

Angus program developed for junior members

ST. JOSEPH, Mo. — A job placement program for young Angus breeders has

been developed to help bring together qualified youngsters interested in

obtaining Summer jobs, and Angus breeders who need Summer help, reports Jerry

Lipsey, director of junior activities for the American Angus Association.

"The program will give our junior members greater opportunity to observe and be involved with good Angus operations," Lipsey emphasized. "And at a time when qualified part time farm and livestock help is hard to find it offers Angus breeders an opportunity to get good summer employees and also to help a youngster gain valuable experience and earn college expense money," Lipsey said.

be filled out and returned to the Association. These applications will then be made available to Angus breeders who want to participate in the program. The jobs will include all types of farm and ranch work, depending upon the abilities of the junior member and the needs of the breeder.

Junior members of the American Angus Association must be 16 years or older to apply. The program will be national in scope, according to Lipsey, and is designed to give enthusiastic, ambitious young people the opportunity to learn how good Angus operations are managed. The opportunities for employment will depend on the applicant's experience and abilities.

Both young people and potential employers should contact the American Angus Association or their regional manager as soon as possible. An application for employment will be sent to all youngsters who request them. The applications must

Egg producers object to carton ruling

WASHINGTON, D.C. — In the process of preparing written comment on USDA's proposed rule on essential

uses of natural gas, United Egg Producers has learned that the production of egg cartons is not included in the

proposed list of essential agricultural uses.

In the proposed rule, USDA pointed out that once an agricultural activity is started, it must be carried through to completion, or significant losses can occur. USDA cited the production of milk as an example, and stressed the importance of including milk cartons as an essential link in the chain of production. Milk cartons qualify as an "essential agricultural use" because they are "sanitary containers," reasons USDA.

However, according to one USDA official, some manufacturers produce a

multiple line of goods including containers for food products, and "we have to draw the line somewhere." Using this logic, USDA did not include egg cartons as an "essential agricultural use" of natural gas.

UEP objects to this kind of reasoning. Just as milk cartons are an essential link in milk production, so too are egg cartons an integral part of egg production. As such, egg cartons should also be included in USDA's proposed list of essential agricultural uses, and UEP will emphasize this point in written comments on the USDA proposed rule.

Vo-ag funds may be cut

WASHINGTON, D.C. — National Farmers Union President Tony T. Dechant told the annual convention of the National Vocational Agricultural Teachers' Association that a proposed cut in federal funds for vocational education should be vigorously opposed. Such a cut would be "short-sighted considering the growing participation of young people and adults in vocational training."

Expressing astonishment at the proposal by HEW Secretary Joseph Califano that fiscal 1979 appropriations be reduced \$200 million, Dechant asked, "Is he saying that he would rather channel HEW funds into welfare programs than to use them to prepare people for useful and productive work?" Califano had called vocational education "one of HEW's least effective programs."

Rural students already have less access to voca-

tional training than metro and suburban residents and, at the beginning of the current school term, many schools in the Midwest and West had difficulty finding vocational farm instructors, Dechant declared.

Hathaway nominated

WASHINGTON, D.C. — President Carter has announced that he will nominate Dale E. Hathaway, currently assistant secretary of agriculture, to be under secretary of agriculture for international and commodity programs. Hathaway, due to become the third ranking official at USDA, was director of the International Food Policy Research Institute before his appointment.

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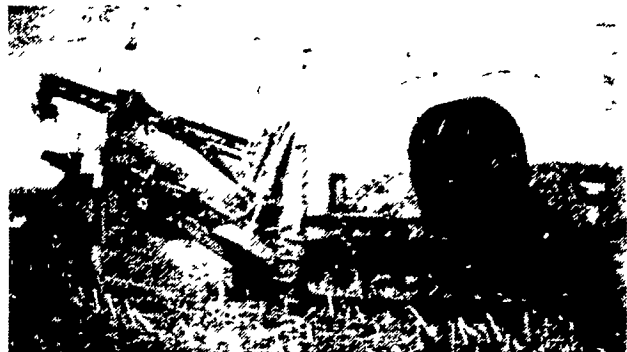
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