

## Lamb grading changed

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The U.S. Department of Agriculture has proposed changes in U.S. standards for grades of slaughter lamb, yearling and sheep.

Thomas H. Porter, of USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service, said the proposed changes would align the

slaughter standards with recently-revised standards for lamb, yearling mutton and mutton carcasses.

The carcass standards were changed to allow carcasses with only one break joint — in a young lamb, the point where the foot is removed during slaughter — to be

classified as lamb if other maturity characteristics are typical of lamb. Also, feathering — streaks of fat between the ribs — was dropped as a quality factor. The quality grade now is based on flank fat streaking — fat within or on the flank muscle — in relations to maturity, with a minimum of

firmness specified for each grade.

Porter said the proposal for slaughter animals will stan-

dardize the quality and conformation compensations, add descriptions of degrees of muscling associated

with each grade and drop the cull grade for slaughter lambs and yearlings.

The proposal is not

expected to affect the number of lambs in the prime, choice and good grades, he said.

## Heavy-duty hay fork cited

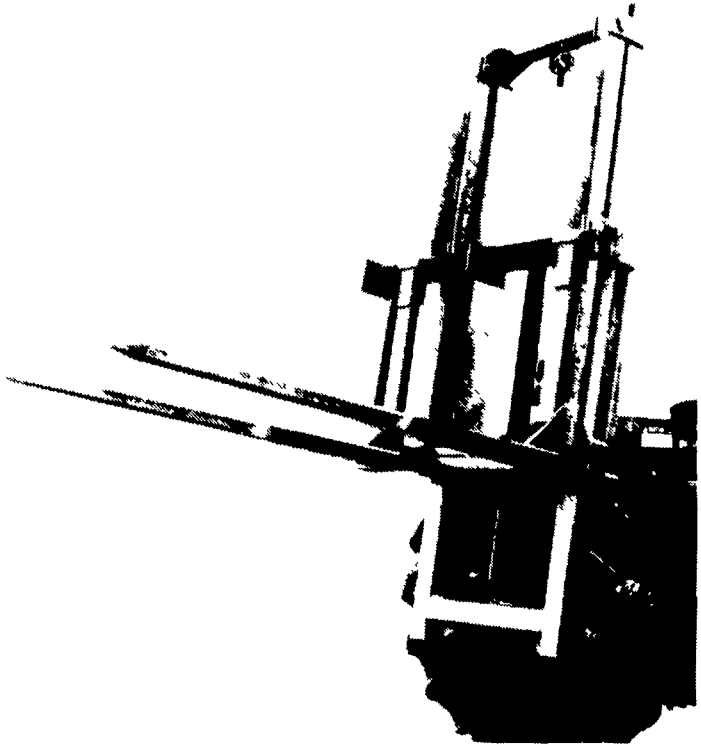
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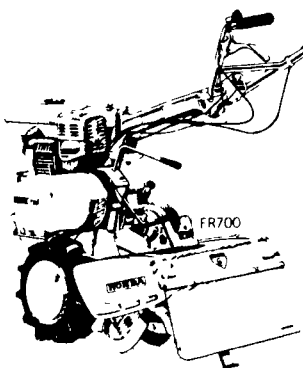
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