

Livestock Marketing, World Meat Congresses join forces

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — International livestock and meat industry leaders will join their North American counterparts when the 5th World Meat Congress is held in conjunction with Livestock Marketing Congress '83.

The announcement that the two events will be held together in Nashville in June, 1983, was made by Glen Allen, chairman of Livestock Merchandising Institute, Kansas City. The Institute has been staging the annual Marketing Congress since 1970.

Allen said that the sponsors of the World Meat Congress, the International Permanent Meat Office, had agreed at the 4th World Meat Congress in May to select a North American site for the '83 Congress.

In June, the Institute's Board of Governors agreed to act as hosts for the 5th Meat Congress and proposed holding the two Congresses in conjunction with one another.

The Meat Office, known as OPIC after the Spanish translation of its name, then decided at its Directors' meeting here recently to conduct the event in conjunction with Livestock Marketing Congress '83.

OPIC was founded in 1974 and is headquartered in Madrid, Spain. It is composed of 35 livestock and meat-related organizations in 18 countries.

Its Directors' meeting here was its first meeting in North America. Allen, who is also OPIC treasurer, said the Directors were briefed on the Institute's conduct of the annual Congress and its plans for holding the two events together.

The two events will be hosted and conducted by the Institute, working with an advisory committee from OPIC.

"We are very pleased that the North American livestock in-

dustry's premier annual conference, the Marketing Congress, will benefit from its exposure to an international audience. At the same time, industry leaders from other nations will get a better insight into North American livestock economic conditions

through their attendance at the Marketing Congress," Allen said.

OPIC conducts the Meat Congress every two years. The 4th Meat Congress was held in Cape Town, South Africa, in May, with attendance from 23 countries.

In attendance at the event, and

the recent Directors meeting were Allen, and Institute Governors C.T. 'Tad' Sanders and Lemmy Wilson.

Sanders is also OPIC vice president — North America, and Wilson, of Newport, Tenn., has been appointed general chairman of

the 1983 joint events.

Allen also issued a reminder that Regina, Saskatchewan will be the site of Livestock Marketing Congress '82, to be held June 16-18. General chairman is Charles E. Leask, livestock division, Saskatchewan Wheat Pool.

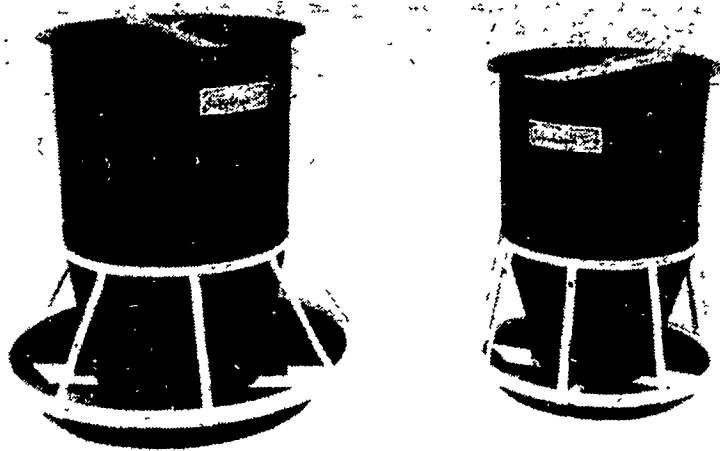
Hog feeders introduced

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The unique Big Wheel design is said to eliminate the usual "knife-edge" feed adjustment and feed agitators commonly used to control feed flow. Feed is spiraled to the animals by the rotation of the spokes of a wheel which is located in the feed trough below a stationary hopper. As the hogs turn



Big Wheel hog feeders are reported to handle high moisture grains, fine-ground rations and pellets with equal ease.

this wheel, a sweep inside the hopper moves feed to a central hole.

Feed rate is adjusted by changing the separation between the hopper bottom and a cone suspended inside the hopper over the feed sweep. The higher the cone, the more feed becomes accessible to the sweep, and the faster the feed wheel delivers feed to the hogs.

Osborne is currently offering two models of Big Wheel, a 4.5 bushel nursery feeder and a 7.5 bushel finish feeder. Both are designed for confinement operations. Penline confinement models and weatherized styles will soon be available also. For more information, write Osborne Industries, Inc., P. O. Box 388, Osborne, KS, 67473.

Del. boars average \$358

NEWARK, Del. — Twenty-two boars sold for an average of \$358 each at Delaware's 4th Annual Performance Tested Boar Sale earlier this month, going to local buyers.

The highest selling boar from this year's test went for \$825. This was a Chester White consigned by Henry C. Halloway of Darlington, Md. It was purchased by William Malkus, Blackwater Farm, Cambridge, Md.


The highest indexing boar — a Yorkshire consigned by Edwards & Edwards Farm, Rich Square, N.C. — was purchased for \$500 by Raymond E. Townsend, Jr., of Frankford, De. All except three boars were sold to producers in Delaware and Maryland.

Forty-two boars began the test last April. Of these, the top 25 sold

on the basis of their soundness and performance. The top index was 145, indicating performance 45 percent above the average of boars on test. Performance data for the 36 animals that completed the test includes an average daily gain of 1.96 pounds; feed required per pound of gain, 2.54; and an average backfat thickness of .68 inches.

Boars meeting these levels of performance had an index of 100. Those with higher indexes had better performances in one or more categories.

The Delaware Cooperative Extension Service and the Delaware Pork Producers Association plan to start another test during the spring of 1982. This will be completed with a sale early next September.



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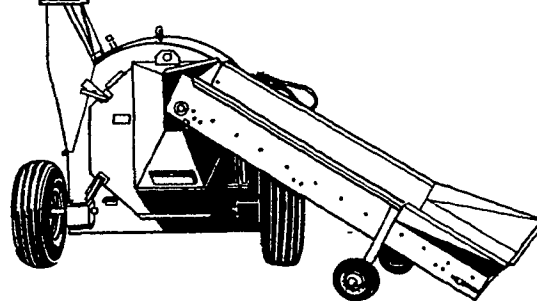
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