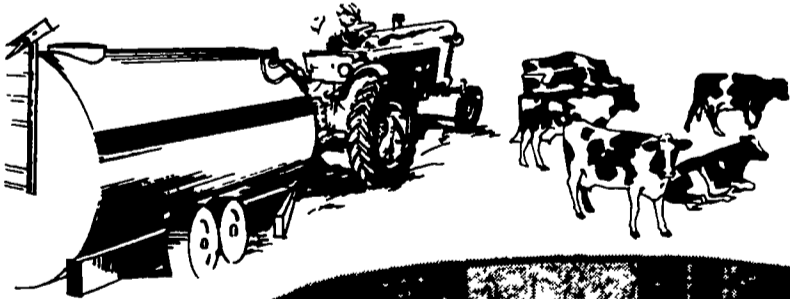
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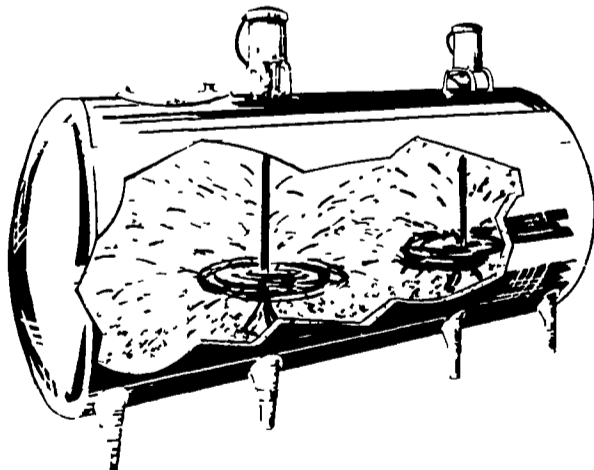


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