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## Bergland seeks July 1 passage for farm production protection act

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Secretary of Agriculture Bob Bergland is hoping for congressional approval of a consolidated crop disaster/crop insurance program by July 1 in order for actuarial work and other mechanics to be completed so that the new program could become operational on 1980 crops. The existing crop disaster program, under the 1977 Agricultural Act, expires in late 1979 and a new program will have to be ready when fall-seeded 1980 crops are planted.

Bergland told a Senate Agriculture subcommittee recently that if enactment is delayed much beyond July 1 it might be necessary to extend the current disaster programs for one more crop year.

The consolidated

program, known as the Farm Production Protection Act, would supplant the existing crop disaster provisions, the Federal Crop

Insurance Program, and Farmers Home Administration and Small Business Administration disaster loan programs.

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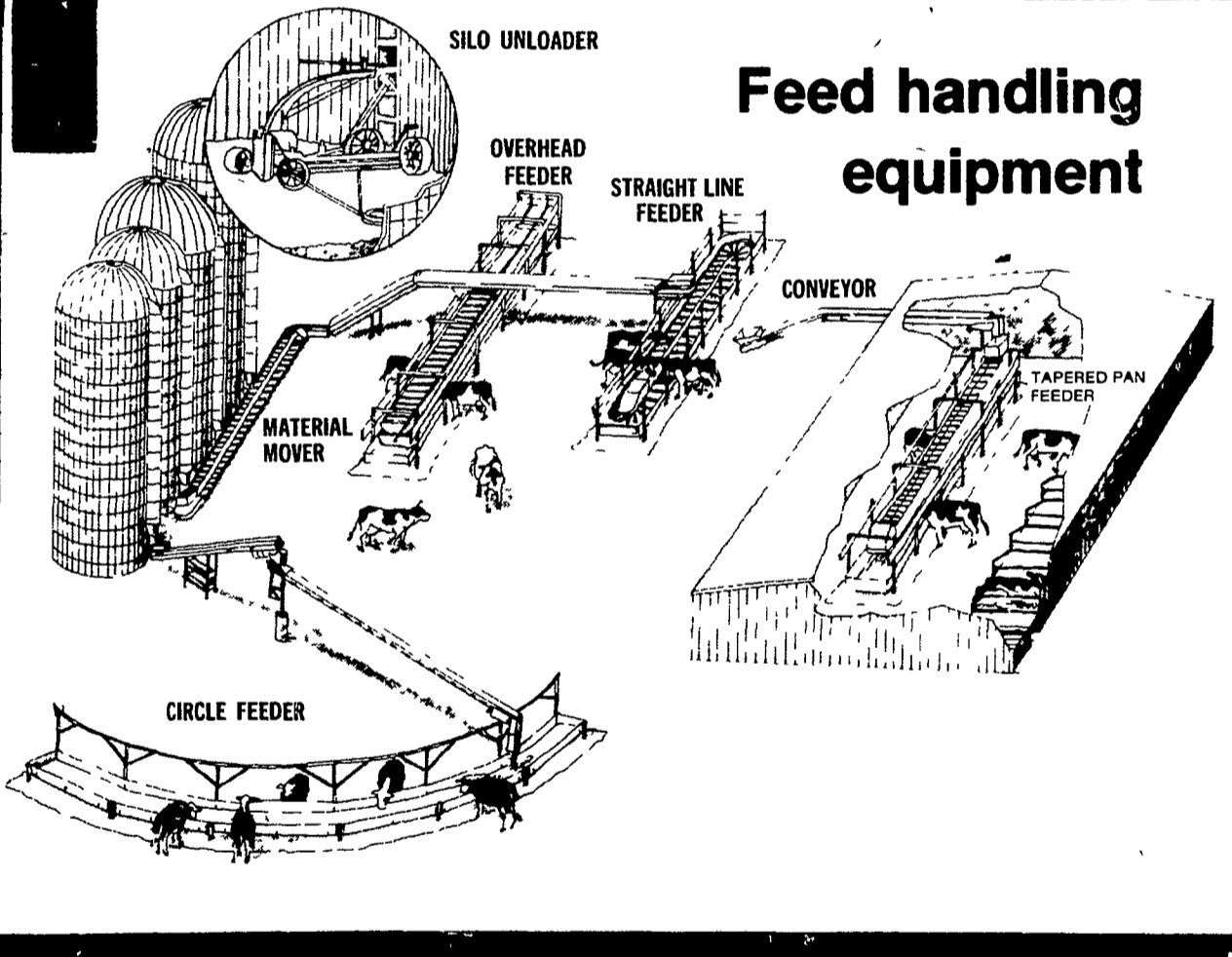
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completion of the fifty mile Ride and 24 hours are allowed for a 100 mile ride. These times include mandatory vet stops during which each horse's vital signs must reach standards set by the veterinarians who are officiating. At any indication that a horse is not up to the stress being asked of it, the animal is immediately disqualified from

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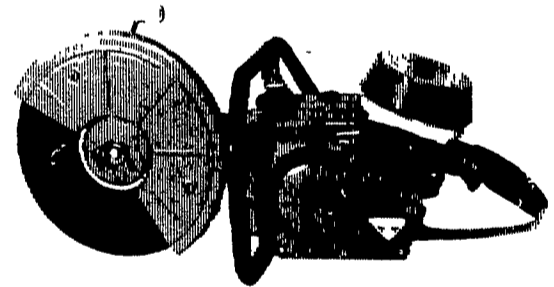
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