



Jimmy Carter says he can almost guarantee that American agriculture will be solidly represented at world food fairs in upcoming years. That has not been the case thus far. The President says he wants to expand such promotional programs, thereby giving American farmers the opportunity to market more of their products in foreign lands.

Carter

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siderations as to why Americans should favor the Carter Administrations treaty regarding the Panama Canal. Noting that a fifth on this country's agricultural exports move through the Canal, Wyrrough said he does not see any danger of American agribusiness losing this waterway. The treaties, he affirmed, give assurance of that. The group of editors, however, was reluctant to buy that and asked for proof or guarantees. That prompted Wyrrough's concluding statement - "It is not practical to look for certainties."

Speaking about the latest developments at OSHA - that much maligned agency which concerns itself with health and safety on the farm, as well as in industry and elsewhere - Harrison Wellford reported that the Administration is placing greater emphasis on major health hazards and less on small safety concerns. Wellford, who works as executive associate director for reorganization and management in the Office of Management and Budget, also said that government reorganization will continue to take shape. It's feasible that some agricultural agencies will be merged in the future, although that's not yet definite.

One of the questions which was on the farm editors' minds was whether or not the U S State Department is getting a larger role in agriculture. Katz answered that question with the words "No, it hasn't changed a bit" It was noted, however, that two of six speakers (not including President Carter and USDA Secretary Bergland) were from the State Department. Two more were from the Office of Management and Budget, while the others had connections with agriculture.

learned that Carter favors increased agricultural trade and is looking particularly at Red China. He expressed strong willingness to give American agriculture more exposure, world-wide. Talking to the editors just a day after he signed the 1977 Farm Bill, the President expressed general satisfaction with the measure. "I didn't have any reluctance about signing it," he stated.

The President commented that he didn't think his support among American farm families was varying much, adding: "I do think that the new legislation I have helped to provide will be an indication that the farm families can trust me, not only to understand their problems but to carry out my campaign commitments."

Adding a little humor to the half-hour meeting, the President at one point remarked: "When I wasn't in office, I used to cuss the President and Secretary of Agriculture when my crop was poor. And when it was good, of course I didn't give the President and the Secretary of Agriculture any credit for it. I figured it was because of me."

"I don't think any of our polling results indicate that I have lost support in the Farm Belt. The farmers are disturbed, and I am disturbed as well. We have had a complete total failure

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Livestock market

Des Moines
October 5, 1977

Compared to Tuesday's close, fresh pork cut trade moderate; demand moderate. Fresh loins 1.75-2.25 higher; Boston butts steady to 1.50 higher; skinned hams 50-1.25 higher; bellies steady to 1.50 higher; picnics no comparison available; other cuts not established.

FRESH PORK CUTS

LOINS: 14/DN lbs. 85.25 1.75 higher; 14-17 lbs. 84.25-85.00; Load 85.25 1.75-2.25 higher; 17-20 lbs. 83.00 2.00 higher; 20 & up lbs. 73.00.

PICNIC: 4-8 lbs. 42.00; Load 42.25.

BOSTON BUTT: 4-8 lbs. 57.50 2.00 higher; 8 & up lbs. 58.50 steady.

SPARERIBS: Load 3/DN lbs. 75.00.

SKINNED HAMS: 14/DN lbs. 92.00 transfer in storage; 14-17 lbs. 79.25 1.25 higher; 17-20 lbs. 77.75; 20-26 lbs. 77.00 50 higher; 26&up lbs. 73.50-74.50; late 73.50 1.00 lower.

BELLIES, SDLS: 12-14 lbs. 46.00-47.50; 14-16 lbs. 46.00-47.00; 16-18 lbs. 45.25-45.75 steady to 1.50 higher; 18-20 lbs. 45.25-45.75.

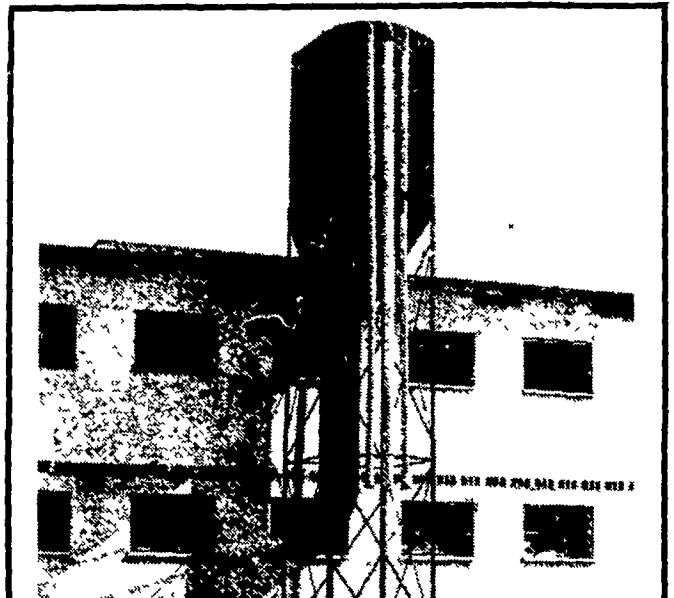
BNLS CT BUTT: 1-1/2 to 3 lbs. 97.25.

