

**North Jersey Livestock**

Hackettstown, NJ  
Tuesday, March 19

Report supplied by auction

Calves- 14.00-105.00.  
Cows- 17.00-48.75.  
Easy Cows- 30.00-42.75.  
Heifers- 33.50-54.50.  
Bulls- 35.00-54.25.  
Steers- 48.75-59.00.  
Hogs- 32.00-46.00.  
Roasting Pigs, each- 19.00-39.00.  
Boars- 30.00-35.00.  
Sows- 25.00-38.00.  
Sheep- 8.00-50.00.  
Lambs, each- 15.00-59.00.  
Lambs, per lb. 46.00-95.00.  
Goats, each 15.00-59.00.  
Kids, each 11.00-40.00.  
Hides, each .50-15.00.  
Total 1388.

**New Holland Horse**

New Holland Sales Stables  
Monday, March 18

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Reported receipts of 275 head of

**West Virginia producers support wool act**

BY DEBBIE STILES-RENZI  
Staff Correspondent

PETERSBURG, W. Va. — Though Washington officials have little good to say about the nation's existing farm programs, sheep producers in this state's Eastern Panhandle can find very little fault with the current Wool Incentive Program of the Wool Act.

"When David Stockman says our horses, mules and ponies. Market: steady.

Local:  
Better horses 450.00-550.00.  
Driving horses 275.00-650.00.  
Riding horses 275.00-375.00, few 600.00-750.00.  
Registered 775.00-850.00.  
Lightweight killers 190.00-250.00;  
Heavyweight killers 300.00-385.00.  
Mare ponies 30.00-75.000; Colts 10.00-20.00; Gelding ponies 30.00-75.00.  
Larger ponies 125.00-225.00.

farm programs are a disaster, he cannot be talking about the Wool Act," National Wool Growers Association staffer Dan Murphy told a group of over 100 sheep producers here.

Established 1954, the National Wool Act administers the Wool Incentive Program, which distributes to U.S. wool producers a payment as an incentive to produce more domestic wool. The unique aspect of the program is that the payment is made out of money collected via a tariff levied on imported woolen goods.

Since its inception, \$3.6 billion has been collected in duties; \$1.4 billion has gone to producers in payments while the remaining \$2.2 billion has been returned to government coffers.

Murphy expressed fears concerning the future of the Wool Act, given the present Administration's desire to cut or eliminate all

government farm programs, whether they are profitable or not. "Your government does not support agriculture," he said flatly.

Whether he should push for the renewal of the Wool Act this year was the question U.S. Rep Harley Stagers Jr. asked of the shepherds in attendance.

A member of the audience suggested that Stagers take a hand vote to determine how many of those assembled supported the renewal of the Act. When Stagers did so, the result was unanimous in favor of continuing the Wool Act and the Wool Incentive Program at the 1985 levels.

A number of farmers and expressed their willingness to take a cut in the program payments for the good of the country in reducing the federal deficit. However, both Murphy and Stagers re-emphasized the paying status of

the Wool Act programs and stated that cuts really should be made elsewhere in the budget to get the deficit down.

Dr. Richard Koes West Virginia University Extension Sheep Specialist, presented statistics on U.S. numbers and wool production, explaining how the incentive payment is calculated. According to Koes, the U.S. in 1984 imported 100 million pounds wool clean basis, and another 210 million pounds in fabric wool.



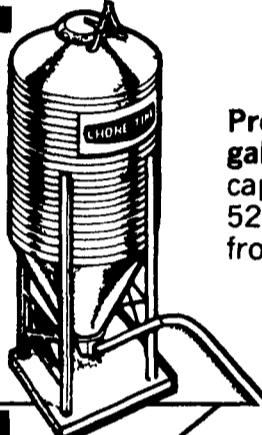
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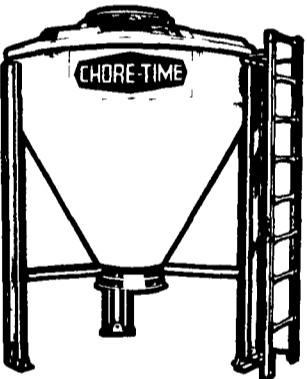
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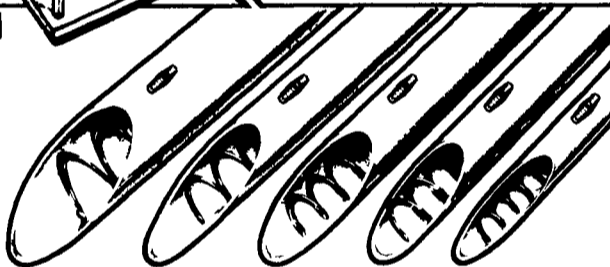
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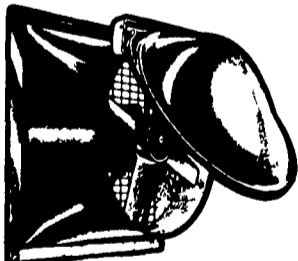
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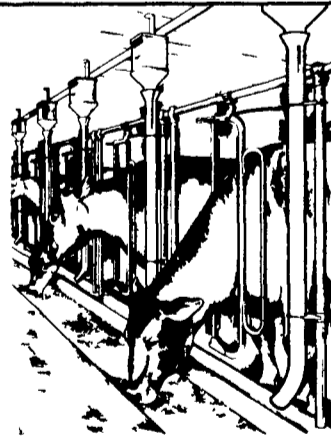
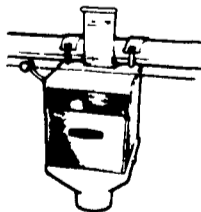
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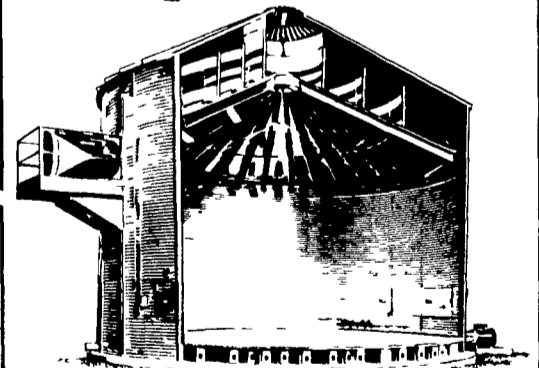


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