

Md. Increases Ag Exports To Trinidad

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — Maryland Secretary of Agriculture Wayne A. Cawley, Jr. announced agreements to send Maryland

agricultural products to Trinidad and Tobago.

"Our international marketing efforts are really paying off and what we've accomplished in the last couple of days is truly outstanding. I think it's the beginning

of bigger things," Cawley said.

"In January, we will be shipping 40,000 pounds of corn and livestock feed and there is strong potential for these shipments to become monthly. In addition, we are sending Trinidad 300 dairy

heifers and 100 units of frozen semen for beef cattle," said Cawley.

The exports to Trinidad are all part of Governor William Donald Schaefer's marketing effort to sell Maryland agricultural products all around the world.

"According to our marketing specialist in Trinidad, business is brisk. The government of Trinidad

has just freed up the market so Trinidad importers may import all kinds of products for the first time in 10 years," Cawley said.

Since 1987, with Governor Schaefer's support, the Maryland Department of Agriculture has increased its international marketing efforts in order to open up more opportunities for Maryland agricultural businesses.

Certified Angus Beef Contest Begins

ST. JOSEPH, Mo. — A 1991 Gold Medal has been awarded to Certified Angus Beef by Chefs In America, a national organization of chefs headquartered in San Francisco, California.

"This marks the second consecutive year that Certified Angus Beef (CAB) has received a gold medal in this nationwide food competition," said Louis "Mick" Colvin, executive director of the American Angus Association's Certified Angus Beef Program. The 1991 award was for the CAB Denuded (closely trimmed) Tenderloin, Colvin said.

The award came after detailed judging by 100 of the top ranked chefs in the nation, according to Harvey Bernstein, vice president of Chefs In America. "The products were judged on the basis of freshness, appearance, aroma, flavor, and overall quality," Bernstein said. A good product must be nominated to be eligible for the competition.

Gold medal winners will be listed in various Chefs In America publications, including "Chef's Source Book," "Food & Beverage Price Guide," "American Chef's Registry," and "Directory of Gold Medal Winners."

The Certified Angus Beef Program was established in 1978 by the American Angus Association. Only Angus and Angus-type crossbred cattle slaughtered at licensed certified Angus beef plants are eligible for Certified Angus beef carcass evaluation, conducted by the USDA grading service. Only the beef which meets the program's high quality carcass specifications is labeled with the Certified Angus Beef trademark. The CAB identification is then maintained right on to the consuming public.

Sales of CAB worldwide last year were 85 million pounds, making it the largest branded beef program in the world. Today some 1.7 percent of all finished cattle in the United States go into the CAB program.

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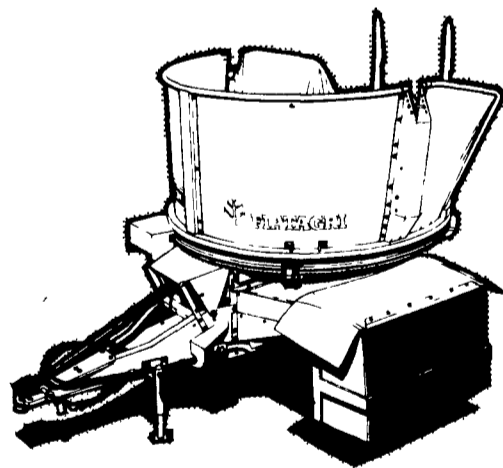
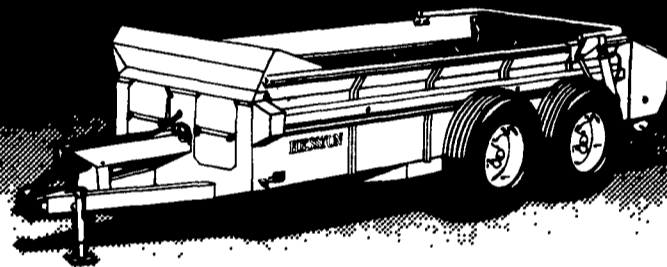
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