

U.S. Under Secretary Lodwick resigns

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Seeley G. Lodwick, under secretary of agriculture for international affairs and commodity programs, last Wednesday submitted his resignation following two years of service in the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

"We now have an aggressive export program in progress and a solid foundation is being laid for the farm programs for 1983 and 1984," Lodwick said. "I was happy to have played a role in the

development of these important initiatives. Now, it is time to move on to some of the other challenges and pursuits in which I have wanted to become involved."

Secretary of Agriculture John R. Block requested that Lodwick remain in his position until a replacement has been found.

"Under Secretary Lodwick has played a significant role in our goal to expand agricultural exports," Block said. "During his two years with USDA, he has worked on 14

international assignments laying the groundwork for expanding exports in 25 countries. Through his efforts, these export outlets will become very beneficial to American Agriculture as the world recovers from its current recession. And equally important are his contributions to the domestic farm programs which are designed to give agriculture the tools it needs as it moves toward recovery."

In a statement prepared for distribution to employees within the agencies under his direction, Lodwick said:

"For this country and this administration, and for all of us, the path to a greater future lies ahead. Untapped potential and resources await our encouragement, development and leadership. These opportunities exist in both the private and public sectors. I look forward to being a constructive part of this stimulating action."

"I would certainly like to commend the fine men and women with whom I have worked over the past two years starting, of course, with Secretary of Agriculture John R. Block. He brought the voice of the farmer to the department, a voice which had been missing for

too long of a time. I will always take great pride in reflecting upon my service with him.

"I also want to commend the three administrators who have very capably served under my direction - Everett Rank of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, Richard Smith of the Foreign Agricultural Service and Joan Wallace of the Office of International Cooperation and Development. I wish that I had the opportunity to thank all of you individually for the great dedication which you have shown in your service to agriculture. I'm talking about my associates within the department, my colleagues in

government, and those in the private sector.

"Since 1607 and that first dreadful, starving winter at Jamestown, this nation has survived many great, and not so great, moments that make up our history. Those include 16 wars and rebellions, 10 financial panics, and six assassinations to name a few. But, with each such moment of hardship or controversy, our nation emerged as a stronger, more constructive force for the benefit of mankind.

"Today, I am looking forward to playing an even greater role in helping to build that better future."

Livestock market

St. Louis Cattle

Wednesday, Jan. 12
Report supplied by USDA

Receipts this week 5,500; week ago 5,400; year ago 4,500 compared to the previous week, slaughter steers 2.00-2.50 higher. Slaughter heifers mostly 1.50, instances 2.00 higher. Cows 1.00 higher. Bulls fully steady. Slaughter supply mainly Choice slaughter steers, around 35% heifers and 10% cows.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: Mixed Choice and Prime 2-4 1050-1250 lbs. 58.50-60.00, closing 59.00-60.00. Choice 2-4 950-1250 lbs. 57.00-59.50, closing 58.00-59.50. Mixed Good and Choice 2-4 900-1225 lbs. 55.00-58.00. Good 2-3 900-1150 lbs. 53.00-56.00. Mostly Good 2-3 1050-1275 lb. holsteins 45.00-49.50.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Mixed Choice and Prime 2-4 850-1050 lbs. 56.50-57.50, closing 57.00-57.50, load 950 lbs. 58.00; few lots 4-5 1000-1120 lbs. 53.75-54.25. Choice 2-4 825-1050 lbs. 55.00-57.00, closing 55.50-57.00. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 800-1000 lbs. 53.00-55.50. Good 2-3 750-975 lbs. 50.00-53.50.

COWS: (closing week sales) Utility and commercial 2-4 33.00-37.00. Boning utility 1-2 37.00-39.00. High-yielding utility 1-2 39.00-40.00. Cutter 1-2 32.00-36.00. Canner and Low Cutter 1-2 28.00-32.00.

BULLS: YG 1-2 1000-1800 lbs. 44.00-49.00. YG 1 1400-1600 lbs. 49.00-50.00.