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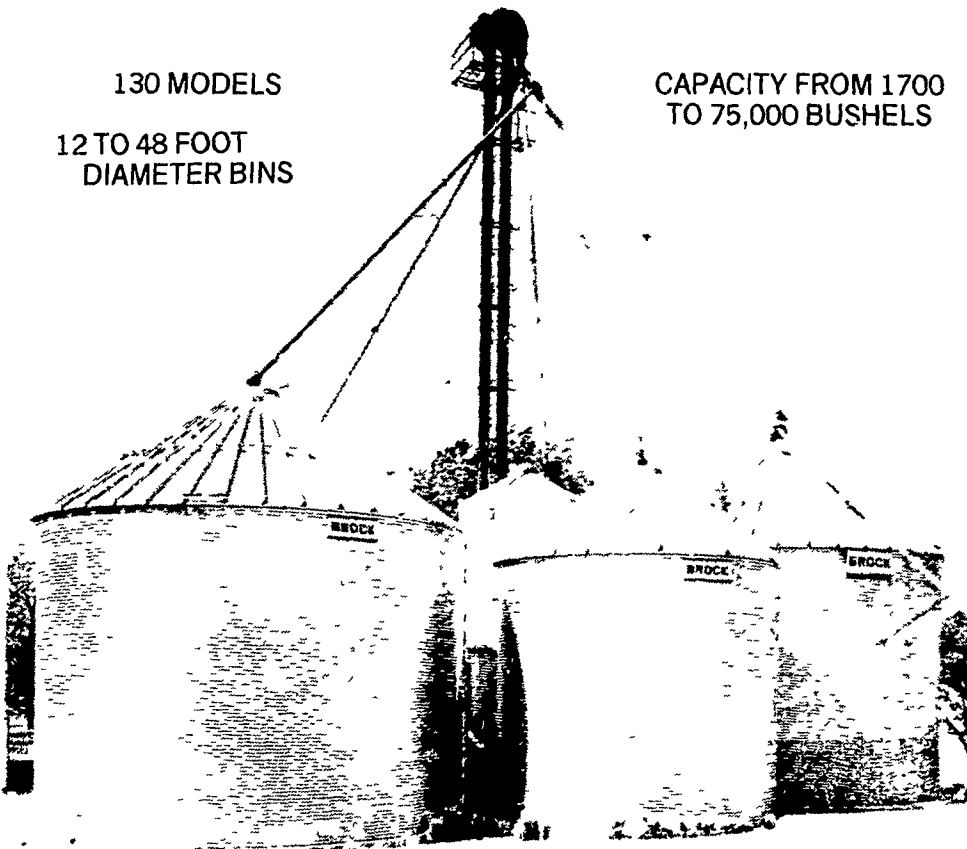
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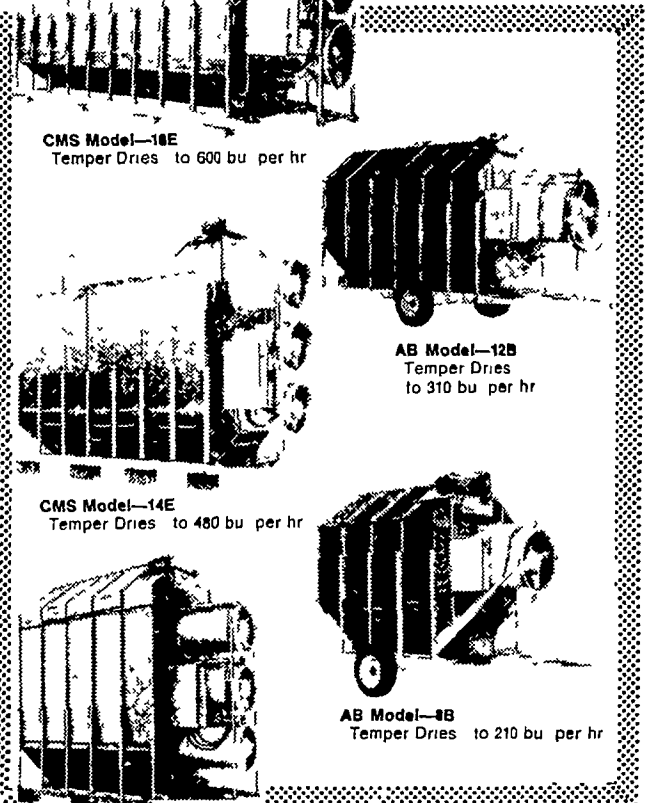
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