

Listening session June 18

ATLANTA, Ga. — Secretary of Agriculture John R. Block has said the fourth in a series of "listening sessions" to further discuss future food and agriculture policy will be June 18 in Syracuse, N.Y. Block's announcement came at the conclusion of the third session which was conducted in Atlanta, Ga.

The session will begin at 11 a.m. at the Syracuse Sheraton Inn, 7th North Street and Electronics Parkway. It will be designed to give the public an opportunity to express views to the secretary of agriculture and other U.S. Department of Agriculture policy leaders. Previous sessions were in Chicago, Riverside, Calif.; and here.

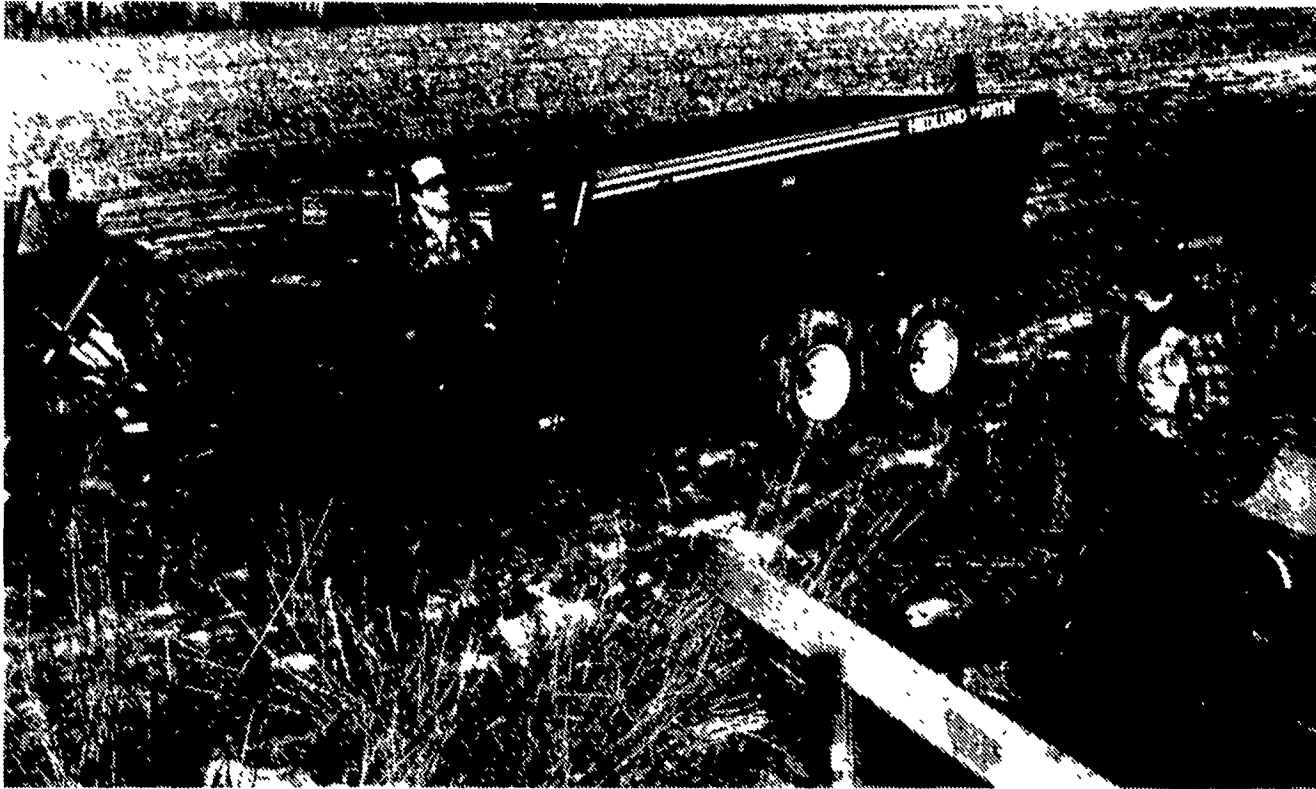
"We are receiving quality input at these sessions," Block said. "People representing all segments of agriculture are using

these opportunities to express their views. They know what we are trying to accomplish and they are very sincere about helping us formulate a farm policy."

Block said as many people as possible will be given a chance to make oral presentations. A time limit will be established and announced at the beginning of the session. Also, anyone may submit full written comments whether or not they participate at the listening session.

Since a limit may have to be set on the number of oral presentations, persons wishing to participate are encouraged to sign up as soon as possible. Call or write John Kermicle, room 226-W, USDA, Washington, D.C. 20250, (202) 447-4737, prior to June 12. Participants will be notified in advance about what time they will be heard.

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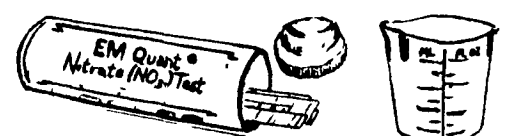
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