

Second milk boat race set for Aug. 12

RISING SUN, Md. — It's not listed for this summer's Olympic Games, but the 2nd Intergalactic Milk Carton Boat Race may prove

to be just as exciting.

Scheduled for Sunday, Aug. 12, at Knutsen's Lake in Rising Sun, Md., the race participants will be

area church youth groups. The contest, which requires each team to stay afloat and race across the lake on boats built using only empty milk cartons, gets underway at 1:30 p.m.

To qualify for the race, the youth groups must construct a boat using at least 100 milk cartons lashed together. This should keep one person afloat. According to race sponsor Bob Knutsen, one entry last year had a three-member crew.

The milk carton boat race was begun last year as a way for church youth to raise money for church projects. The event was also designed to promote dairy products.

Cash prizes, sponsored by dairy cooperatives and local businesses, will be awarded to race winners, prettiest boat, largest boat, the titanic and the largest crew.

All are invited to attend this free event. Just bring a lawn chair and sit down for an afternoon of fun and relaxation.

Knutsen's Lake is located one mile south of Rising Sun on Maryland Route 274. For more information, contact Bob Knutsen at 301-658-6325.

Donna Knutsen paddles across the water in a boat designed for last year's Intergalactic Milk Carton Boat Race, held in Rising Sun, Md.



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Emergency measures

expanded to aid weather-stricken farms

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Deputy Secretary of Agriculture Richard E. Lyng today announced expanded emergency measures to aid producers in areas affected by flooding and other adverse weather conditions.

Lyng said the measures include expanding the emergency feed assistance program, allowing haying and grazing on land taken out of production in 1984 farm programs and assisting livestock producers in locating hay or roughage.

"A special U.S. Department of Agriculture fact-finding team which toured affected areas in the Midwest last week reported that excessive rain has created some serious conditions for producers," Lyng said. "There also is extensive damage in the Northeast and spotted areas in some western states."

Lyng said many counties nationwide are already eligible for the emergency feed assistance

program due to the 1983 drought. Producers may use current growing season loss of hay and grass or a combination of 1983 drought and current growing season losses in determining eligibility.

Counties where one or more producers have suffered 40 percent or greater losses of haying and grazing due to adverse weather this spring will also be considered for the program. Payment-in-kind feed grain will not be counted as feed on hand in determining eligibility unless the producer still has it on hand or sold it since June 1, 1984.

In counties designated eligible for the program, lower-grade corn will be available at reduced rates from USDA's Commodity Credit Corporation to livestock producers who have suffered a reduced feed harvest due to adverse weather or other natural disasters and have insufficient feed available to preserve their foundation livestock.

About 10.3 million bushels of U.S. No. 4, 5 and Sample grade corn are available for sale. This corn is stored in Colorado (79,000 bushels); Iowa (58,000); Kansas (29,000); Maine (2,000); Minnesota (1.5 million); Missouri (10,000); Nebraska (2.5 million); North Dakota (200,000); South Dakota (100,000); and Texas (5.8 million).

The cost to eligible producers will be 75 percent of the 1983 basic county loan rate in the county where the corn is stored. Producers will be responsible for transportation costs in moving the corn to their livestock. The emergency feed assistance will be available to eligible producers for a feeding period of 90 days or until feed would be normally available.

Lyng said the haying and grazing privileges announced today will only apply to cropland taken out of production in the 1984 farm programs. In general, to be eligible, producers must show a 40 percent loss of haying and grazing in the current growing season. "I have directed the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service to give these requests highest possible priority with a turnaround time of no more than 48 hours."

County ASCS offices will also maintain updated lists of producers who have hay or other roughage available for sale in each state. Lyng said producers should contact their local ASCS office for additional information concerning any of the expanded emergency measures which were announced today.



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