

## USDA proposes change in Brussels sprouts

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Changes proposed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture in the voluntary grade standards for frozen brussels sprouts would permit the use of mechanical trimmers in processing the product.

Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Carol Tucker Foreman said mechanical trimming would produce brussels sprouts which are

### Popular Choice

Everybody should love somebody. The tragedy is that so many people pick themselves

less uniform in size and shape, but the resulting reduction in processing costs could mean savings for consumers.

The proposals would also drop alternative grade names, such as "U.S. Fancy" and "U.S. Extra Standard," and keep the single-letter, sequential grade names U.S. A, B and C. The proposed change conforms with USDA's policy of uniform grade names for all processed fruits and vegetables, Foreman said.

Under the proposed grade standards, frozen brussels

sprouts would be graded on the basis of their color, blemishes, quality of trimming and extraneous vegetable trimmings present in the finished product.

Comments on proposal should be sent in duplicate, with reference to page 1046 of the Jan. 4 Federal Register, to: executive secretariat, Attn.: Annie Johnson, Food Safety and Quality Service, USDA,

room 3807-S, Washington, D.C., 20250. Comments must be received by March 4 and will be available for public inspection at the same address.

USDA's Food Safety and Quality Service establishes grade standards and provides official grading services for many food products. Use of the grade standards and grading services is voluntary and is paid for by the user.

## Sale Reports

The 317th Special Guernsey Sale was held January 24 at the Ass'n Sales Pavilion, 6 miles east of Lancaster, Pa.

There were 77 head of Guernseys sold for an average of \$869. The top priced animal was a bred heifer, sired by Lyrene Wistar Deacon, consigned by Morris Lippy, Silver Lake, Ind. and purchased by Peter Witmer, R.D. 1, Willow St. for \$1800.

The 2nd high animal was a bred heifer, sired by Eber Lea Farms Winston, con-

signed by G. Luther Huston, Hebron, Md. and purchased by Carrol Ward, Jr., Box 146, Astatula, Florida for \$1775.

There were 23 animals which sold for \$1000 or better.

Sale conducted by Merryman Company.

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A Public Sale of real estate, household goods and antiques was held for the Lester R. Summers Estate, January 26 at 17 Gerhart Avenue, Ephrata, Lanc. Co., Pa.

The properties sold included a 2 story brick office and apartment building at 109 E. Main St., Ephrata, which was sold for \$51,000 to Martin Lausch, Main St., Ephrata.

A plot of 12.5 acres of wood and farmland in Clay Township sold for \$27,200 and was purchased by Keith Spalding, 120 N. School Lane, Lancaster.

A building lot on the corner of Gerhart & Center Ave., Ephrata, was sold for \$16,500 to Harry Kurtz, Ephrata and

a building lot at 819 Center Ave. in Ephrata was sold for \$12,200 to Paul Weaver of Ephrata.

Other items sold were: Oak Desk-bookcase \$270, Oak Chest of Drawers \$135, Old Ephrata Dairy Sign (Geyer) \$190, Ephrata Daily Diaries, 1830's to early 1900's \$84.50, Iron three-horse Fire Cart \$77.50, Bird Mechanical Bank \$55, Coca-Cola Mirror \$60, 1974 Hummel Plate \$95, two-face Milk bottles \$20 and 2 China Doll Heads \$17 each.

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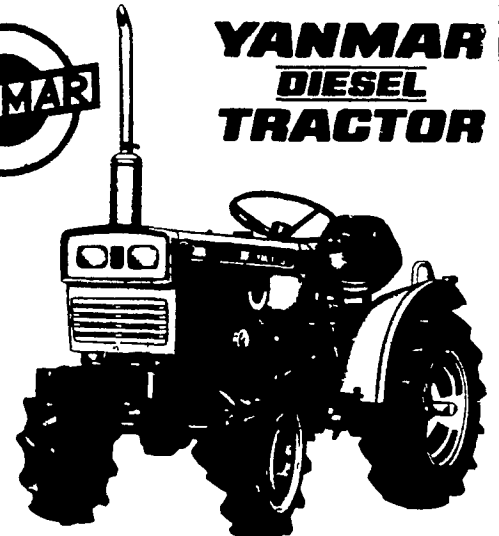
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