

# Beef Leaders Reach Agreement

CHICAGO, Ill. — Leaders of the Cattlemen's Beef Board and the Beef Industry Council (BIC) of the National Live Stock and Meat Board have reached an agreement concerning the conflict of interest issue.

The agreement modifies the process by which Federation of State Beef Councils representatives are elected to the Beef Promotion Operating Committee, the body that contracts with existing national, industry-governed organizations to carry out coordinated programs funded by the beef checkoff. The Operating Committee is comprised of 10 representatives of the Beef Board and 10 representatives of the Federation of State Beef Councils.

The agreement was unanimously approved by the Beef Board directorate at its recent meeting in Tampa, Fla. The BIC Board of Directors will vote on the agreement at its next scheduled meeting, to be held August 14, 1993, in Chicago.

Under the terms of the agreement, two of the federation's positions on the Operating Committee will continue to be filled by the BIC chairman and vice chairman. The other eight representatives will be elected by the Qualified State Beef Councils (QSBCs) instead of the BIC. Those eight members must be members of the QSBC Board of Directors, and may be members of the BIC Board of Directors. They may not be

members of the Beef Board. A new process and procedure for electing the eight members will be developed by the state beef councils.

The selection process for the 10 Beef Board seats on the 20-member Operating Committee will not change. Those representatives will

continue to be elected by Beef Board directors.

"BIC officers are very pleased with this agreement, and we pledge to devote our total energy to developing demand-building programs to enhance the profitability of the beef business," said

Ray Larson, a Maple Park, Ill., cattle feeder and BIC chairman.

Larson said he is confident that the state councils will agree on a procedure to identify the most capable people to represent the Federation of State Beef Councils on the Operating Committee.

"We are very pleased that the

BIC officers have recognized the need to address this issue," said Mardie Hanson, a Colorado rancher and newly elected Beef Board chairman. "We are confident that the new election procedure, when implemented, will resolve the matter."

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In addition, the label procedure generates large amounts of contaminated wastes (often as much as twice the sprayer capacity), without properly addressing their disposal because of either vague or unknown (to the operator) local regulations.

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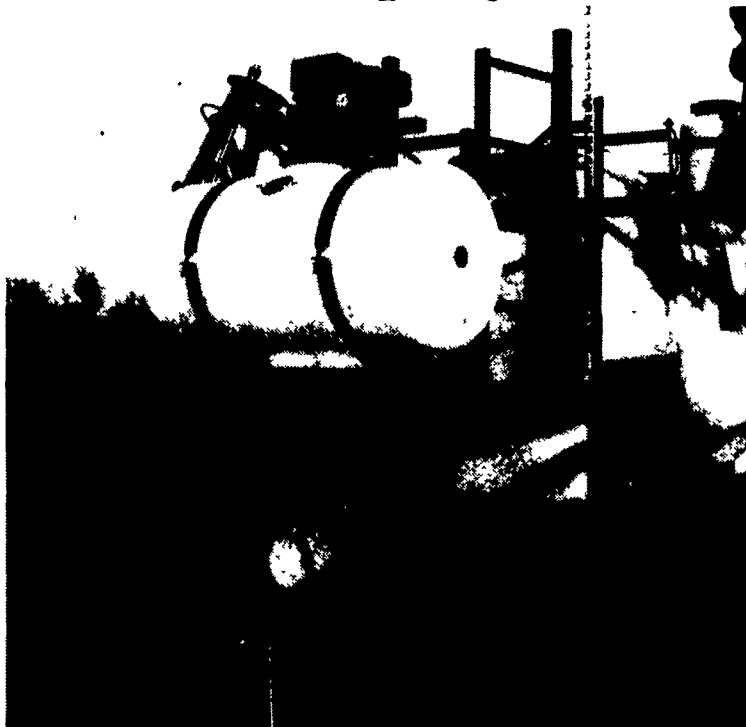
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1) Flush the pump, controls, self cleaning filter and spray lines should the spray task be interrupted with spray solution still remaining in the tank. This must be done to avoid residue buildup and possible plugging of nozzles, screens and spray lines while the sprayer stands still.

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•The amount of wastes generated about 20 times less than the label prescription.

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