

NY Cattlemen speak out on government intervention

CORNING, NY — Lee Kraszewski of Corning, executive secretary of the New York Beef Cattlemen's Association, represented the state's beef cattle producers, both purebred and commercial, at the June 18, USDA hearing chaired by Secretary of Agriculture John Block.

Kraszewski told the Secretary, "cattlemen do not want direct government involvement in beef cattle production and we prefer we would not be affected by government involvement in any commodity. However, we have been forced to recognize that farm programs can and do have both direct and indirect effects on us that can seriously affect the economy of the cattle business."

Kraszewski noted that in New York and the Northeast, beef cattle represent a smaller part of the total agricultural production but also pointed out both the potential and present growth in this area as well as the national importance of the beef cattle industry.

He said the National Cattlemen's Association and the New York Beef Cattlemen's Association are calling for the transition of American agriculture to a marketing oriented system where market prices for all commodities determine producer decisions. He said the national and state associations also call for an enhancement of the competitive position of the United States in the world economy and en-

couragement of the wise use and conservation of natural resources.

"We, the beef cattle producers and our national and state organizations are asking for an agricultural policy that is forward

looking and flexible enough to accommodate change instead of merely reacting to change after the fact," Kraszewski said. He added, "a farm policy that takes from one segment of agriculture to

subsidize another is both short-sighted and unfair."

More than 50 persons presented written and oral statements relating to farm issues to be considered in the 1985 Farm Bill.

Shorthorn Junior National plans confirmed

LOUISVILLE, KY. — Over 200 head of heifers representing nearly 20 states will meet in Louisville, KY., for the 1984 National Junior Shorthorn Heifer Show held in conjunction with the National Shorthorn Youth Conference. The annual summer event will be held at the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center, home of the North American International Livestock Exposition.

Scheduled for July 14-18, this event will be a special Shorthorn junior show and youth conference. For the first time, a progress and finished steer show will be held in addition to the traditional female show.

Judging both events will be George Ellis, Beartooth Ranch, Columbus, MT. Serving as his associate will be Rex Tribbett, of Rexplaine Farms, Linden, IN.

Females eligible for the show must have been born between February 29, 1984 and September 1, 1982.

The steer show will be broken into two divisions - a progress division and a finished division, with as many as three classes per

division. The steers must be registered with the American Shorthorn Association and their owners must also be exhibiting a heifer at the event.

The youth conference will take place on Monday, July 16, where business pertaining to the American Junior Shorthorn Association will be conducted. In addition to basic business sessions, election of officers and appointment of boards members will also take place.

A highlight of the week-long events will be the Hillcrest Farm, Sutherland Shorthorns Legacy IV Sale, to be held at Prospect, KY. This production sale of Shorthorns and Polled Shorthorns will be followed by a barbeque and dance for all breeders, spectators, and AJSA members attending the sale.

For more information concerning the event contact the: American Junior Shorthorn Association, 8288 Hascall Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68124, 402-393-7200.

Cooling hogs

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fectiveness is the overhead paddle fan. Paddle fans which create air movement across the animals, increase the evaporation rate and improve cooling. A rule of thumb is one fan per 1000 sq. ft. of floor area. The best fan location is directly under a 24" wide ridge. The fan can draw in fresh air into the facility and recirculate air within the building. Insulation is needed under a metal roof if the fan blades are placed closer than four-five feet to the roof. Most of the circulating fans for agricultural applications are 56 to 72 inches in diameter and circulate 24,000 to 52,000 cfm using 100 to 220 watts. The paddle fans measure 20 inches in height. They can be used in mechanically ventilated buildings as well as naturally ventilated buildings if the ceiling height is at least 8½ feet. Wire guards are

available commercially or can be built for buildings with low ceilings.

The paddle fan, like the wide ridge, also aids in ventilating wide buildings, buildings too close together for good natural ventilation and buildings which have summer air flow parallel to the ridge line. Two other advantages of paddle fans are the drying of wet floors in summer due to the fan's downward air flow pattern and the decreased temperature stratification in winter when the fans are used on low speed.

The large number of cooling options allow producers to choose one or several options that fit with each of the various types of building designs on the farm. The lower cost options, such as drip cooling and sprinklers, should be tried before investing larger expenditures of capital in the other options.

Sweet named

to LMA marketing post

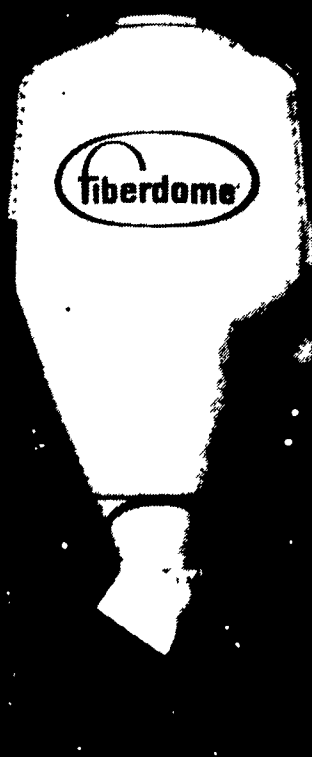
KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Michael L. Sweet, former executive with the Kansas City Board of Trade and the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, has been named to the new position of associate manager for marketing by Livestock Marketing Association (LMA).

Sweet will tour two major responsibilities, said LMA General Manager James L. Fries. "He will coordinate LMA's com-

munications, promotion, meeting and educational activities, and he will analyze the use and sale of commercial services to the industry."

Sweet, 37, was vice president of marketing and public relations with the Kansas City Board of Trade from January, 1983 to May of this year.

From 1980-82, he held a succession of key positions with the (Turn to Page D5)



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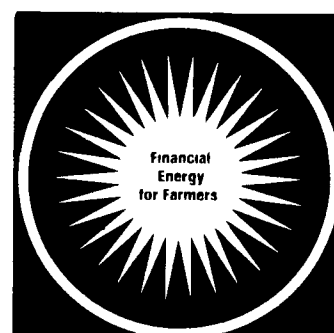
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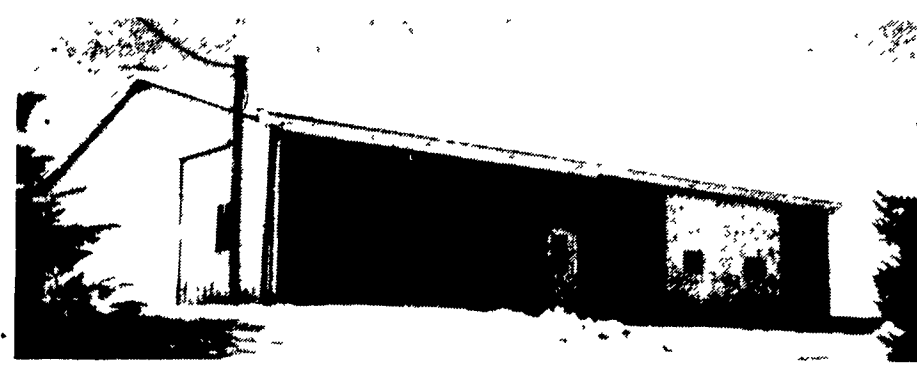


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