

# Ag export credits weighed

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exporting nations which do not subsidize their exports," the farm leader said.

Rather than adopting the tactics of our competitors in the European Community, Delano said, the U.S. should only use export credits to regain markets which the EC unfairly took away with its own unfair practices.

"Dumping our domestic problem — the surpluses caused by our flawed price support programs — will not provide a long-term solution," Delano said. "The EC has not found a way out of the high support-and-dump cycle and I doubt we would either. It just postpones the day of reckoning."

Joe Fields, the Farm Bureau's

Director of Information in Washington, added that a shotgun approach would simply dump \$2 billion worth of grain on the international market in about six months, depressing prices, antagonizing competitors and leaving no lasting impact.

The targeted approach, he said, should help the U.S. regain some of the lost markets, and give EC competitors an incentive to end the unfair trading practices that initiated the dispute originally.

Administration and Farm Bureau officials indicated that they expect the final USDA program, slated to be announced today, would be diluted somewhat, but still contain most of the key "targeting" provisions.

"We expect it to be watered

down somewhat," said one official. "But we think we've won most of what we wanted. We'll have to wait and see, though."

Most of the pressure for a more broad-gauged approach is coming from the large grain companies, officials said, who feel the narrowly focused "targeting" approach would put them in an awkward position with their customers. One major company reportedly has refused to cooperate with the plan originally outlined by USDA, sources said.

The American Soybean Association said it opposes the extension of the proposal to soybeans, feeling it will not benefit soybean farmers, according to ASA President Roger Asendorf.

"The Export Enhancement Program's purpose is supposedly designed to increase total sales and to counter unfair trade

practices," Asendorf said. "But so far, it appears the program will not be used against the two countries (Brazil and Argentina) whose export practices hurt U.S. soybean

farmers the most; and would be used specifically against countries who are major buyers of U.S. soybeans and products."

## Ag museum fund-raiser

DOVER, DE — The Delaware Agricultural Museum will hold a fundraising auction and consignment sale on Saturday, June 8 at 10 a.m., rain or shine.

Farm equipment, farm-related items and household items will be auctioned including: a 1956 1/2 ton pick-up truck, 2 wooden wagons, two Model 100 Delaval pail units, 1 cord of wood, misc. lawn and garden equipment, American Flyer diesel train engines, passenger cars and accessories, corn planters, a cane rocker, a pine chest, and much, much more. All items have been donated or

consigned just for the auction.

The auction will be held at the museum located just south of Delaware State College on Route 13 in Dover. Lunch will be available. Only cash or approved checks will be accepted. On the day of the auction, the main exhibits and historic buildings will be closed to the public; however, the gift shop and restrooms will be open and accessible.

The auctioneer will be Clarence Scuse. All proceeds will benefit the Delaware Agricultural Museum, a private, non-profit educational organization.

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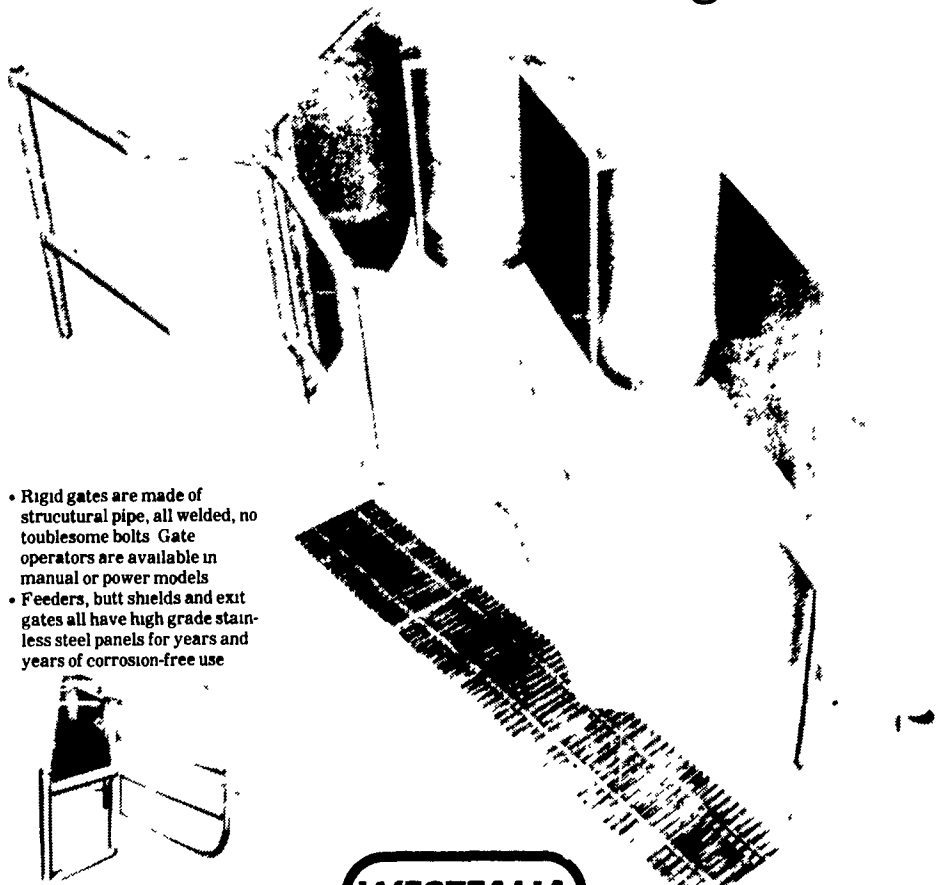
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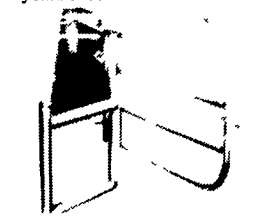
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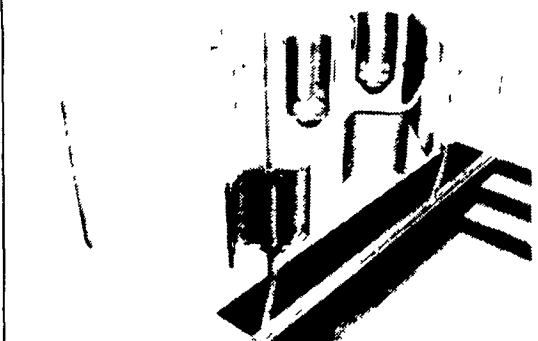
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