

NCA opposes meat import quota suspension

DENVER, Colo. — The National Cattlemen's Association recently voiced strong opposition to the Administration plans to suspend limits on meat imports in 1981.

The NCA statement followed a government estimate of 1981 imports and an announcement of plans to suspend quotas and not negotiate import restraints with the exporting nations.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has now estimated that, without controls, imports subject to the Meat Import Law would total 1,458 million pounds in 1981. This is 11 million pounds more than the import law, with its counter-cyclical quota formula, would normally permit next year.

Claiming that the total meat supply in 1981 will be inadequate, the Administration said it intended to suspend the import quotas which apply to beef and veal. By law, the Administration must make a decision on 1981 meat import restrictions by January 1.

Merlyn Carlson, NCA

president, strongly criticized the Carter administration's action, and he pointed out that, as in past cases like this, the action actually could be counter-productive and hurt the public as well as cattlemen.

Carlson said, "First, it should be recognized that, because of rapidly escalating costs as well as lower cattle prices, most cattlemen have been losing money recently. While the estimated amount of extra meat to be imported is not large, the government's action may create more uncertainty and discourage many cattlemen. This can

halt or limit the rebuilding of cattle herds. As a result, the public may see less beef and higher prices in future years than otherwise would be the case.

"Secondly, I point out that domestic beef producers in 1981 will be about as large as in 1980. The consumer price problem that the government refers to is a result basically of government-caused inflation as well as smaller supplies of other meats. Yet, the Administration has chosen, in an obviously political move as it goes out of office, to

make cattlemen bear the brunt of food price problems.

"We are very disappointed that the Administration has now elected to ignore the spirit of the counter-cyclical import provisions and go ahead with a needless and counter-productive move to suspend quotas."

The estimated 1981 import total will be only slightly greater than the 1980 import total (which was well below the quota-triggering point under the law), but the suspension announcement is "just exactly the kind of news the cattle industry does

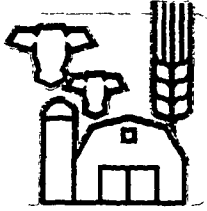
not need at this time," Carlson said.

NCA met recently with administration officials to recommend that the President negotiate a voluntary restraint program for 1981. However, Carlson said, the Administration has now chosen to ignore that advice.

Under the import law as amended in 1979, the President has these options when the USDA import

estimate exceeds the law's quota-triggering point: He may go ahead and impose quotas; he may negotiate voluntary import restraints; or he may suspend quotas. However, before suspending quotas, the President must, under the new law, announce his intent to suspend, and 30 days must be allowed for comment.

NCA, of course, will comment on the proposal, Carlson said.



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