

Penn State agronomist wins national award

STATE COLLEGE — John E. Baylor, professor of agronomy extension at Penn State, has been named recipient of the 1980 Agronomic Extension

Education Award presented by the American Society of Agronomy.

Baylor received the award, a plaque, at the society's annual meeting

Wednesday in Detroit, Michigan. This is the highest Extension Service Award presented by ASA.

The agronomist has been primarily responsible for the developing extension educational programs related to forage crop improvement. He currently serves as coordinator of Extension agronomy programs.

Baylor's State Hay and Silage show programs, based on chemical and visual evaluation, have received national attention. He assisted in the development of the Penn State Forage Testing Service and provided early leadership in the establishment of Ag Progress Days, today one of the largest outdoor educational events of its kind in the United States.

In 1968 he initiated an annual four-day forage workshop for farmers and ag-industry personnel, the first of its kind in Pennsylvania. Three years ago he

developed a statewide Alfalfa Growers Program which recognizes growers who produce high alfalfa yields.

The award recipient was instrumental in the organization of the Pennsylvania Grassland Council in 1960, the first council of its type in the United States. He served as the council's first president and for the past 17 years has served as executive vice-president.

Baylor served as president and board member of the American Forage and Grassland Council. He is currently secretary-treasurer and chairman of the council's National Hay Marketing Task Force.

He reviewed forage research programs in a number of foreign countries and serves as chairman of the governing board for the Fourteenth International Grassland Congress to be held at the University of Kentucky in June 1981.

Baylor is an ASA fellow and has received numerous

other awards including the American Grassland Council Merit Certificate, National Silo Association Zur Crain Award, American Forage and Grassland Council Medallion Award, Gamma Sigma Delta Extension Award, and Northeastern

ASA Extension-Industry Award.

A member of the Penn State faculty since 1957, he earned his bachelor and master of science degrees from Rutgers University and doctor of philosophy degree from Penn State.

Some grain firms can bypass USDA regs

LANCASTER — Grain firms which exported less than 15,000 metric tons of grain in 1980 may request an exemption from inspection and weighing requirements during 1981 from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, a USDA official said Tuesday.

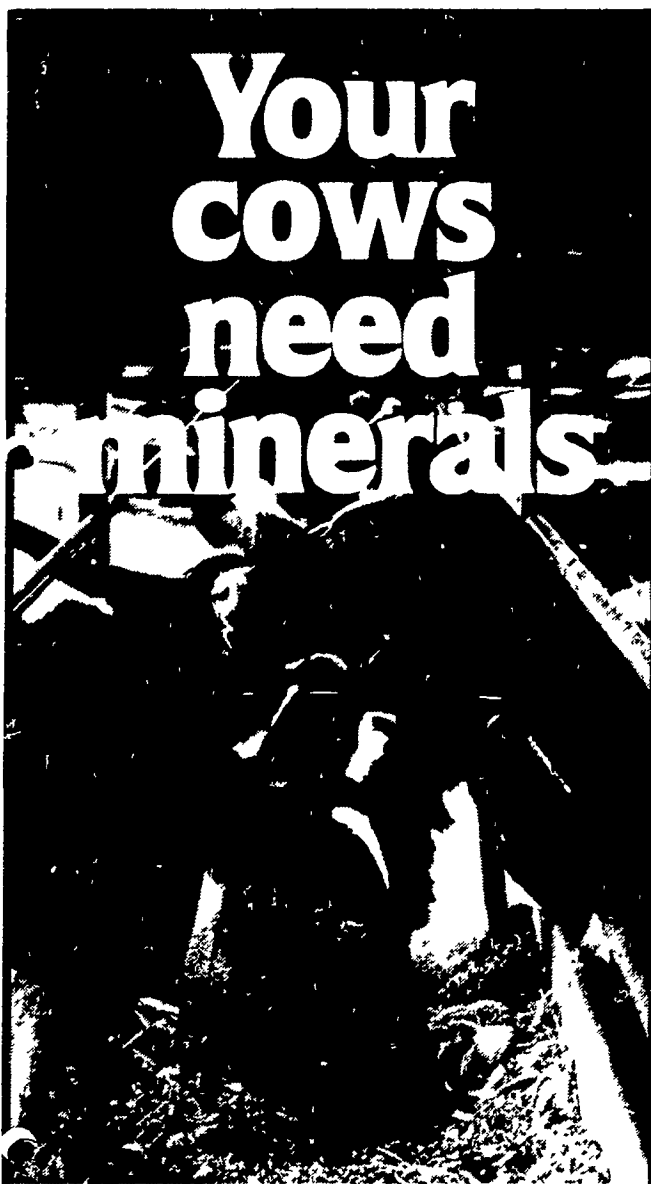
Eligible grain firms must notify USDA's Federal Grain Inspection Service that the firm wants to be exempt from inspection and weighing requirements under the U.S. Grain Standards Act, said Leland

E. Bartelt, FGIS administrator.

"Grain firms which held exemptions during 1980-as well as any others planning to make use of the 15,000 metric ton exemption program in 1981-must notify FGIS of their intent," Bartelt said.

The exemption program is designed to make it easier for small grain firms to enter the export market.

A firm may notify FGIS of its intent to operate under the exemption program at any time during the year.



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