

## Pork value task force adopts mission

DES MOINES, Ia. — A three-part mission aimed at developing a grading system based on the value of the product was adopted by members of the Pork Value Task Force during their February meeting at the National Pork Producers Council.

The mission calls for the group to identify the value of the product, develop a system to measure the value, and develop an acceptable

system to communicate and pay for that value. According to Task Force Chairman Wayne Walter, the group's mission is made even more complex by the lack of information available on the value of carcasses with the varying lean percentages or varying percentages of primal cuts.

As a result, the first step toward accomplishing the group's mission will be to accumulate all existing

information on value and value measurements and present it at the next meeting of the Task Force.

Members of the Task Force also decided that any grading system or value system should be based on a measurement similar to the current formula which uses carcass weight and back fat and possibly loin eye area or loin depth to estimate the pounds of muscle or

the percent of lean meat.

"The Task Force felt strongly that the different grades should reflect varying lean meat percentages. One packer even suggested that lean percentages may not be enough. It may be necessary to include percentages of primal cuts in addition to lean percentages in a grading formula," said Walter.

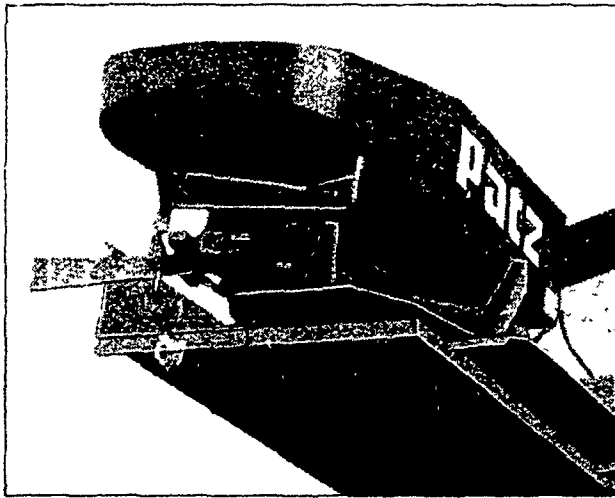
Walter also stated that throughout the meeting the entire Task Force agreed that the overriding goal of the total industry must be to get rid of fat and that to be workable, any value system must have the consensus of the industry and increase ef-

iciency rather than increase costs.

Information from a research project funded by NPPC in cooperation with USDA's Meat Animal Research Center in Nebraska will provide much of the information needed by the Task Force to develop a grading system based on methods of predicting the pounds of muscle in hogs of varying body types.

Once the Task Force has this formula and a grading system is developed, the next step will be to develop a system to communicate and pay for the value of that product. These steps will be the focus of the next meeting of the Task Force on April 5.

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