

# Feed Grains Representatives Seek Clarification Of GATT Agreement

WASHINGTON, DC — Members of the Trade Policy Coordinating Committee, which coordinates trade policy among organizations in the feed grains sector, last week met with representatives of the Department of Agriculture and U.S. Trade Representative's office to seek clarification of the GATT framework agreement signed last week in Geneva.

The TPCC membership is drawn from the U.S. Feed Grains Council, the National Corn Growers Association, the National Bar-

ley Growers Association and the National Grain Sorghum Producers Association. They held separate meetings with Agriculture Secretary Clayton Yeutter and with Deputy Trade Representative-designate Julius Katz and Deputy Assistant Trade Representative Suzanne Early.

Members of the TPCC raised concerns about the GATT framework agreement, including the apparent removal of the goal of eliminating trade-distorting subsidies, and statements by Euro-

pean Community (EC) negotiators that its rebalancing proposal remains under consideration and that its Common Agriculture Policy (CAP) is not negotiable.

Secretary Yeutter told the group that the Bush Administration remains steadfastly opposed to the EC's proposal to rebalance its levels of protection, and said the proposal has no international support outside the EC. He assured the group that substantial reform of world agricultural trade

remains a top U.S. priority in the Uruguay Round.

At USTR, Early said the language of the agreement contains commitments to include all elements of the CAP in the negotiations. She said the goal of eliminating trade-distorting subsidies also is included in language reading "correcting and preventing restrictions and distortions in world agricultural markets." This goal cannot be met, she explained, without the elimination of domestic and international policies that create distortions.

Allen Terhaar, the Council's director of planning and trade policy, said the group was reassured that Administration officials understand the goals and policies

of the feed grains sector and remain committed to substantial agricultural trade reform. He also pointed out that progress will be measured by the results of the tough negotiations that are ahead, and that the officials promised to work closely with the TPCC members during those negotiations.

The meetings also included discussions of such bilateral trade issues as the EC's export subsidies and variable levies on feed grains and Japan's restrictive feed grains policies. The group also asked for support of a waiver of the Jackson-Vanik amendment to allow Most-Favored-Nation trading status to be extended to the Soviet Union.

## Hansen Receives National Jersey Award

REYNOLDSBURG, OH — Lloyd Hansen, Canby, Ore., has been awarded The American Jersey Cattle Club's 1989 Young Jersey Dairyman Award. Hansen is among seven winners from across the United States who have excelled in dairy farming and Jersey cattle breeding. They have also been very active in AJCC programs and Jersey functions. The winners will be honored at an awards breakfast June 17 at the AJCC-NAJ Annual Meeting in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

One year after graduating from college, Lloyd Hansen formed a partnership with his father and mother in 1975. Lloyd gradually became responsible for management of herd nutrition, sire selection, herd health and general herd management. Hansen now shares these duties with his brother, Gary, who joined the partnership in 1987.

Hansen is a 1/2 owner of 90 Registered Jersey cows at Casca-

dia Farm. The 90 head have a rolling herd average of 14,957 lbs. milk, 733 lbs. fat and 567 lbs. protein. One of Lloyd's hardest working cows has been a product of the Genetic Recovery Program: GR Earls Majestic Erma, VG-85%, with a best record of 5-10 305

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Cascadia Farm has consigned cattle to many of the sales in the West. They also like to exhibit their cattle at the fairs. In 1988 they were Premier Exhibitor at the Western National Show.

## Seven To Receive Young Jersey Dairyman Award

REYNOLDSBURG, OH — Seven winners from across the United States will be presented with The American Jersey Cattle Club's 1989 Young Jersey Dairyman Award. The recipients will be honored at an awards breakfast June 17 at the AJCC-NAJ Annual Meeting in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Winners are selected by the AJCC Board of Directors and must be under 36 years of age on January 1. Of the 35 nominees, the seven selected have excelled in

dairy farming and Jersey cattle breeding and have participated in AJCC programs and Jersey activities.

Those receiving the award are: Samuel A. Bok, Defiance, Ohio; Clifton (Jay) and Laura Booth, Buhl, Idaho; John and Heather Brigham and Brent and Diane Brigham, St. Albans, Vt.; David Greathouse, Parkesburg, Ill.; Lloyd Hansen, Canby, Oregon; Walter Owens, Frederic, Wis.; Neal W. Sanford, Parma, Mich.

## Rain, Rain

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occurrence of herbicide injury. The heavy rains will have moved the herbicide into contact with germinating corn seedlings. In addition, since the young plants are under stress due to the cool weather, they may be unable to completely detoxify the herbicide. These two conditions may result in visible signs of herbicide injury. In most instances, plants showing signs of early season herbicide injury recover with little impact on the yield potential. Stand counts should be taken and fields monitored closely to determine if plants have the ability to recover. If significant stand losses are incurred, a decision regarding replanting will be necessary.

Some growers may wonder if there is anything that should be done at this time to avoid potential weed problems. We do not have the ability to predict how much of the herbicide has been degraded or moved out of the active zone. Thus, it would be foolish to try and boost the activity of a pre-emergence herbicide applied prior to the rain by making a second application when the fields dry out. The best option is to actively scout the fields early in the season for weed escapes. If problems develop, the use of cultivation or a post-emergence herbicide may be warranted to avoid significant yield losses due to weed competition.

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