Plan To Get Beef To Japan Widens

TOWSON, Md. — Five Baltimore County farmers are conducting a feed experiment that they hope will develop into exports of beef to Japan.

County Executive Roger Hayden met with the farmers, on the farm of Richard Price, Phoenix, Md., to thank them for their participation.

The Baltimore County Economic Development Commission (EDC) worked with J.W. Trueth & Son, a meat packing plant in Oella, Md., on a plan to get Baltimore County beef into the international market.

Trueth, which slaughters about 20,000 head of cattle annually, serves a prime restaurant trade in Baltimore, Philadelphia, and New York City. The packer would like a prime meat that could be exported to the Japanese.

With the aid of Scott Barao, a University of Maryland agriculturalist, a feeding program was developed using Tend-R-Leen, a high protein feed from Southern States Cooperative.

Lloyd Reynolds, Hayden's Ag-Liaison between county government and farmers, spearheaded the joint effort that included Joe DiCara, EDC; county extension agent Dick Curran; and members of Southern States' feed division.

The Baltimore County farmers used Hereford-Angus crosses, Herefords, Angus, and Holsteins. Donald Cole provided four head; and Price (a member of the Southern States board of directors), Louis Ensor, George Strohmer, and George Whitlock, two each.

"Agriculture represents one-third of the gross national product of Baltimore County, and we need to pay attention to such a vital interest," said Hayden.

"This may seem like a small program to some, but it's a great step forward for a metropolitan county like Baltimore, which is only 20 minutes from the Inner Harbor," said Lloyd Reynolds.

County Executive Roger B. Hayden recently toured the farm of cattle farmer Richard Price and met with individuals taking part in the pilot project. Pictured are back row, left to right, Vernon Trueth, Dr. Scott Barao, Lloyd Reynolds, and Bud Strohmer. Front row, left to right, Richard Price, Angela and Sarah Whitlock, Roger Hayden, Louis Ensor, and Donald Cole.

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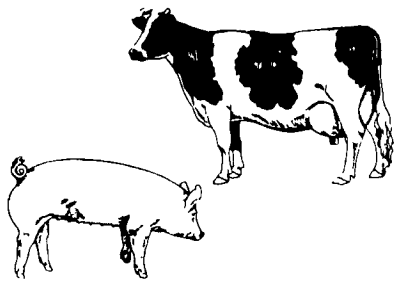

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