Feed Council Will Address Issues

WASHINGTON, D.C. — As a new world order evolves, building markets for U.S. feed grains will become increasingly complex.

Teamwork among everyone involved in exporting U.S. commodities will be vital to ensure continued success for the United States in agricultural trade.

With that approach to the future in mind, the U.S. Feed Grains Council has chosen the theme, "Teamwork Shapes Tomorrow" for its 31st annual membership meeting to be held July 21-24 at the Cambridge Hyatt Regency in Cambridge, Mass.

The meeting's program comprehensively addresses the future of U.S. agricultural trade. Its speakers will discuss a range of topics, which include multi- and bi-lateral trade negotiations, government credit programs, the Soviet Union and Japan, and animal rights.

Secretary of Agriculture Edward Madigan is the meeting's keynote speaker. The recently appointed secretary will discuss the status and future of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade negotiations and the North American Free Trade Agreement negotiations. The outcomes of both these talks could significantly alter the way the United States trades agricultural commodities for the rest

of this decade and into the 21st century.

The Soviet Union is the largest market for U.S. feed grains exports. But within the past year, its domestic turmoil has markedly decreased its status as a U.S. customer. Marshall Goldman, associate director of the Harvard University Russian Research Center, will address the future of U.S. trade with the Soviet Union, including a discussion titled, "What went wrong with perestroika?"

In light of the changes in U.S. agriculture over the past 10 years, what can we expect for the next 10? Moffett Professor of Agriculture and Business Ray A. Goldberg will answer that question and discuss the preparations agriculture needs to undertake to ready itself for the next decade.

The council utilizes Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS)- administered programs to increase exports of U.S. feed grains. FAS Administrator Duane Acker will discuss his agency's relationship with the Council as well as its future plans for feed grains programming. Carol Brookins, president of the Washington-based think tank World Perspectives, will address the economics of exports. She will offer insight into how USDA's credit programs can be improved to increase U.S. feed grains exports.

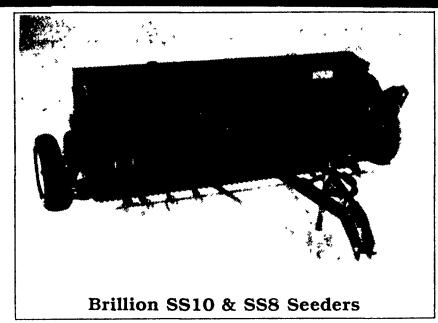
Animal rights is an issue which will affect the U.S. farm community in the 1990s. Deborah Vanderbeek confronted a farm animal care referendum on the Massachusetts ballot two years ago. She will share her experience with this issue and offer suggestions on how it can be challenged.

The complex and complicated Japanese market will be the subject of a special session. Stephen D. Cohen of American University's School of International Service will provide an economic overview of Japan and discuss how power and politics affects U.S. trade with this important nation. Other speakers will discuss the council's efforts to unleash controls which limit the U.S. ability to compete in this



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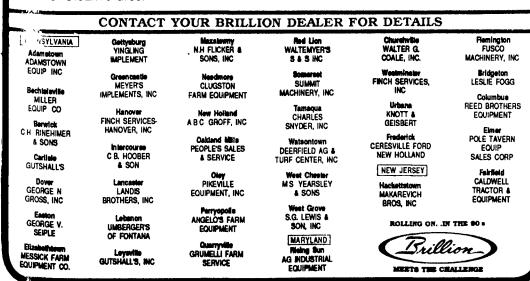
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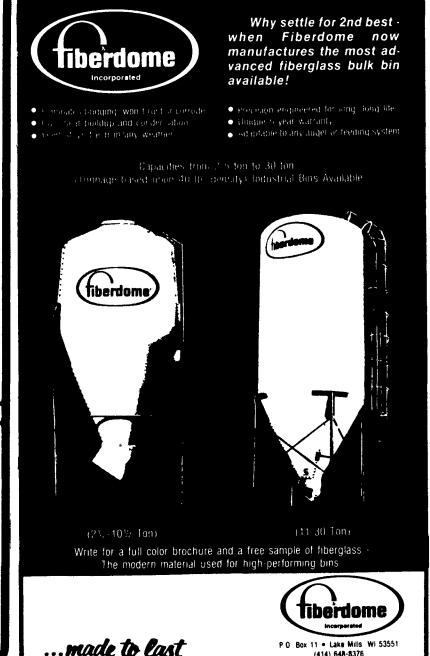
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