

USDA figures show sharp jump in commodity exports

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Figures released by the U.S. Department of Agriculture this week show exports of U.S. grains and soybeans running substantially ahead of year-ago levels despite the suspension of grain shipments to the Soviet Union, said J. Dawson Ahalt, Chairman of the World Food and Agricultural Outlook

and Situation Board.

Since President Carter's January 4 suspension of shipments to the Soviet Union, Ahalt said, inspections for export of grain and soybeans have been over one-third higher than for the same period a year ago, and corn exports are 45 percent higher than the same three

weeks in 1979, department officials said.

"Despite the suspension of sales, total agricultural exports in 1979/80 are still expected to set records," Ahalt said.

Department officials project total exports of \$36.4 billion, compared to the 1978/79 record of \$32 billion; officials also project total

exports to reach a record volume of around 150 million tons, far exceeding last year's record 137.5 million tons.

Ahalt said wheat exports are still expected to surpass last year's by more than 10 percent, and total 36.1 million tons.

Feedgrain exports are projected at a record 65.9

million tons, compared to last year's 60.2 million tons.

Soybean sales abroad are forecast at 22.2 million tons, up from last year's record 20.5 million tons.

The largest purchaser of U.S. grains and soybeans again will be Japan, with imports surpassing those of the USSR every year.

Other leading markets for U.S. grains and soybeans this year are the European Community, Latin America and Eastern Europe.

Based on current projections, Mexico, China, Egypt, and Spain are expected to import more U.S. grains than had earlier been anticipated

Swine Mgt. Conference to be held

UNIVERSITY PARK — A basic swine management conference will be held on February 20, 21 and 22 at Penn State. The program is aimed primarily for those who are relatively new and/or inexperienced in swine production.

The registration fee is \$20, \$30 for husband and wife, and covers the cost of registration, handbooks, instructional materials and coffee breaks.

Advance registration should be in by February 8,

1980 to guarantee acceptance. This will allow arrangements for proper facilities and adequate meeting spaces to be made.

Some of the topics and speakers are as follows:

Wednesday Morning, February 20

Planning The Swine Enterprise — will be discussed by Dwight Younkin and Larry Hutchinson will talk about Planning a Herd Health Program.

Wednesday Afternoon
Visual Evaluation and

Selection will be discussed by Vern Hazlett; Grant Sherritt will conduct a tour of the Penn State Swine Center, Bob Kimble will present A Live Hog Evaluation Demonstration in which the participants will take part; and Remodeling for Swine will be handled by Dwight Younkin.

Thursday Morning, February 21

Reproduction of Swine, will be the topic for Dan Hagen, Bob Kimble will discuss Testing Programs and Performance Records; Grant Sherritt will deal with Genetics and Swine Breeding, and Dwight Younkin will discuss New Swine Buildings.

Thursday Afternoon

Management of the Farrowing House and Management of the Breeding Herd will be handled by Vern Hazlett; Lester Griel will discuss

Sanitation and Health Procedures. There will also be a Swine Producer Panel at 7.00 that evening.

Friday Morning, February 22

Swine Feeding will be the topic for Grant Sherritt, Dwight Younkin will talk on Waste Management and Control of the Environment for the Hog; and John Zeigler will discuss — The End Product.

Friday Afternoon

Dwight Younkin will discuss Buildings, Equipment, Ventilation, and Waste Management; Grant Sherritt will talk about Marketing; and Virgil Crowley will talk about Farm Records and Budgets; and this will be followed by a Question and Answer session.

For more information contact: Agricultural Conference Coordinator, 409 J. O. Keller Building, University Park, PA 16802



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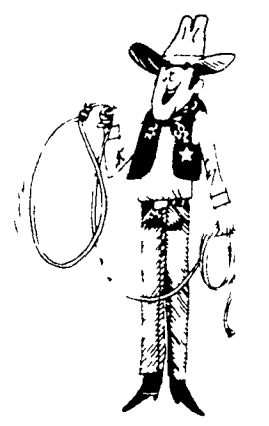
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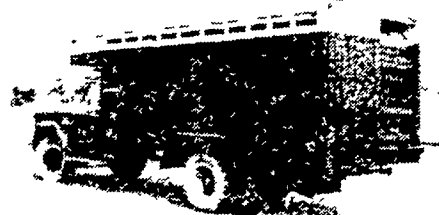
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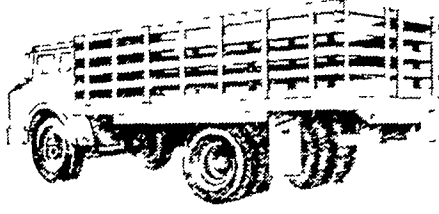
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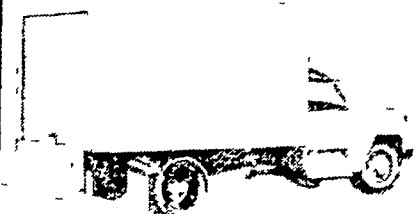
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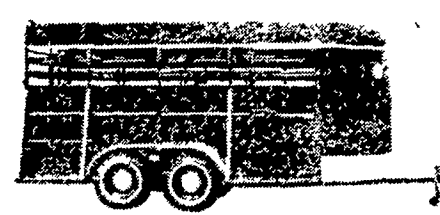
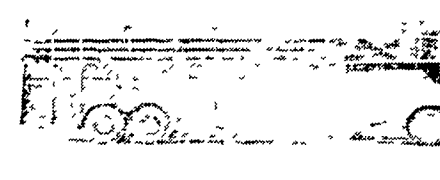


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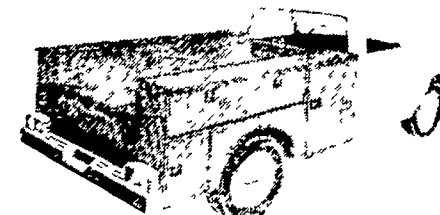


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