

Packer changes adopted

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Several changes in trade practice rules dealing with the marketing of livestock, poultry and meat under the Packers and Stockyards Act have been adopted, a U.S. Department of Agriculture official said today.

B.H. Jones, head of USDA's Packers and Stockyards Administration, said the changes will result in clearer understanding of the rules and lessen some restrictions on business practices without decreasing the protection provided for producers and consumers under the P&S Act.

Jones said the changes include revising and consolidating eight trade practice rules concerning the responsibilities of market agencies selling consigned livestock and buying out of consignments into a single, simplified regulation.

Other changes include:

- Removing two recordkeeping and accounting rules and revising and consolidating four others;

- Consolidating two rules and one policy statement authorizing the disposal of records into a single policy statement;

- Removing three trade practice rules involving employment restrictions, solicitation of consignments and gratuities;

- Revising two rules concerning settlement on actual weights and market agencies providing clearing services.

Youth conference slated

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. — The Cooperative Extension Service of Cook College, Rutgers University will be conducting the first conference on the Role of Farmer Cooperatives in Our Economy, on Saturday, March 31, for FFA, 4-H members and other youth anticipating employment in agriculture/agribusiness. The conference will start at 8:30 a.m. at the Holly House on the Cook College, New Brunswick campus.

The conference will have presentations on the New Jersey Farmers Cooperative Association.

basic cooperative principles, and briefings from seven Farmer Cooperatives concerning their operation — Agway, Interstate Milk Producers, Farm Credit Service, Cooperative Marketing Association, Northeast Breeders Associations and the Livestock Cooperative Auction Market. Information on PAFC and AIC Summer Institutes for additional instruction on cooperatives and comparison of cooperatives with the other forms of business enterprise will be provided.

Flower show to be held

EAST BRUNSWICK, N.J. — The New Jersey FFA will hold its annual Flower Show and Design Contest on April 6 at the Brunswick Square Mall in East Brunswick, N.J. The Flower Show and Design Contest is open to all high school students of vocational agriculture and FFA in New Jersey.

There are fifty-three different

classes in which students may enter a floral design or plant arrangement. The show includes classes of silk and fresh designs of holiday, spring, wedding, and novelty arrangements. Wreaths, corsages, hanging baskets, planters and dish garden classes are included for student competition.

Floral designer cited

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. — Ms. Deborah Pomroy, the top 1983 New Jersey FFA Floral Designer, had the opportunity to design at the Morristown Flower Show on March 10. Pomroy placed first in New Jersey last Spring during the FFA Floral Design Contest.

She competed with 77 other students of vocational agricultural and FFA throughout New Jersey. Ms. Pomroy, who is presently a Freshman at Delaware Valley

College of Science and Agriculture, majoring in Ornamental Horticulture, designed several hours in the New Jersey Florist Association Design School with a panel of designers from throughout the state. She attended the National FFA Convention representing New Jersey as the State FFA Sweetheart and also serves New Jersey as the State Secretary.

Basketball tourney held

LEBANON — On Feb. 29, the Lebanon County FFA Basketball Tournament was held at the Cedar Crest High School. Five FFA chapters competed.

Cedar Crest played in the first

game against Annville-Cleona, who won 29-9. Annville-Cleona then went on to attain a perfect record and the first place trophy. Refreshments were served after the tournament.

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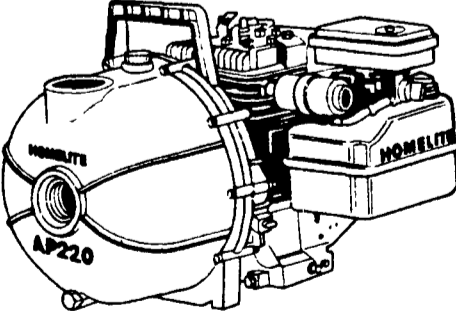
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