

USDA proposes changes in meat grading regs

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The U.S. Department of Agriculture will propose changes in the federal meat grading regulations to improve grading efficiency and reduce grading variations.

Under the proposal, meat would be graded only as carcasses or sides, and beef, mutton, and lamb would be graded only at the plant in which the animals are slaughtered. Veal and calf would be graded only after the hide is removed and only in the plant where such removal occurs.

Assistant Secretary Carol Tucker Foreman said this practice would reduce some of the variation in grading which results when meat is offered for grading as carcasses or sides and later as quarters or wholesale cuts, and at locations distant from the point of slaughter. Provisions would be made for grading damaged sides.

Foreman said the new proposal is based on comments and information developed as a result of a January 1978 proposal, which the department withdrew Friday.

Additional changes — applying only to beef — would:

—Define "beef carcass" more specifically to reduce confusion over what constitutes a carcass.

—Specify that a beef carcass be ribbed at least 10 minutes before it is offered for grading. This will allow the grade determining factors — marbling and

color, texture and firmness of the lean — time to develop to the extent needed for an accurate grade determination to be made.

—Permit the yield grade mark to be removed from officially graded beef carcasses or cuts which have a

layer of fat (natural or trimmed) 3/4 inch or less. This specifies how thick the fat layer can be before yield grade designations may be removed. Removing these grade marks will permit low yield cuts to be accepted in the marketplace after fat

cover has been removed. —Clarify language in the present regulations which prevents trimming that alters the actual fat cover over the ribeye if a carcass is to be presented for grading. Certain practices designed to alter the fat

cover are considered fraudulent and deceptive practices if the carcass is presented for grading.

Also published in January 1978 was a proposed plan to label as "U.S. Ungraded" any meat which had not received a USDA grade

designation. The department will consider this proposal separately after completion of a survey being conducted now on consumer perceptions of grade names.

Notices of the new proposal were published in Friday's Federal Register.

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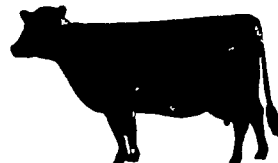
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York 4-H group to meet Monday

YORK - The York County 4-H Advisory Committee will meet Monday, October 22 at 7:30 p.m. at the 4-H Center.

New members to this board of twelve 4-H leaders or friends of 4-H are: Darlene Gable, East Prospect; Sheila Von Lange, Stewartstown; Darlene Spahr, Davidsburg; Brenda Eisenhour, Wellsville; and John Krone, Glen Rock. Other members are Sara Eisenhart, Thomasville, chairperson; Darlene Smyser, Manchester; Baldwin Janney, Jefferson; Mr and Mrs. Norman Laws,

York; Robin Fridy, Red Lion; Sharon Ebaugh, Airville; and Terry Beegle, York.

The purpose of the committee is to evaluate the total 4-H program, i.e., eliminate or plan new events as needed; help with public relations and set policy. The 4-H Fair was one of the events whose beginning developed through the 4-H Advisory Committee.

The 4-H members are represented on this board by the 4-H County Council officers.

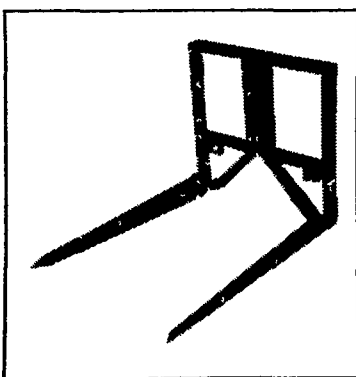


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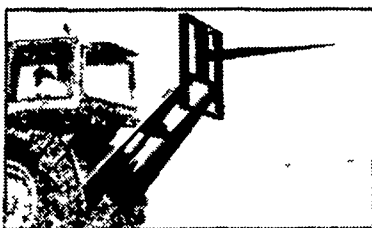
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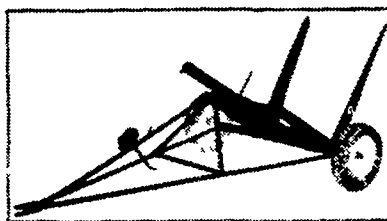
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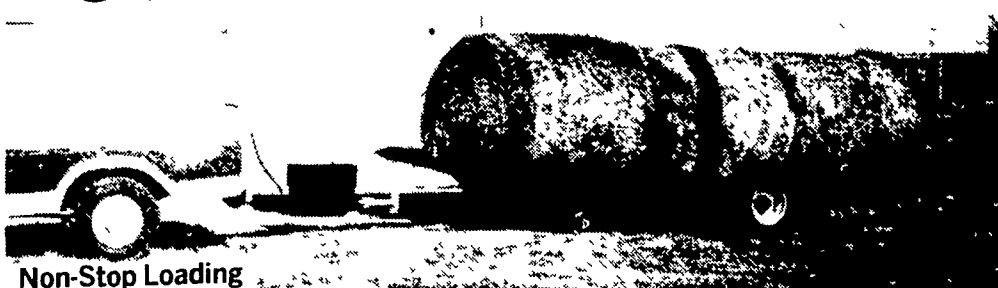


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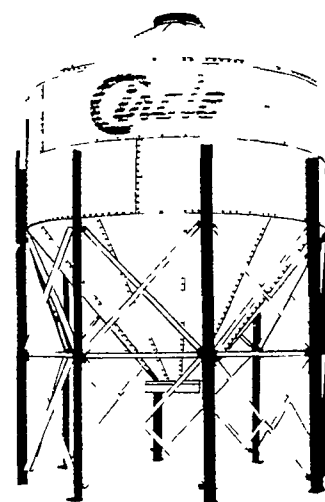
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