

## LMA Board votes establishment of continental livestock commission

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The Board of Directors of Livestock Marketing Association has voted to establish a Continental Livestock Commission, to develop and promote the market for livestock and meat throughout all of North America.

Acting at its recent meeting in San Luis Obispo, California, the Board also named Ralph K. Bennett, an agricultural consultant and noted authority on North American livestock com-

merce, as Commission chairman.

Other members of the Commission include representatives from LMA and the newly-formed Livestock Markets Association of Canada.

The resolution passed by the LMA Directors to establish the Commission said that in developing the concept of a Continental Livestock Market extending throughout all nations of North America," they contemplate the full

development and promotion of livestock and meat commerce and trade in North America.

Bennett, the new Commission chairman, noted that the development of a Continental Market may be as big an aid to industry stability as seeking out other world markets for livestock and meat.

He said, "One of the most noteworthy elements about the Commission is that it is a product of the marketing sector itself, and has no government involvement or affiliation.

"In developing this market for livestock and meat, marketing businessmen in the U.S. and Canada do not need government to set the pace,

or show the way," said Bennett, of Ottawa, Ontario.

The Commission is currently developing a charter to provide its governing structure and to outline its scope of operation.

Other members of the Commission are, from Canada, Gerald E. Kaumeyer, president, L.K. Ranches, Ltd., Calgary, Alberta; W.D. 'Doug' McDonnell, president, National Livestock Markets Association; from the U.S., LMA First Vice President Lemmy Wilson, Newport, Tenn.; former LMA President Loran Casey, Sidney, Mont., and C.T. 'Tad' Sanders, LMA General Manager.



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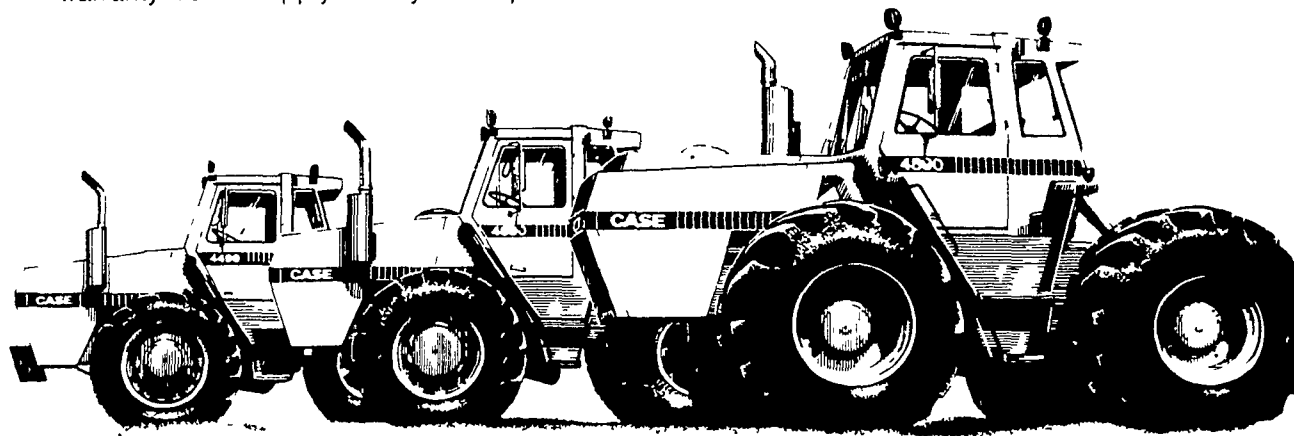
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We know of many corn fields on dairy farms and on grain farms, that were originally planted for grain, but now will go into a silo to produce forage for dairy and beef cows for winter.

When plant growth is retarded by adverse growing conditions, or when there's excess nitrogen available in the soil, the nitrates not converted to protein will accumulate in the plant's stems and leaves. When the plant is then ensiled, the nitrate present may be converted to nitrogen dioxide...and it is indeed poisonous.

Frank Wright, Extension Dairy Specialist at Rutgers cautions dairymen:

Actually, there are three different nitrogen cases formed, and they are invisible. Some may be slightly reddish or yellowish, but he says, don't count on seeing them.

These gases are heavier than air. They will cling to the silage surface, drop down the chute into the silo room and on into the stable.

Use extreme care in entering the silo area as the material is fermenting, usually the first three to five days after filling. Run the blower first. Have someone nearby.

Allow material to ferment a full three weeks before feeding it. It will be safe by then, he assures us.

Feeding drought-stricken corn as green chop? Yes, you can, but cows or heifers should not be allowed to gorge themselves on this material. They should be fed grain and hay before they have access to green chop.

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