

As American-International Charolais Assoc. president

Dickerson steps down

DENVER, Colo — Pennsylvania's Logan Dickerson, of Royal Charolais Company, Youngwood, stepped down from the president's position with the American-International Charolais Association recently. His one-year term came to an end at the organization's 24th Annual Membership Meeting held here January 22-23. Elected to represent the organization of the big, white beef breed as president

was Arnold Wienk of Wienk Charolais, Lake Preston, South Dakota.

Wienk Charolais is a family run operation, Wienk and wife, Carol, have five daughters and two sons-in-laws. Carol is bookkeeper of the cattle ranch, which has a herd of 600 Charolais cattle, both polled and horned. Wienk's herd of Charolais are all on the Charolais Herd Improvement Program and he has been performance testing

for eighteen years. Four of his cows have received the AICA Sterling Dam of Distinction award.

Besides raising Charolais, Wienk grows corn, beans, and wheat on 1300 acres of farm land.

Wienk was 1980 secretary of American-International Charolais Association, and formerly its treasurer. He served seven years as director of AICA. He is also serving as a board member of the Ag-Advisory Board of South

Dakota State University.

Wienk was instrumental in forming and served as secretary/treasurer of the Upper-Midwest Charolais Association, a five state area organization dedicated to the promotion of Charolais cattle. It was one of the first affiliated organizations. He was also director and past President of the South Dakota Charolais Breeders Association.

Other directors who assumed offices were: Johnny Ragsdale, secretary, Richmond, Texas; Malcolm Commer, vice president, Jonestown, Mississippi; Roy Prescott, treasurer, Jerome, Idaho.

Four new directors were named: Donald K. Barton, Manti, Utah; Greg Hubert, Monument, Kansas; Raymond Hicks, Bandera, Texas; Roy Prescott, Jerome, Idaho.

Continuing members on the board of directors are: James D. Shannon, Jeffersonville, Georgia; Phil Rucker, Shelby, North Carolina; Leo Dumont, Dunstable, Massachusetts; Lloyd Householder, Lancaster, Ohio; Paul Bertsche, Flanagan, Illinois; Willard Walker, Springdale, Arkansas; John Blankers, Holland, Minnesota; M.D. Buchanan, Graham, Texas; Robert B. Mathews, Pasadena, California.

FmHA simplifies appeals procedure

WASHINGTON, D.C. — People who have been denied assistance by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farmers Home Administration now will find it easier to appeal the decision than in the past, a USDA official said Thursday.

"A new procedure now being followed requires an informal discussion between the applicant and the person in our agency responsible for the decision," Kenneth Latcholia, acting administrator of the agency, said.

"We often clear up misunderstandings informally, saving time and trouble for all."

"However, if an applicant wishes to formally appeal a decision, the new procedure clearly spells out how to do it and establishes definite time limits within which the agency must respond," he said.

"We also are setting up a

reporting system to give us information on various types of appeals and how they are handled. In this way, we can develop an uniform approach in dealing with adverse decisions."

The Farmers Home Administration makes loans and grants to individuals and com-

N.J. to hold crops meeting

FLEMINGTON, N.J. — The opening session of the New Jersey Extension Service's winter meeting series will be Field Crops '81, an all-day program set for Monday, February 9.

Program will begin at 10:00 a.m. and conclude by 3:30 p.m. and will be held in the Hunterdon County Extension Center, according to Calvin Wettstein, County Agricultural Agent.

Extension service speakers and

communities in rural areas who cannot get financing from other sources.

The agency provides assistance in four areas—farming, housing, essential community facilities and business and industrial development—through nearly 2000 district and state offices.

their topics include: John Meade - 'Herbicide Up-Date - '81' and 'Fine Tuning Your Herbicide Programs,' James Justin - 'Crop Varieties' and 'Winter Cover Crops,' Roy Flannery - 'Soil and Crop Management Inputs,' Stuart Race - 'Insect Control in Field Crops - Production and Storage.'

A number of area farmers will also participate. Subjects will include Use of Field Records and Post Applications of Herbicides in Soybeans.

Other meetings scheduled in the series are: Wednesday, February 25, Dairy Topics; Tuesday, March 3, Beef Topics; Monday, March 9, Sheep/Swine Meetings; Wednesday, March 18, Horse Management.

These meetings are all 8 p.m. The Field Crops program is daytime, beginning at 10 a.m.

USDA to protect seven new varieties

NEW YORK, N.Y. — The U.S. Department of Agriculture has issued certificates of protection for new varieties of lettuce, pea, soybean, cotton and cauliflower, a USDA official said.

Barbar L. Schlei, administrator of USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service, said owners of the new varieties will have the exclusive right to reproduce their products in the United States for 17 years. Certificates of protection are granted after a review confirms the breeders' records and claims that each new variety is novel, uniform and stable.

Developers of the new varieties are National Seed Development Organization Ltd., Cambridge, England, for Maris Ladger Italian ryegrass; Rijk Zwaan Zaadteelt En Zaadhandel, BV Holland, The Netherlands, for Silver Star cauliflower, Delta & Pine Land

Co., Scott, Miss., for Deltapine SR-5 cotton; Coker's Pedigreed Seed Co., Hartsville, S.C., for Coker 315 cotton; Asgrow Seed Company, Kalamazoo, Mich., for Redhead lettuce, Pomak pea, and A5474 Soybean.

Certificates for Early Perfection pea developed by Cannors Seed Corp., Lewisville, Idaho and for Terra-Vig 708 soybean by Terral-Norris Seed Co., Inc., Hartsville, S.C., have been reissued.

The Maris Ledger Italian ryegrass, Coker 315 cotton and Terra-Vig 708 soybean will be sold by variety name only as a class of certified seed.

The plant variety protection program is administered by USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service and provides legal protection to developers of new and distinctive seed-reproduced plants ranging from farm crops to flowers.

Maryland to study rabbit production

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — A new agricultural industry is multiplying in Maryland and surrounding states but the problem is that no one has any accurate information on just how big it is at present and that is something the Maryland Department of Agriculture wants to do something about.

That industry is the production of rabbits for meat. In possibly hundreds of backyards, in old chicken houses, garages, barns and other outbuildings, people are raising rabbits.

Therefore, the Division of Marketing, MDA, is asking rabbit growers to come forward so that a questionnaire can be developed to census their industry.

The reason at hand is the fact that MDA has been approached by a businessman who says he wants

to locate a rabbit processing plant on the Eastern Shore and needs to know what the potential sources of supply of rabbits is at present.

Rabbit production is not a small industry, according to USDA, in 1979 some 24,000,000 pounds of processed rabbit meat was imported into the United States primarily from China, Poland and Australia. What domestic production was, no one knows because figures have not been compiled on commercial rabbit production.

If you wish to participate in the MDA study on rabbit production, please send a postcard with your name and address to 'Rabbits', Marketing Division, Maryland Department of Agriculture, Parole Plaza Office Building, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

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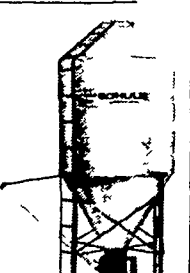
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