Wednesday's weekly sheep auction. Receipts about 350 head. Compared last Wednesday, slaughter lambs 3.00-3.50 higher. Light supply feeder lambs 3.00-4.00 higher. Supply mainly woolled and shorn slaughter lambs.

SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Choice and Prime 101-130 lb. shorn with mostly 1-2 pelts 52.50-54.00, lot freshly shorn 99 lbs. 51.00; lot 152 lbs. 48.00. Choice and Prime 88-128

lb. woolled 49.00-51.50; few lots 133-145 lbs. 46.00-46.50.

SLAUGHTER EWES: Few head good 15.00-18.00. Few aged bucks 15.50-18.00.

BREDEWES: Small lot good 161 lbs. with solid mouths 22.00.

FEEDERS: (Including around 2,200 at the regular Thursday auction.) Feeder and heifers 1.00-3.00 higher. Demand Good for bulk of moderate receipts. Supply mainly medium frame 1 400-900 lb. steers and 350-700 lbs. heifers. Good buyer attendance.

FEEDER STEERS: Medium Frame 1: 375-500 lbs. 65.00-70.50; 500-800 lbs. 64.25-67.00; 800-900 lbs. 62.00-66.00; 900-1000 lbs. 56.00-58.25. Medium Frame 1-2 and Some Small Frame 1 very fleshy 675-750 lb. 54.50-57.25.

LARGE FRAME 2 HOLSTEINS: Scattered lots 550-700 lbs. 48.00-51.50.

FEEDER HEIFERS: Medium Frame 1: 300-500 lbs. 54.00-57.25; 500-750 lbs. 54.00-57.50. Medium Frame 1-2 and Some Small Frame 1: 375-700 lbs. 48.50-53.00.

North Jersey Livestock

Hackettstown, N.J.

Tuesday, Jan. 11

Report supplied by auction 1069 head.

Calves 20.00-101.00; Cows 32.00-43.25; Easy Cows 10.00-37.50; Reactor Cows 35.50-41.25; Heifers 39.00-55.00; Bulls 41.50-54.00; Steers 35.50-57.00; Hogs 37.00-59.75; Roasting Pigs, each 18.00-51.00; Kids 6.00-45.00; Boars 42.50-43.00; Sows 43.00-54.50; Sheep 12.00-48.00; Lambs, each 16.00-56.00; Lambs per lb. 36.00-68.00; Goats, each 19.00-69.00; Hides .25-10.00.

USDA wool prices for '83

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Support prices for wool and mohair for 1983 marketings will be \$1.53 per pound for shorn wool and \$4.627 per pound for mohair, according to the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service.

Mohair is being supported at the same percent of parity as wool.

Pulled wool will continue to be supported at a level comparable to the support price for shorn wool through payments on unshorn


lambs.

As in past years, shorn wool payments will be based on a percentage of each producer's returns from sales. The percentage will be that required to raise the national average price received by all producers for shorn wool in 1983 up to support price of \$1.53 a pound. In 1982 shorn wool prices are expected to average around 75 cents per pound.

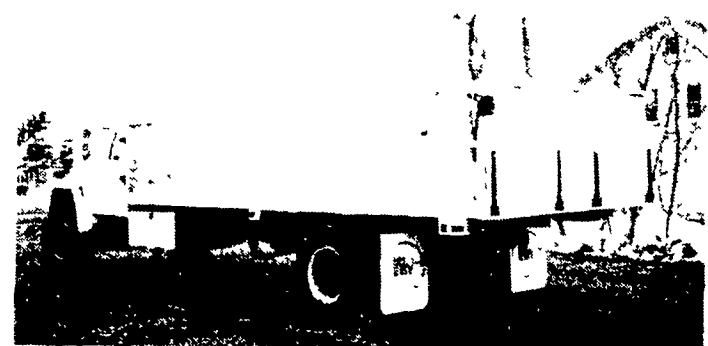


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