

Block to address farm outlook

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Secretary of Agriculture John R. Block will be featured speaker at the 23rd Annual Convention of the National Corn Growers Association on July 16. This NCGA Annual Convention of U.S. farmers will be held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Columbus, Ohio, from July 15 to 18, 1981.

In announcing Secretary Block's acceptance of the NCGA invitation to participate in the 1981 convention, Bill Mullins, President of the NCGA Board of Directors, commented "...that the timing and the issues confronting U.S. corn farmers during the middle part of July only places more importance upon Secretary Block's presentation to U.S. corn farmers." A corn farmer from Shabbona, Illinois, Mullins cited the following issues and matters of genuine concern to U.S. corn farmers:

- the outlook for resuming U.S. corn trade with the Soviet Union, with negotiations likely to begin in late July or early August;

- completed action by both the U.S. Senate and House of

Representatives on the 1981 Farm Bill, and the Administration's assessment of it;

- the Administration's policy for managing the farmer-held grain reserve, and subsequent sales programs for the significant quantity of corn held by the USDA Commodity Credit Corporation;

- the Administration's assessment of the condition for any grain production management program for the 1981/82 corn crop year.

Rep. Floyd J. Fithian, a Democratic member of the House of Representatives from the 2nd Congressional District in Indiana, is also scheduled to participate in the NCGA annual meeting. One of the ranking members of the House Agriculture Committee, Floyd Fithian will address the current legislative effort to develop the 1981 Farm Bill.

According to the NCGA President, Mullins, "...this leading farm-state legislator is in an excellent position to evaluate the various provisions and programs of the 1981 Farm Bill in meeting

U.S. corn farmers' needs and requirements during the 1980's." Fithian is scheduled to address the convention at 9:30 a.m. on July 16, 1981.

Mullins concluded his remarks about the NCGA convention programs by stating "...the views and comments of Messrs. Block and Fithian will establish an appropriate frame of reference to examine these and other issues under the theme of 'corn production and marketing in the 1980's.'"

Further information about the program and the registration forms for the 23rd Annual Convention of the National Corn Growers Association can be obtained from the following office: Connie Johnston, Program Coordinator, National Corn Growers Association, 510 East Locust, Des Moines, Iowa 50309, phone: 515/244-1212.

The National Corn Growers Association (NCGA) is made up of corn producers from 16 states, with the purpose of promoting the general welfare of U.S. corn far-

mers by maintaining and developing domestic corn production and price and income support programs consistent with a market-oriented grain economy. NCGA state members include

Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia and Wisconsin.

Shorthorn Breeders schedule picnic

LISBON, Md. — The Maryland Shorthorn Association will hold its annual family picnic on Sunday, July 12, beginning at 1 p.m. at Leneva Acres, 2937 Jennings Chapel Road near Lisbon, Maryland. All those interested in Shorthorn cattle, or the cattle industry as a whole are urged to attend.

The day will include games and sports for all ages, bass and crappie fishing, and an opportunity

to "talk shop" with Shorthorn breeders from Maryland and neighboring states. Each family should bring their own picnic supper.

Leneva Acres, home of one of the major Shorthorn herds in the state, is located about three miles south of Lisbon just off Florence Road. Specific directions and other information about the picnic can be had by calling (301) 663-6753 or (301) 629-1654.

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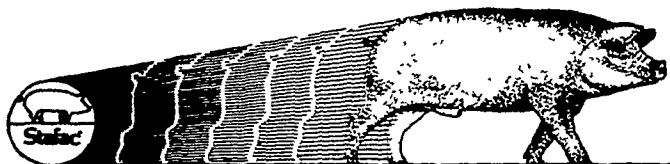
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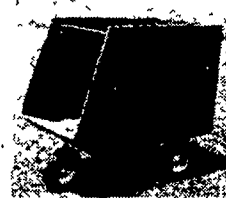
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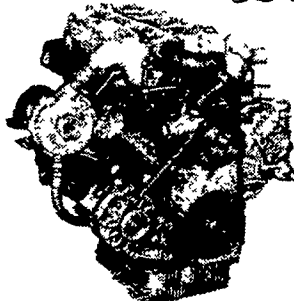
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