Schedule set for popular World Dairy Expo

MADISON, Wisc. - "World Dairy Expo has in the past 19 years become a fall tradition for dairy farmers," according to Brad Rugg, World Dairy Expo's executive vice president. "In keeping with Expo's tradition of quality, we've planned a wellrounded program with something of interest for the entire dairy farm family.

World Dairy Expo, the world's largest international trade show for dairy farmers, will be held October 2 through 6 at the Dane county Exposition Center in Madison, Wis. Over 400 commercial exhibitors will feature the latest available dairy farm technology, products and services.

Educational speakers programs are scheduled four times daily Wednesday through Saturday in the Education Tent. The programming has been designed to provide valuable information to dairymen to help weather the current economic storm.

Dairy experts will speak on topics such as "Profitable Udder Health Decisions That Insure Your Future," "Management - It Does Make The Difference," "Farm Outlook for 1986," and "Combining Art, Science and Common Sense in a Breeding Program."

The presidents of the six national breed associations whose animals participate at World Dairy Expo will form a panel to discuss "Our Breed in 1995." Another item of interest in the Education Tent will be a display of finalists in fieldcured hay and haylage divisions from the World's Second Forage Analysis Super Bowl.

In addition to the commercial exhibits and Education Tent features, World Dairy Expo will host five dairy cattle shows of national status and one regional show. Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein, Jersey and Milking Shorthorns, expected to number over 1600 head, will compete for laurels.

Youth from across the United States will travel to Expo to participate in National 4-H, Intercollegiate and FFA dairy cattle judging contests and junior showmanship contests.

An informative ladies program, The Craft Forum, will feature daily style shows, craft and food demonstrations and informative speakers. Farm and urban dwellers alike will enjoy the variety of hand-crafted items on sale and the opportunity to purchase dairy-related gift items from The Purple Cow Gift Shop.

Farm Safety Tips

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The only reasonable action that can be taken is to provide ventilation into the storage and wait for rescue personnel with the proper equipment. Barn fans and silo blowers are sources of ventilation that may be used. However, do not lower fans into the pit because of possible methane gas buildup.

Uncovered storages at ground level should be fenced to keep people and animals off the crustlike surface that normally develops. The surface crust may harden in very dry or extended cold periods, but the hardening will be uneven.

As the crust softens with

changing weather conditions, a person or animal can suddenly break through. Do not leave ladders leaning against above ground tank storages. A person who accidentally falls into the tank will be trapped because he or she will be unable to climb the smooth surface.

near open storages and above ground tanks, and a rescue pole and rope should be appropriately located in the area. Remember to warn visitors and guests of the hazards of manure storages because you are legally responsible for their safety while on your

property.

Warning signs should be placed

Also scheduled for the 1985 World Dairy Expo are an antique tractor pull, recognition awards banquets and the chance to see the best dairy cattle in North America.

World Dairy Expo will again offer the finest cattle for sale to dairymen interested in improving the genetics of their herds. Featured will be the East Central/Select Sale '85 on Thursday afternoon at 3:00 p.m . the World Premiere Colored Breeds Sale (featuring Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Jersey and Milking Shorthorn) on Thursday evening, the World Premiere Holstein Sale on Friday evening; and the Premiere "200" Sale on Saturday evening. All evening sales begin at 7.00 p.m.

The Premiere "200" Sale features animals and their offspring from the top 200 on the Holstein Association's CTPI Index. Scheduling for the 1985 World

Dairy Expo includes October 1: World Dairy Expo **Recognition Awards Reception &** Banquet;

October 2: National 4-H & Intercollegiate Dairy Cattle Judging Contests, Central National Ayrshire and Milking Shorthorn Shows, Midwest Regional Jersey Show and Dairy Shrine Reception & Banquet;

October 3: Central National Ayrshire, Milking Shorthorn & Brown Swiss Shows, Midwest Regional Jersey Show, East Central/Select Sale '85 and World Dairy Expo Colored Breeds Sale:

October 4: Central National Brown Swiss & Holstein Shows, Wisconsin-Style International Buffet, World Premiere Holstein Sale;

October 5: World Dairy Expo Central National FFA Events, Central National Holstein Show, Premiere ''200'' Sale;

October 6: Central National Junior Showmanship Contest, Central National Guernsey Show, Antique Tractor Pull and Selection of America's Supreme Champion Female Cow.

All dairy farmers will also be eligible for daily door prize

drawings for ten prizes of four 50pound bags of Baymix Crumbles Dairy Dewormer from Cutter Animal Health; six 200-pound units of M.P. Plus from Supersweet Feeds; four cases Ectrin In-secticide Ear Tags from SDS Biotech Corporation; five \$500 certificates for semen from ABS Bulls of winners' choice from American Breeders Service; three certificates for one gross each Dariclox and two certificates for one gross each Orbenin-DC mastitis treatments from Beecham Laboratories; six 1,000 pound units of 40% Dairy Supplement from Kent Feeds, Inc., twenty-five Red Barn Cow Mats from "Rock" Stone & Associates, Ltd; three registered dairy heifers

from Tri-State Breeders Cooperative.

The grand door prize will be a 1986 Chevy Pickup from Chevrolet Motor Division, General Motors Corporation.

Commercial exhibits remain open from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily, while the Craft Forum's hours are scheduled from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. There is no admission charge for the show, but a parking fee is required by the facility.

Nearly 90,000 U.S. visitors and some 1200 foreign guests are expected to attend Expo in 1985. For further information, contact WORLD DAIRY EXPO, 2135 Rimrock Road, Madison, Wisconsin 53713, or telephone 608/251-3976.

Bedell hits USDA's export bonus plan

WASHINGTON - U.S. Berkley Bedell, D-Iowa, chairman of the House Agriculture Subcommittee on Department Operations, Research, and Foreign Agriculture, has scheduled a hearing to review the U.S. Department of Agriculture's export payment-in-kind (PIK) program.

The hearing will be 9:30 a.m. on Oct. 1 in 1302 Longworth House Office Building.

"From all reports, USDA's export bonus program has been plagued by problems and missteps from the start," Bedell said. 'Even the Department's own export PIK advisory committee has urged that the program be radically changed or scrapped. The subcommittee wants to find out what's wrong with the program and what must be done to assure it's success."

USDA's export bonus program, called Bonus Incentive Commodity Export Program (Bicep), was to use government-provided bonuses of grain as lures to sell U.S. farm products abroad. In the four months since the program was announced, it has not led to any additional sales of U.S. grain.

"The program was apparently

set up wrong in the beginning, and no attempts have been made to correct the problems," Bedell said.

Included in the House Agriculture Committee's recently approved 1985 Farm Bill is a much broader export bonus program. The USDA program has been limited to wheat and is aimed at very few countries.

"U.S. farm exports have dropped sharply since their peak in 1981," Bedell said. "We need a strong, aggressive export program, but USDA's very limited program has fallen far short of the need."





