

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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education on nutrition and how to select and prepare beef cuts; new product research and development; production research to lower the cost of producing beef or to increase profits; better market information for cattlemen; and foreign market development.

This program is greatly needed and is endorsed by 80 state and national beef and dairy organizations.

We hope the cattlemen in your area will study its merits, then register and vote "Yes" in the upcoming Beef Referendum. It's an opportunity to help ourselves, an opportunity

which we may never have again.

Sincerely,  
O. J. Barron, Jr.  
Chairman, National  
Beef Development  
Taskforce

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NEW YORK, N.Y. — The continuing threat of exotic Newcastle disease, especially the recent introduction of this devastating disease in cage birds, was the principal topic of concern to the Advisory Committee on Poultry Health of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The committee,

representing consumers and the pet, fancy, and commercial poultry industries, urged the Department to take every possible action to gain the cooperation of the public and the bird industries in preventing the smuggling of possibly diseased birds into the U.S.

The committee met May 12 and 13 at the Hyattsville, Md., offices of USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS). Among recommendations made by the committee were:

—USDA initiate a national cooperative program to eradicate mycoplasmosis for all poultry. This bacterial disease is being eliminated from broiler and turkey flocks to prevent transmission through hatcheries.

—USDA cooperate with States to develop avian

influenza surveillance programs; require this disease to be reported to animal health officials; and establish programs to eradicate lethal influenza viruses from poultry and other avian species.

—USDA continue cooperative efforts with the rare bird industry to identify birds moving in interstate commerce.

—USDA consider possible methods of providing for birds and hatching eggs to be moved safely from areas under quarantine for avian diseases.

—USDA explore the possibility of eradicating exotic Newcastle disease from Puerto Rico and working with Mexico to control poultry diseases.

Finally, the committee urged USDA to request funds to improve present programs to prevent the spread of avian diseases.

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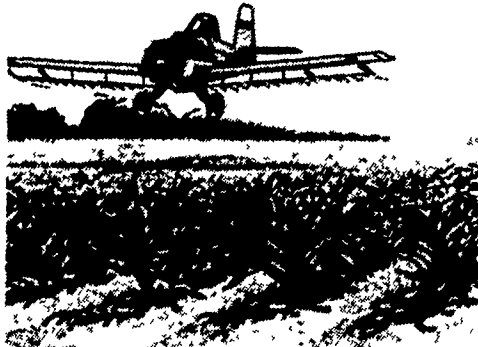
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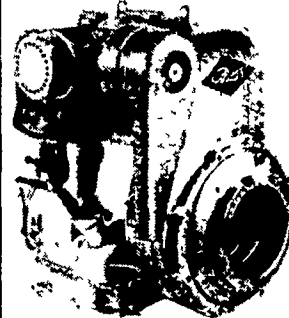
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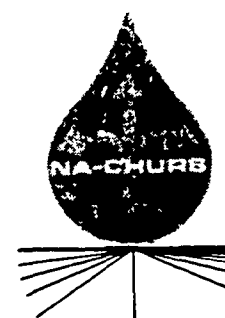
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