

# 1,700 participate in 4-H Congress

WASHINGTON, D.C. — More than 1,700 4-H members from across the nation will participate in the 59th National 4-H Congress at the Conrad Hilton Hotel in Chicago, Ill., Nov. 30 - Dec. 4. Using the theme, "4-H Expanding Horizons," the week-long educational program emphasizes personal development.

The annual Firestone Tire & Rubber Co. breakfast leads off Monday's events. At noon, delegates will attend the all-Congress luncheon, sponsored by International Harvester Company for the 61st year. That will be followed by an address by Robert Kirby, Chairman of the Board of Westinghouse Electric Corporation. The evening will feature a concert by Danny Davis and the Nashville Brass and Pen-dragon, courtesy of International Paper Co.

Tuesday's sessions will focus on personal development workshops. Major areas of discussion

include Are You Your Own Leader? -- personal relationships and attitudes; Survival With Class - getting along in today's world; and Beyond Me - socio-economic issues. Delegates also will be given a broad choice of educational field trip experiences in Chicago.

The National 4-H Fashion Revue, sponsored by Simplicity Pattern Co. Inc., will highlight the Wednesday assembly, along with special recognition to "Partners in 4-H."

Eight national 4-H alumni winners will be honored Thursday, followed by an all-

Congress luncheon sponsored by General Motors Corp. A special visual newsletter of Congress, developed by North Carolina Extension staff, will be presented to delegates in the morning. That evening, the annual banquet and farewell party will conclude National 4-H Congress.

During the week 287 scholarships winners in 42 programs will be announced. The scholarships total \$265,250 in value. Some 75 donors from the private sector are contributing directly to the Congress program this year.

# Ag exports set record for fiscal 1980

WASHINGTON, D.C. — United States agricultural exports reached a record high of \$40.5 billion during fiscal year 1980, according to Thomas R. Hughes, administrator of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Foreign Agricultural Service.

Hughes said the export total for the fiscal year which ended Sept. 30 was up \$8.5 billion, or 27 percent, from fiscal year 1979 and record high for the eleventh straight year.

At the same time, he noted substantial gains in the export volume for such key items as wheat, feed grains, the soybean complex, and cotton.

The figures, released last week, show export values increased for all commodity categories. Leading values gainers were cotton, valued

at \$3 billion, a gain of 59 percent, and grain and feeds, valued at \$18.7 billion, 37 percent more than last year.

The volume of wheat and wheat flour exports rose 4.7

million tons to 36.9 million and feed grain exports rose by 11.7 tons to 71.2 million. Soybeans and product shipments increased by 5.0 million tons to 32.2 million.



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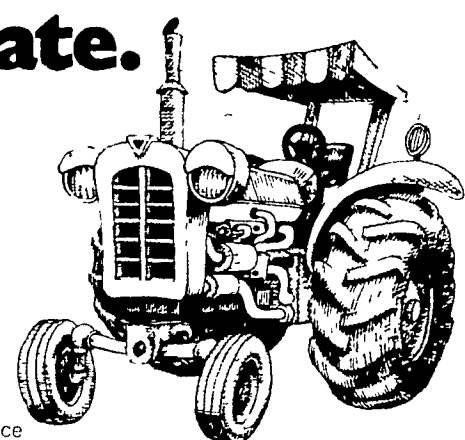
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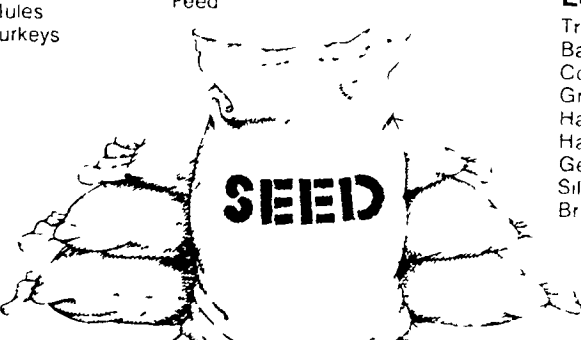
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