

## U.S. Pigskin Council formed

DES MOINES, Ia. — The National Pork Producers Council has joined with 13 other industry groups in formation of the U.S. Pigskin Council developed to encourage new markets for

pigskin here and abroad.

The NPPC's Orville K. Sweet says one of the first areas of work will be an assessment of potential foreign market for pigskin,

adding that the potential is there for marketing of 40 million skins annually.

Current marketings now reach 3 million skins a year, he said, with adequate existing markets for this amount of skins.

Will Rapp, Tanners' Council of America, has been named organizational chairman of the group with membership open to those providing funding of \$1,000 for organizational purposes. Initial work is now underway in development of the Council's program of work and by-laws. Formal organization is to be completed by spring.

Referring to the potential foreign markets assessment, Sweet said that the Foreign Agricultural Service is now preparing a proposal for a cooperative program to study possible European market expansion.

There is, he said, currently

the problem that pigskin is marketed merely as a substitute for other leathers while in reality, pigskin offers several superior qualities not immediately recognized.

One domestic market presently expressing increased interest in pigskins, he said, is the sports world viewing pigskin for use in athletic shoes.

Other members of the newly formed Council include Farmland Foods, Hormel's Wolverine Worldwide, Plains Processing, TX; Dreher Leather, Newark, NJ; Inland Ohio Hides; Hollander and Company, New York; Martin and Stewart, Canada; Irving Tanning, Hartland, ME; A.F. Gallun and Sons, Milwaukee; Southwestern Trading, Houston; Wells Lamont, Chicago and Amdur Leather, New York.

## Produce firm has license suspended

WARWICK, R.I. — The produce trading license of Dino Produce, Inc., of Warwick, R.I., was suspended by the U.S. Department of Agriculture after the firm failed to pay a reparation award of \$4609.

The department's Agricultural Marketing Service set the award in favor of a Florida shipper for a truckload and a carlot of watermelons shipped in June 1978.

The firm filed to answer to the charges in which it denied the charges; based on the evidence, however, USDA ordered payment of the amount claimed.

Dino Produce, Inc. is not eligible to operate in the

produce business under the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act until the award is paid. In addition, the firm's officer, director and sole stockholder—Anthony D. Dino—may not be employed by or affiliated with any PACA licensee without the department's approval.

All interstate traders in fresh and frozen vegetables must be licensed under PACA, which establishes a code of good business conduct for the produce industry.

The department is authorized to suspend or revoke a trader's license for violating the Act.

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## Mastitis

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The number of leucocytes in the teats containing the loops should be sufficient to prevent the mastitis bacteria from becoming established. Tests, in which bacteria are infused into the teats, are now being conducted.

Further studies showed that the loop did not affect milk yield, solids-not-fat, percent protein, or percent of fat in the milk.

The loop had no apparent effect on the overall milk leucocyte count. The increase in leucocytes was evident only in the first 20 milliliters of milk. This is normally stripped off before milking.

Large-scale tests under dairy farm conditions are being conducted in California by Kortum, in cooperation with Veterinary Extension, University of California, Davis.

Paape is continuing his mastitis research in France for a year conducting tests on dairy cattle. He plans to use loops in two teats of each of 20 cows.

These cows will then be infused with mastitis-causing bacteria and the results studied.

These tests are needed before these loops can be recommended for mastitis prevention and made available to dairy producers.

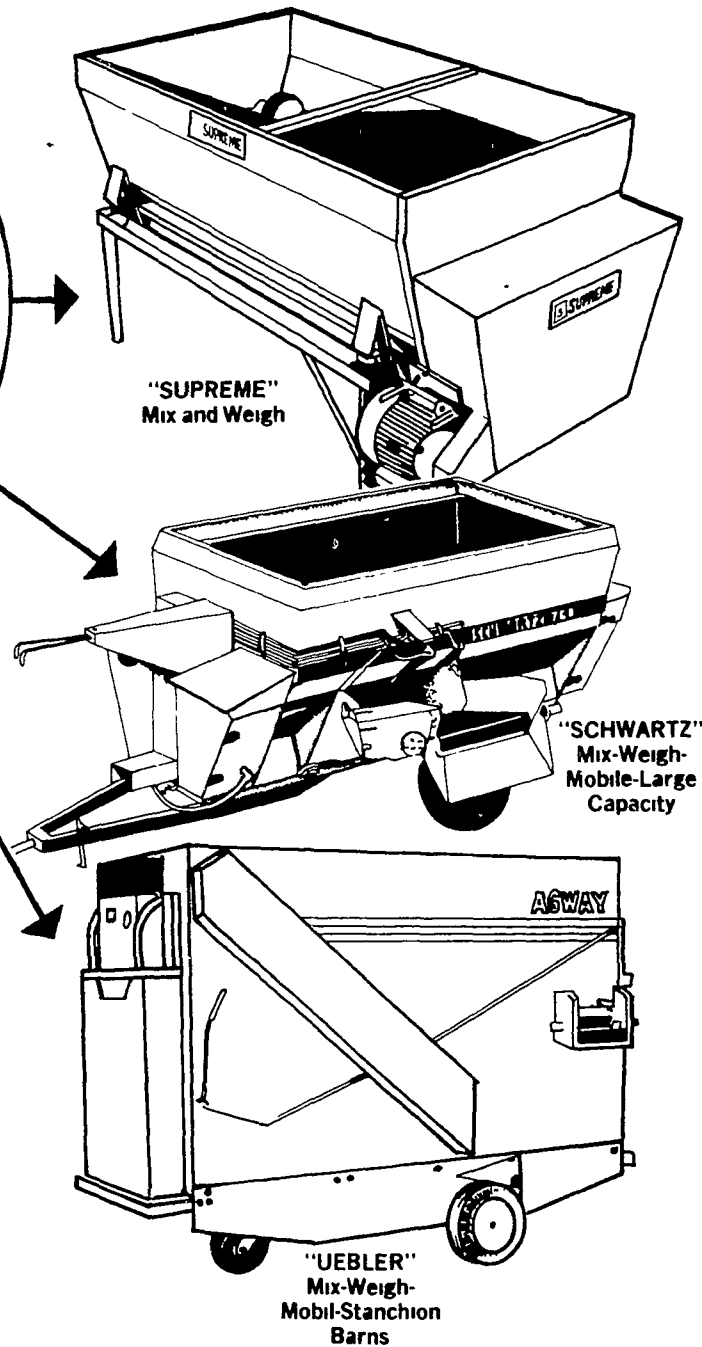
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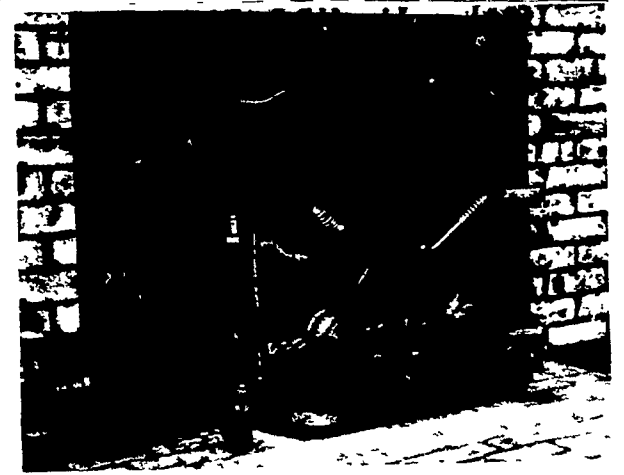
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