

Farm Bureau wants tougher sanctions against USSR

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Farm Bureau Tuesday called for tougher sanctions against the Soviet Union than those already imposed by President Carter.

Glenn Tussey, a spokesman for the American Farm Bureau Federation, said that if the security of the United States is threatened sufficiently to require an embargo on grain, then the threat is sufficient to justify

additional measures to suspend business and cultural relationships in order to "send a stronger signal."

Tussey, assistant director of AFBF's national affairs division, testified before the Subcommittee on International Finance of the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs.

"Farm Bureau stresses that an embargo on grain and high technology items and restrictions on fishing rights appear to be an insufficient response to the threat to our national

security," Tussey said. "We therefore call for a broadening of U.S. actions to increase the effectiveness of those already taken to counter Soviet expansionism."

Pointing out that it is impossible to isolate the embargoed 17 million metric tons of grain from the market system to avoid hurting farm prices and income, Tussey suggested the quickest way to move the

embargoed grain to other markets would be to restore or increase funds taken from the Commodity Credit Corporation's export credit sales program.

"This would help meet unfilled requests for financing from a dozen or more trading partners who would like CCC funds to finance more than one billion dollars worth of U.S. farm commodities not already

covered by lines of credit," Tussey said.

He added that CCC financing of exports is not a subsidy as such credit is extended at regular commercial rates.

CCC export credit funds were halved to \$800 million for fiscal year 1980. Farm Bureau would like to see those funds restored to the full \$1.6 billion or, preferably, increased to \$2 billion, Tussey said.

Glen Rock 4-H meets

GLEN ROCK — The Glen Rock 4-H Club held its January meeting at Susquehannock High School. A business meeting was held during which the standing committees were appointed.

Workshop on January 19. It was reported that the following projects were being started: quilling, crewel, ceramics, tractor and handyman. For more information about these projects call 235-2404. The Club then began work on its health project.

All officers were reminded of the Officers Training

Bergland reaffirms commitment to science, education council

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Secretary of Agriculture Bob Bergland and Robert Clodius, president of the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges last Friday signed an agreement extending their sponsorship of the International Science and Education Council for another two years.

The ISEC was established in 1974 as a means of sharing responsibility for public-supported international agricultural development and education efforts. One of its major goals is to encourage joint participation between the federal government and participating universities in development projects abroad.

technologies to the international agricultural community and the general public.

The new agreement reaffirms USDA's and the participating universities' commitment to these goals and also calls for the development of annual work plans and budgets for joint projects.

In signing the agreement, Bergland said, "We are hopeful that through the Council we can have better planning and closer coordination of the scientific expertise in the U.S. Department of Agriculture and U.S. universities for carrying out international development programs."

It will also assist colleges and universities in strengthening their research and extension capabilities relevant to agricultural development activities overseas and help disseminate agricultural findings and new

Plans also call for more communication between participating groups so that the ISEC can serve as a forum for the analysis of programs with emphasis on project planning and effective mobilization of manpower and other resources.

Public comments on labelling regs called for

CHICAGO, Ill. — The USDA, FTC and FDA will propose regulations as part of a nearly two-year-old joint labeling revision plan following the public comment period which ends March 20.

According to USDA's Carol Foreman, proposed regulations of interest to meat products include:

cholesterol," and "cholesterol-free" — and standardized serving sizes for meat products.

As yet, USDA and FDA do not have positions on labeling of imitation and

substitute foods, format for nutrition labeling, and what information should be required on nutrition labels. Foreman expects the two agencies to take positions on these issues by June 1.

Mid-January broiler numbers still climbing

HARRISBURG — Placements of broiler chicks in the Commonwealth during the week ending January 19 were 2,176,000, according to the Crop Reporting Service.

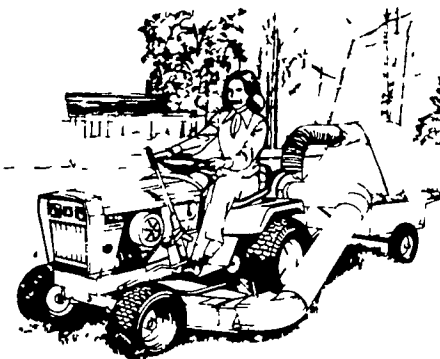
The placements were eight percent above the previous week and four percent above the corresponding week a year earlier. Average placements during the past nine weeks were four percent above a year earlier.

Placements in the 21 key poultry producing states

were 77,371,000, one percent below the previous week but five percent above the same week a year ago.

Average placements during the past nine weeks were four percent above the same period in 1979.

Broiler-fryers slaughtered in Pennsylvania under federal inspection during the week ending January 9 totaled 2,038,000, with an average liveweight of 4.09 pounds.



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