



The senior heifer calf that was won by a drawing in Papillon farmer meetings by Jacob B. Lapp, Ronks, came to her new home this week from Ithaca, N.Y. The Paclamar Astronaut daughter valued at \$2000 is out of a milky 2-year-old Elevation daughter. The granddam is an Excellent Fond Matt with over 26,700 lbs. of milk.

Receiving the calf from Papillon's director of marketing, Thomas P. Mullineaux (at the halter) on behalf of Lapp is local dealer representatives from Zook and Rank, Inc., Gap. (L to R) Roy Witwer, Salesman; M. Simon Zook, President; Floyd Ranck, Sec. Tres.; Mullineaux; and Dennis Hanna, Salesman.

## USDA Monitoring Meat Imports for Radiation

WASHINGTON — In the wake of the Soviet nuclear accident at Chernobyl, the U.S. Department of Agriculture will monitor meat and poultry imports from affected countries for radiation at U.S. ports of entry, said Donald L. Houston, administrator of USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service.

In addition, USDA has notified nations that export meat and poultry products to the United States that they must institute controls to prevent radiation contamination in products destined for the United States if high ground levels of radiation are detected in their country.

At the present time there appears to be no danger to meat and poultry imports from radiation contamination from the Chernobyl accident," said Houston.

"We are, however, taking the precautionary measure of requiring countries exporting meat and poultry to the United States to test ground con-

tamination levels. If those levels exceed 0.13 microcuries (a measure of radiation) per square meter, we will require the countries to institute a control program to assure that the amount of radiation in the meat is below U.S. protective action levels," Houston

explained.

As a check to assure compliance, USDA will monitor incoming shipments at points of entry. If the monitoring indicates any radiation contamination, the product will be held while additional tests are performed in a laboratory to confirm the radiation level.

## CCC Loan Interest Rate Lowered

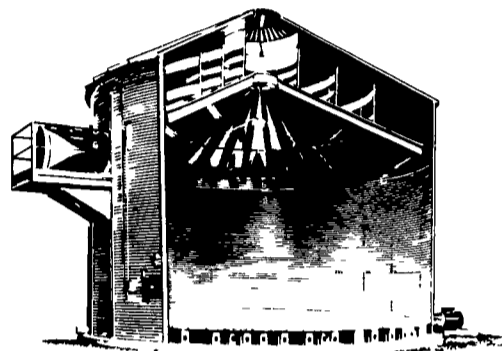
WASHINGTON — Commodity loans disbursed in May by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Commodity Credit Corporation will carry a 6½ percent interest rate, according to Acting CCC Executive Vice

President Milton Hertz.

The new rate, down from 7¼ percent, reflects the interest rate charged CCC by the U.S. Treasury in May.

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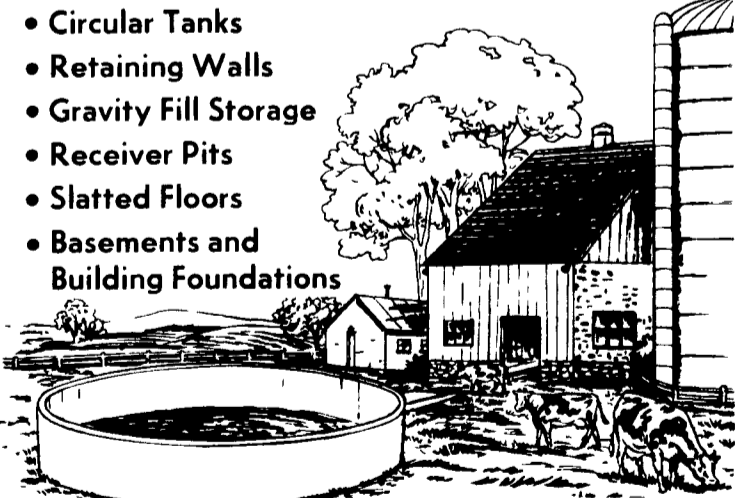
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