

## U.S., U.S.S.R. Reach Trade Agreement

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The United States and the Soviet Union have reached agreement in principle on a new U.S.-Soviet long-term grain agreement (LTA).

Meeting in Vienna, Deputy U.S. Trade Representative Julius Katz and his counterpart, Deputy Foreign Minister for Foreign Economic Relations Yuriy Chumakov, agreed on basic provisions of a five-year pact providing for an increase in the minimum purchase amount of U.S. wheat, feedgrains, soybeans, and soybean meal to be purchased by the Soviet Union.

The new agreement will succeed the current pact, in effect since 1983, which will expire on December 31, 1990. Minimum annual shipments will be increased to 10 million metric tons of U.S. grain to the U.S.S.R., from the nine million ton minimum in the current agreement.

According to Clayton Yeutter,

ag secretary and Carla A. Hills, U.S. trade representative, the agreement represents a welcome advance in the relations between the United States and the U.S.S.R. They praised the negotiators' work and said the accord "is a real contribution to both countries that will enlarge market opportunities for America's farmers who are supercompetitive."

The Soviet Union will have some greater flexibility than in the 1989 agreement in choosing between wheat and feedgrains on a year-to-year basis; however, over the life of the agreement, the minimum amount will be met. The agreement calls for annual purchases of at least four million metric tons each of wheat and feedgrains. However, in any one year, the Soviet Union can substitute up to 750,000 metric tons of one commodity for the other.

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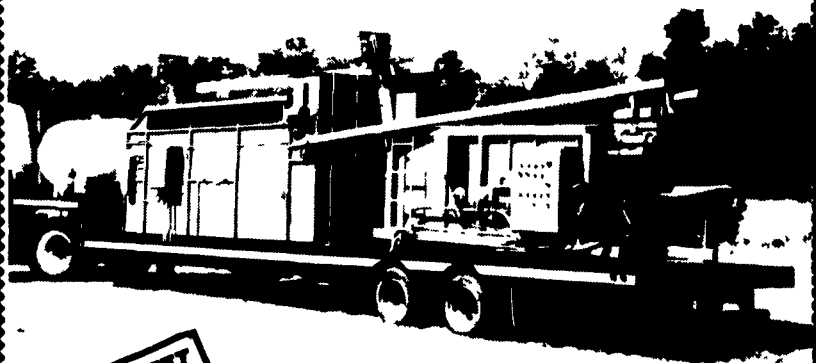
State Rep. Sam Morris, right, is pictured with Gov. Robert P. Casey and state Agriculture Secretary Boyd E. Wolff, left, during recent observance of Pennsylvania Agriculture Day. Morris, D-Chester, is chairman of the House Agriculture Committee and a legislative leader on behalf of efforts to preserve Pennsylvania farmland and open spaces.



Bill Shoemaker, president of the Pennsylvania Simmental Association (PSA), left, presents the Performance Tested Bull Sale Top Seller and Buyer Award to the Messick family (Mylin and Joe, far right) of Middletown, Pennsylvania at the Beef Expo. Ken Foust, second from left, was the buyer. In back is Mike Jones, auctioneer.

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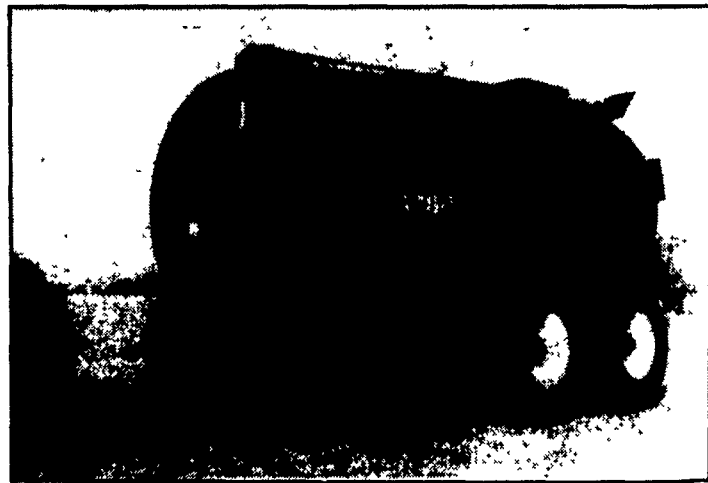


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