

Export Extension Announced

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Provisions to give producers options beyond the 45-day limitation to export dairy cattle in the Dairy Termination Program were announced by Secretary of Agriculture Richard Lyng.

"We found that in many instances the 45-day export limitation was insufficient to obtain the required health testing and make other necessary export arrangements," Lyng said. "Therefore, producers are being provided an alternative method to enhance exporting of dairy cattle."

Lyng said if a producer needs only a few days past the original 45-day limitation between time of sale and when the cattle had to be exported, an additional period of

up to 45 days will be granted upon application through the producer's county Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service office.

"These new alternative export provisions provide a method for going beyond the 45-day extension," Lyng said. "If more time is necessary, the program participant and the exporter must sign an export addendum to the original dairy termination program contract. The addendum must be completed before the end of the producer's contract disposal period and before the dairy cattle included in the addendum are moved from the producer's farm."

The animals that are to be exported must be double eartagged. Prior to the animal leaving the farm, the farmer and exporter

must sign the addendum. The exporter must also allow inspection of the facilities by ASCS officials where the buyout animals will be held before export. Only the animals listed on the addendum may be exported.

The exporter must also slaughter any animals that will not be exported within 15 days of the ineligibility declaration.

Lyng said partial payments are authorized for participants electing to execute addendum when all

cattle are disposed of in accordance with program requirements except those specifically identified in the export addendum.

There is a growing foreign interest in buyout animals. Farmers in other countries view this as an opportunity to improve the genetics of their herds at reasonable costs.

To aid in bringing the exporter in touch with buyout participants, the USDA has compiled a list of program participants. This list is available only to exporters so they can work directly with the farmer.

Although the extension for ex-

porting requires more documentation, Ray Waggoner of the ASCS notes that exporting buyout animals is beneficial to the farmers as they can achieve a better price, the beef market as there will be fewer animals going to slaughter, and farmers overseas who will improve the genetics of their herds.

Producers should contact their county ASCS office for further information on applying for an extension of the 45-day export requirement or about executing an export addendum to their contract if they are planning on selling any of their dairy cattle for export.

Major Dairy Sales And Dispersals Nationwide



Only one sale was reported this week. The results of the sale follow.

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The CYNTHIA HAWLEY DISPERSAL, held in Vermont, averaged \$573 on 249 lots, including newborn calves. The 136 cows averaged \$808.

Topping the sale, with a price of \$2,000, as a 5-year-old Shadewell Fascinator daughter. Recently

fresh, she was milking 95 pounds on the day of the sale. Second, with a bid of \$1,925, was a 5-year-old who is due in October to Schultz Performing Legend. Third high selling animal, at \$1,800, was a Quicksilver Magic of Ogston daughter. She was milking 75 pounds on the day of the sale.

Greg Lussier was the auctioneer and Noel and Jon Lussier were the sale managers.

NATIONAL DAIRY COW SALE INDEX

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This sale index can help dairymen place a value in the dairy cows on their own herds. Breed organization sales and private dispersal sales reported in Lancaster Farming are included in the dollar averages.

	Ayrshire	Brown Swiss	Guernsey	Jersey
Year to date:				
Nation	721	940	961	911
Pennsylvania	1027	—	556	1069
Four previous weeks:				
Nation	—	—	2558	989
Four previous weeks				
+/- year to date:	—	—	1597 higher	78 higher
	Holstein	Red and White	Milking Shorthorn	
Year to date:				
Nation	2033	2837	672	
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Nation	4430	—	—	
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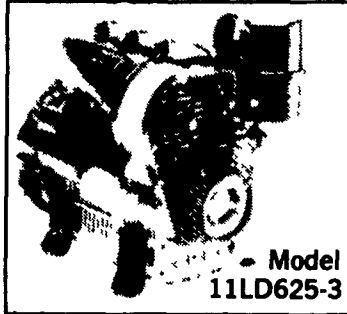
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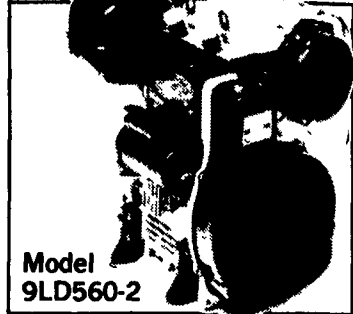
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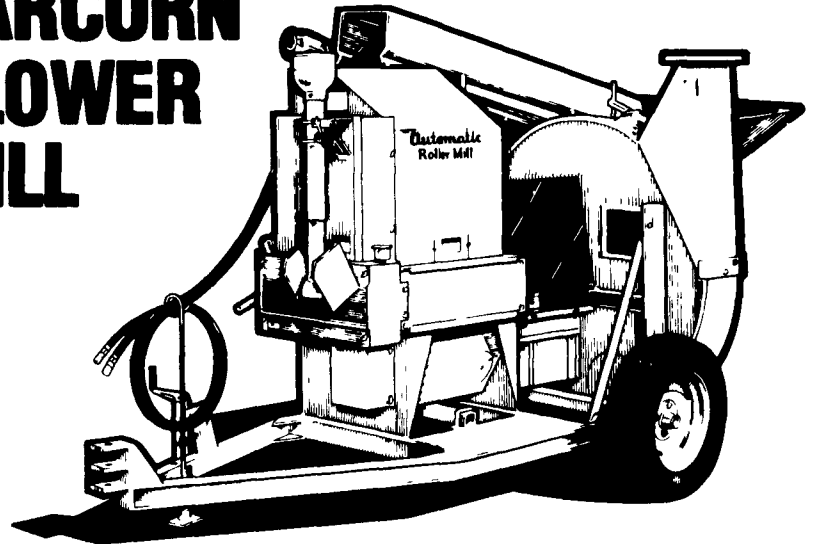
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