

Tips For Exporting Livestock Offered

WASHINGTON — What's the best way to send cows to China — by slow boat or air express? "It all depends on what you as an exporter need," says Martin "Buzz" Fitzpatrick, administrator of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Office of Transportation. "There are advantages and disadvantages to each method of shipping. And these are spelled out in 'Transportation Options,' one of a series of fact sheets OT has recently prepared."

According to Fitzpatrick, recent export-assistance programs and a strong worldwide demand for U.S. breeding livestock have generated a large number of requests for

information on the transport of livestock for export.

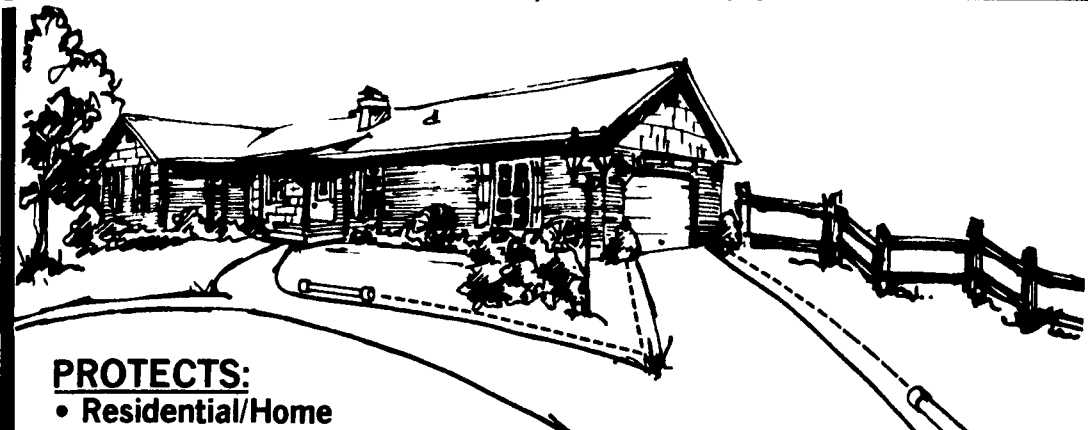
"Many people want information on marketing as well as transportation," Fitzpatrick says. "Our 'transportation tips' include contacts for export health requirements from the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service as well as contacts in the Foreign Agricultural Service for information on potential foreign livestock markets and how to sell in these markets."

The Office of Transportation provides technical services and research on transportation problems for livestock exporters.

It has information on transport equipment, recommended handling methods, carrier services and other areas an exporter or potential exporter might want.

For copies of the three tip sheets on exporting livestock — entitled "Where to Get Information," "Transportation Options" and "Preparing Cattle for Export" — contact OT's Export Services Branch, Room 1405, Auditor's Building, USDA, Washington, D.C., 20250; telephone (202) 653-6317. The information is also available electronically through the USDA ONLINE service under "Animal Health Information."

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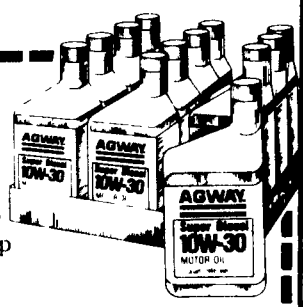
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