

U.S. ag trade show opens in China

BEIJING, China — The U.S. Department of Agriculture and nine cooperating commodity organizations Monday opened in Beijing (Peking) the first official trade show ever to represent U.S. agriculture in China. More than 5,000 Chinese attended the opening-day activities limited to invited guests.

This event, part of the U.S. National Economic and Trade Exhibition in Beijing, ran through Friday at the Beijing Exhibition Center in addition to an exhibit portraying the U.S. grain, soybean, livestock and

poultry industries, the two-week show will include 23 seminars concentrating on animal and poultry breeding, feeding, and management, as well as crop production and the processing of grains, soybeans and livestock products.

The nine "cooperators" are non-profit organizations representing their farmer and processor members in trade promotion abroad. Some of them have been working in China for almost two years and have contributed to the sharp rise in U.S. farm product sales to

that country.

Coordinator of the agricultural show is USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service, which carries on a continuing program of export promotion in foreign countries. USDA is cooperating with the International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, in the Beijing exhibition, which includes as exhibitors some 200 American companies.

The Beijing exhibition comes at a time of rapid growth in U.S. agricultural exports to China. This business will amount to an

estimated \$2 billion this year — double the \$997 million recorded in 1979. Agricultural products account for well over half of total U.S. exports to China.

From 1949 to 1972, there was virtually no trade between the United States and China. U.S. agricultural exports reached \$626 million in 1973 and \$664 million in 1974.

This year grains are accounting for about one-half of the projected \$2 billion in agricultural exports to China. Soybeans and products make up \$250 to

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\$275 million of the total, and cotton shipments are estimated above \$700 million.

Joining in the U.S. national exhibition in Beijing were the American Soybean Association, St. Louis, Mo.; the U.S. Feed Grains Council, Washington, D.C.; and the National Renderers Association, Des Plaines, Ill. They led seminars on livestock and poultry nutrition, aimed at expanding the use of American feedstuffs in China.

The Holstein-Friesian Association, Brattleboro, Vt., the National Association of Swine Records, Macomb,

Ill.; and the National Association of Animal Breeding, Columbia, Mo., scheduled seminars on animal breeding and artificial insemination.

The U.S. Wheat Associates, Inc., Washington, D.C., conducted seminars on milling technology and baking. The American Seed Trade Association, also headquartered in Washington, D.C., scheduled seminars on grassland management and crop production. The Tanners Council of America, New York, N.Y., had a series of seminars on tanning and finishing of leather.

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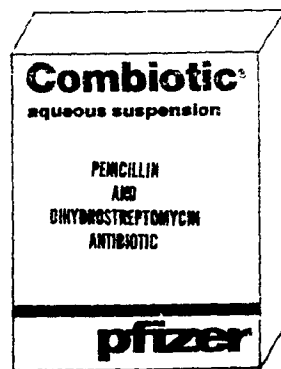


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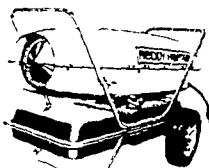


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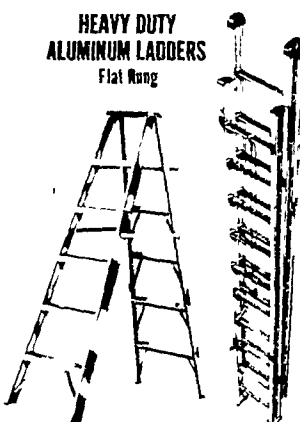
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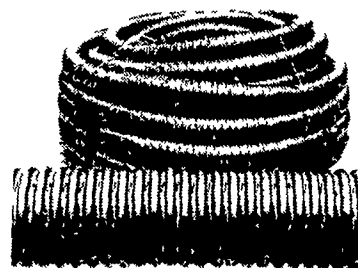
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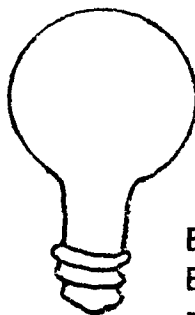
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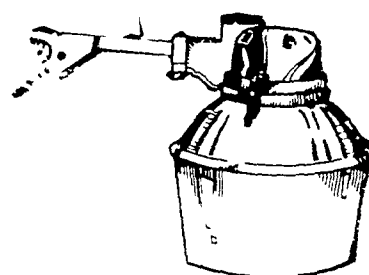
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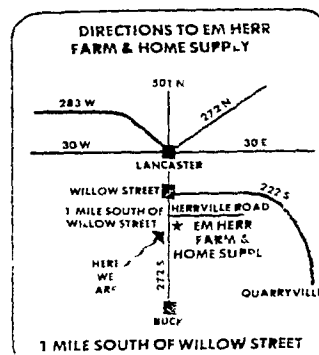
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