

Legislation to help Holstein exports

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Legislative activity by the 95th Congress before its adjournment sent the Agricultural Export Trade Expansion Act of 1978 to President Carter's desk for signature.

In terms of the general agricultural welfare and its potential to the nation's balance of payments, the

Bill has to be considered significant legislation, said Robert H. Rumler, executive chairman of HFA.

Efforts to extend credit terms to qualifying foreign purchases of U.S. breeding livestock from three to five years was begun several years ago by HFA, he said.

The provision was achieved under credit terms

extended by the Export-Import Bank in 1974, but failed under the Commodity Credit Corporation program operated by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The block for extension of CCC credit came from Marine interests in connection with cargo preference legislation. These interests continued to present uncertainties until

legislation came to a "no amendment" vote on the House floor, Rumler said.

Earlier this year efforts were put forth by HFA to incorporate "cost and freight" for breeding livestock and ten-year credit terms for breeding livestock into the legislation.

In connection with those provisions of the new Act which specifically assist in the establishment of an international competitive position for the sale and export of breeding livestock, Rumler gives full credit to the cooperation shown between the USDA, the members of HFA "Group Two-Fifty," and Export Coordinators who help justify the value of the new provisions.

There are other provisions in the Act which are considered significant: 1) establishment of some 25 Agricultural Trade Offices located throughout the world to supplement the activities of the Agricultural Attaches; 2) upgrading a number of Agricultural Attaches to the title of Agricultural Counselor to balance their counterparts from other nations; and 3) upgrading of

an Assistant Secretary of Agriculture for International Affairs to emphasize the importance of agricultural exports and enhance his stature in the field of international agriculture.

Rumler expressed his conviction that the legislation will be helpful in expansion of the export market for breeding livestock from the United States.

Pa. farm survey to be done

HARRISBURG — A national agricultural survey will kick off in late November and early December to determine how many acres farmers planted to winter wheat and what the latest facts are on livestock and poultry numbers.

Pennsylvania producers will be asked to cooperate in this undertaking. Participation is voluntary but very essential to reliable final estimates, according to Wally Evans, Statistician-in-Charge of the Pennsylvania Crop and Livestock Reporting Service. He noted that all information provided by

producers during the personal interviews will be kept confidential and used only in state and national summaries.

Estimates of winter wheat acreages, along with a production forecast, will be published on December 21 by the United States Department of Agriculture as the first indication of how producers in Pennsylvania and the nation have responded to the farm program involving acreage set-aside provisions. Estimates of hog numbers and the early 1979 pig crop also will be published on December 21, and the

count of chickens and cattle will be ready to go in late January 1979.

The estimates will provide producers and others in agriculture with the necessary background information to make decisions affecting production and marketing operations.

Copies of the reports will be available from the Pennsylvania Crop and Livestock Reporting Office at 2301 North Cameron Street, Harrisburg, Pa. 17120, after 4 p.m. EST on the day of release. National reports will be available on a toll-free telephone line by calling 800-424-7964.

Dinner meeting set

FLEMINGTON, N.J. — Col. Clinton Pagano, superintendent of the New Jersey State Police, will be the featured speaker at the annual dinner meeting of the Hunterdon County Board of Agriculture, scheduled for November 18, at Quaker-town Firehouse, reports Charles F. Runge, Everittstown, Chairman for the affair.

A reception period will precede the roast beef

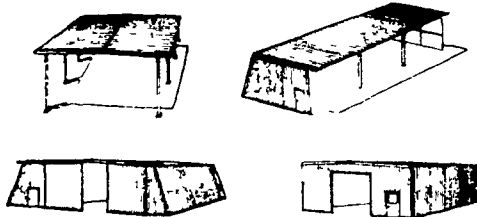
dinner which has been scheduled for 7 p.m.

The meeting is open to the public.

Tickets for the annual dinner meeting are available in the Hunterdon County Extension Service Office, Route 31, north of Flemington, N.J. Cost is \$6.50 each. Check, made payable to the Hunterdon County Board of Agriculture, may be mailed to Charles F. Runge, c/o Extension Service, RD6 Box 48, Flemington, N.J. 08822.

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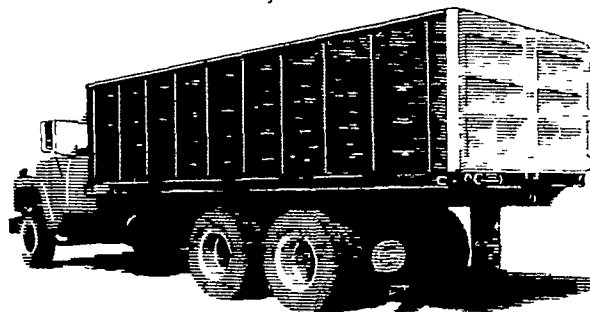
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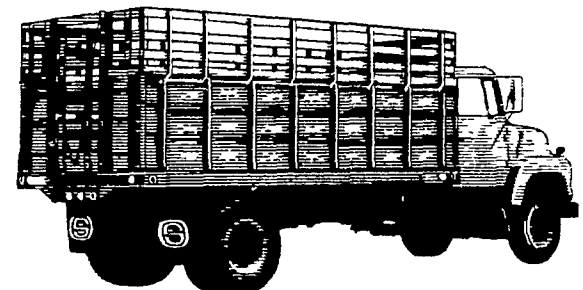
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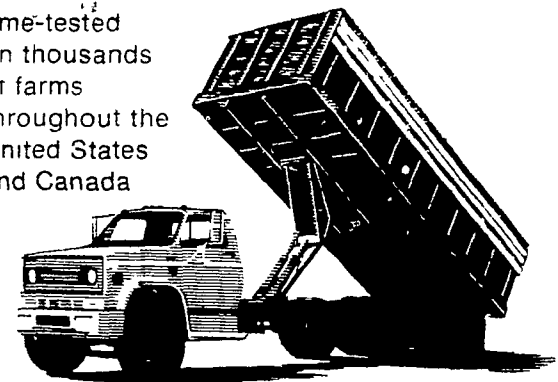
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