

U.S. ag trade development team to visit S.E. Asia

WASHINGTON, D.C. — A U.S. government-industry trade team will travel to five countries in Southeast Asia late in May and early June to promote U.S. agricultural exports.

Secretary of Agriculture John R. Block said the team, which will leave May 28 and return June 12, will comprise specialists in all aspects of the production, feeding and marketing of livestock and poultry. They will meet with high-level government and agribusiness officials in the Philippines, Indonesia, Singapore, Malaysia and Thailand.

The purpose of the trip will be to assess the potential for expanding sales of U.S. breeding stock and feedstuffs, to determine credit, infrastructure and other requisites for increased imports of these commodities, and to assure both government and private sectors of U.S. supply dependability, Block said.

"The countries to be visited already represent a significant market for U.S. agricultural exports, accounting for a total of \$1.2 billion last year, and the potential

for expanding these markets appears good."

"With this team, we want to demonstrate the willingness of both U.S. government and industry to work closely with government and industry in the host countries on mutually beneficial activities

that will develop markets for U.S. products," he said.

This will be the sixth government-industry team in a campaign launched a year ago to intensify U.S. market expansion efforts in developing countries with potential for market growth, Block said. The earlier teams, composed of grain

and soybean oil specialists, visited 14 countries in Africa, Latin America, and Middle East and the Far East.

Raymond D. Lett, executive assistant to the secretary, will lead the Southeast Asia team. The team roster has not been completed, but

is expected to include USDA market development cooperators representing the feed grains, soybean, and livestock breeder sectors, and representatives of the poultry, dairy, swine, agribusiness consulting and grain handling industries

Grass sawfly attacks Delmarva wheat

NEWARK, Del. — The grass sawfly, found in Delaware and the eastern shore area of Maryland, is even more destructive to wheat than the armyworm, says University of Delaware Extension pest management specialist Mark Graustein. Most damage occurs in western Sussex and southern Kent counties, but the pest has been found in all three Delaware counties.

Graustein says the insects have already laid their eggs and the offspring are starting to emerge and clip the heads off wheat stalks. Wheat varieties with a few large heads usually suffer more damage than those with a greater number

of smaller heads, according to the specialist.

Graustein says early evidence of sawfly damage is not always apparent. That's why it's important for growers to check fields carefully, particularly where sawfly populations tend to be highest — along field edges and in areas where plants are thick or growth is rank.

Check for sawflies in at least five locations in each field, including one or two near the edge of the field. Hit the wheat stalks of two

rows toward the innerspace between the rows. This will knock the caterpillars into the innerspace. At each location check five feet of row on either side of the innerspace. Grass sawfly caterpillars are pale green with dark brown heads, white faces, and eight pairs of prolegs (middle legs).

A field should be treated to control grass sawflies if an average of two or more caterpillars is found per five feet of row innerspace. Graustein says

Lannate or Nudrin at two pints per acre or Parathion at ¼-½ pints per acre have provided good sawfly control in the past.

For further information on grass sawflies, contact the county extension office in Newark, Dover, or Georgetown. Ask for the free fact sheet, "Control of the Grass Sawfly."

Bob Lott

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County we have such a difference of thinking and topography. We have the fruit industry, the tourist industry, and general farming. Each has its own interests and we need to educate each other about our special needs."

Robert Lott's peers have given his ample opportunity to take the conservation message to the public and even to Washington, D.C. Lott, a Master Farmer, has served on the State Horticulture Association, the Pennsylvania Farmers Association, State Association Research and Legislation Committee, Preservation of Agricultural Land Committee, and several others.

His efforts have not gone without recognition. He has received the Certificate of Achievement Award from the United States Soil Conservation Service and the Kiwanis Club Agricultural Achievement Award. He has been awarded membership in the agricultural honorary Gamma Sigma Delta, and in 1968 was named Conservationist of the Year by the Pennsylvania Association of Conservation District Directors, Inc.

Lott has some immediate concerns for the agricultural community, but, when viewed through the eyeglass of experience, he predicted brighter days ahead. "The economy of the American farmer today is so bad, he can't afford to put in some of the sound conservation practices that we have. I don't see a bright picture for American agriculture with the economy's downturn.

"Our greatest hope is to increase our exports. I think the Reagan Administration is on the right track.

"Agriculture is so much more efficient than industry. We have to get people to be more productive. American farmers certainly are. And once we get this economy turned around, we'll have an even greater potential for agriculture here in America."

Lamb sale sets records

INDIANA — The initial All-Star Club Lamb Sale featured record prices on May 1 at Indiana, Pa.

Fifty-three lambs averaged \$103.49, the highest average for a consignment club lamb auction in the state.

The top selling lamb set another record with a selling price of \$360 for a club lamb. The Hampshire lamb was consigned by Blu-Acre Hampshires of Lancaster. The lamb was purchased by the Kuzemchak family of Centre County.

The second highest selling lamb, consigned by Champion Acres of Champion, brought a price of \$170.

This lamb was purchased by Jean Cornish of Ford City. Harold Lee of Vandergrift, sold the top selling Suffolk lamb on a bid of \$160. This lamb also went to Centre County and sold to David Harpster of Boalsburg. Dirk Wise of Spring Mills sold another Hampshire lamb to the Kuzemchak family at a price of \$150. Elvin Yeagley, of Elizabethtown purchased the top consignment of Pete LeVan of Bellefonte for \$110.

The 53 lambs sold into Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Ohio. The sale was managed and sold by Ken Brubaker of Brubaker Livestock marketing, West Chester.

Wayne Beef Assn. meets Tues.

HONESDALE — The Wayne County Beef Cattlemen's Association will meet on Tuesday evening, May 18 at 8 p.m. at the Beach Lake Fire Hall (Small Meeting Room) in Beach Lake.

Clare Linde, president of the Wayne County Beef Cattlemen's Association, will conduct the regular monthly business meeting. Also a report from the Beef Marketing Committee will be heard.

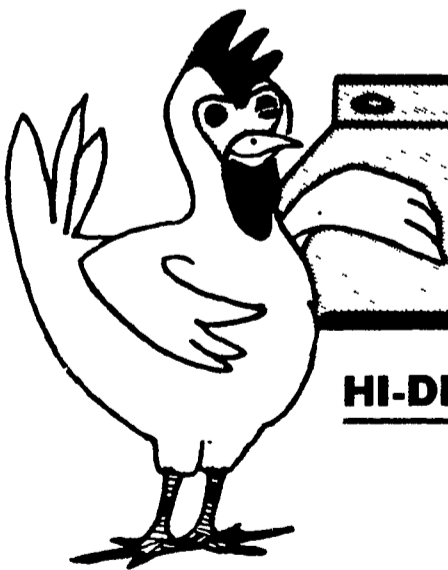
Featured speaker at this beef meeting will be Dr. Henry Nebzydoski, local veterinarian from Whites Valley. Nebzydoski will be discussing "Spring-time Beef Herd Health Programs and Management".

All beef producers are encouraged to attend this informative meeting.

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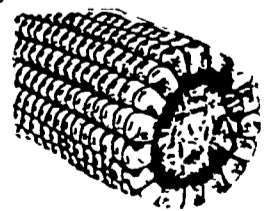
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