

USDA to add 25 to noxious foreign weed list

WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Department of Agriculture officials are proposing to add 25 noxious foreign weeds to the list of weeds that are prohibited from entering the United States by federal regulations.

Paul Sand, a plant protection official of USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, said the expanded list would triple the number of species that would be regulated and include five species of aquatic weeds, all of the parasitic weeds known as dodder and 43 species of terrestrial weeds, including 25 mesquite.

"These weeds could severely damage agriculture, wildlife or water resources or injure the public health if they were to become established in the United States," Sand said.

The proposed USDA action would also change the existing list, where necessary, to update the technical names to those currently used by the scientific community, and to add common names where they would be helpful in identification.

Regulations mandated by the Federal Noxious Weed Act of 1974 require an importer to have a written USDA permit to import or move interstate any weed, its seeds or plant parts, if it is on the list. Permits, which specify conditions for each importation, are issued only after USDA has determined the weeds cannot escape and cause an infestation.

Comments on the proposal may be submitted through Dec. 1 to T.J. Lanier, regulatory support staff, Plant Protection and Quarantine, APHIS, USDA, Rm. 635 Federal Building, Hyattsville, Md., 20782. Requests for a public hearing must be received by Nov. 2.

Species USDA is proposing to add to the list of noxious foreign weeds are:

Aquatic Weeds

Azolla pinnata R. Brown (mosquito fern, water velvet); *Hydrophila polysperma* T. Anderson (miramar weed); *Ipomoea aquatica* Forskal (water spinach, swamp morning-glory); *Limnophila sessiliflora* (Vahl) Blume (ambulia); *Sagittaria sagittifolia* Linnaeus (arrowhead).

Parasitic Weeds:

Cuscuta spp. (dodders), other than those found in the United States.

Terrestrial Weeds:

Alternanthera sessilis (Linnaeus) R. Brown ex de Candolle (sessile joyweed); *Avena sterilis* Linnaeus (including *Avena Ludoviciana* Durieu) (awned oat, wild oat); *Borreria alata* (Aublet) de Candolle; *Chrysopogon aciculatus* (Retzius) Trinius

(pillpillula); *Crupina vulgaris* Cassini (common crupina); *Digitaria velutina* (Forsk.) Palisot de Beauvois (velvet fingergrass); *Euphorbia prunifolia* Jacquin (painted euphorbia); *Galega officinalis* Linnaeus (goatsrue); *Neracium mantegazzianum* Sommer & Levier (giant hogweed); *Ipomoea triloba* Linnaeus (little bell, aca morning-glory); *Nikania cordata* (Burman f.) B.L. Robinson (mile-

a-minute); *Mimosa invisa* Martius (giant, sensitive plant); *Pennisetum clandestinum* Nothstetter ex Chiovenda (kikuyugrass); *Pennisetum pedicellatum* Trinius (kyasumagrass); *Pennisetum polystachion* (Linnaeus) Schultes (missiongrass, thin napiergrass); *Prosopis* (mesquite) 25 species listed; *Saccharum spontaneum* Linnaeus (wild sugarcane); *Solanum torvum* Swartz (turkeyberry); *Tridax procumbens* Linnaeus (coat buttons).

Matson wins nat'l co-op communications award

WASHINGTON D.C. — William F. Matson, general manager, Pennsylvania Rural Electric Association, and executive vice president, Alleghany Electric Cooperative, Harrisburg, has been chosen to receive the Cooperative Communications Award which is presented annually by the National Cooperative Month Planning Committee.

The committee, including representatives of 13 national cooperative organizations and government agencies, plans and coordinates the national observance of October as Cooperative Month.

Matson was selected for the Communications Award because of his successful pioneering of many member and public relations activities for rural electric cooperatives and their member-consumers, and his persuasive communication of cooperative advantages and principles.

He was chosen as the first

general manager of the Pennsylvania association and led in the organization of a generation-transmission cooperative to produce electric power for that state's electric distribution cooperatives. He developed a state-level publication to keep the co-op members informed, and encouraged participation of the local electric cooperatives in that communication activity.

Matson stimulated organization of a credit union to serve the saving-borrowing needs of rural electric members. He is credited with leadership in negotiating the first wholesale power contract with the Power Authority for New York state, a purchasing arrangement that has saved more than \$100-million for Pennsylvania's electric cooperative consumers.

He is a well-known electric cooperative spokesman in state and national legislative matters, and is recognized as a convincing and articulate public speaker. He has been vigorous in defending the rights of consumers, and has served as vice president of the Consumer Federation of America for a number of years.

Charles B. Gill, governor, National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corp., is chairman of the 1981 national committee, and Harold V. Hunter, Administrator, is chairman of the 1981 Awards committee. Organizations and agencies

represented on the national committee are:

Agricultural Cooperative Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture; American Institute of Cooperation; Cooperative League of the USA; Credit Union National Association; Extension Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture; Farm Credit Administration;

National Consumer Cooperative Bank; National Council of Farmer Cooperatives; National Milk Producers Federation; National Rural Electric Cooperative Association; National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corp.; National Telephone Cooperative Association, and Rural Electrification Administration.

Nat'l Angus meeting set for Nov. 16

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Angus breeders nationwide will travel to Louisville, Kentucky, in mid-November for the 98th annual meeting of the American Angus Association and several other Angus activities in conjunction with the North American International Livestock Exposition, reports Dick Spader, executive vice president of the American Angus Association.

Some 325 delegates from 48 states have been elected by members of the national Association to represent their respective home states at the annual meeting set for 2 p.m. Monday, November 16, at the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center. Delegates will cast their votes for an Association president and vice president, and will elect

five new directors to serve three-year terms. Only official delegates or alternates may vote, but the meeting is open to all Association members and the public.

An open Planning and Industry committee meeting also is set for Sunday, November 15, from 2-4 p.m. to solicit input and ideas from Association members about various programs and activities that will influence the future of the Angus breed.

The North American Angus Show will start with female competition at 8 a.m. Monday, November 16, and bulls will show at 9 a.m. the next day.

The National Angus Reception will be at 6 p.m. on Monday, followed by the National Angus Banquet.

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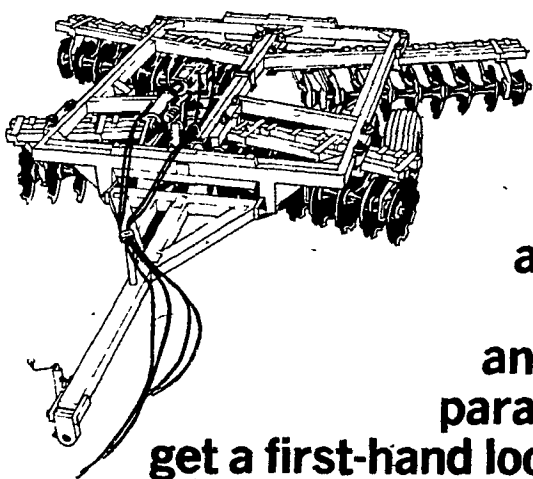
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cow averaged 1,020 pounds in September, up 40 pounds from a year ago and 55 pounds above September 1979.

United States milk production during September totaled 10.7 billion pounds, three percent above

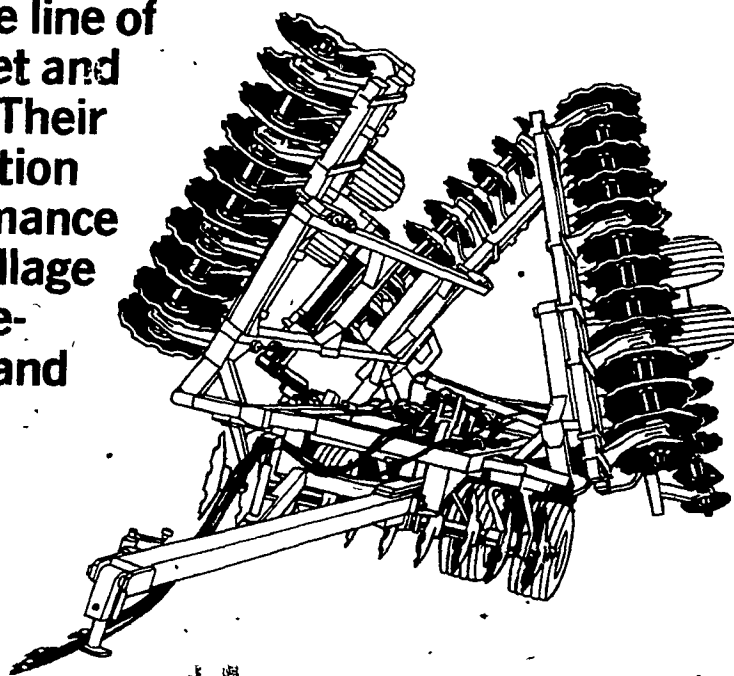
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