Central U.S. Carlot **Pork Report** February 26, 1997

Report supplied by USDA COMPARED TO FEB. 25 3 P.M. CLOSE: FRESH LOINS 1.00-3.00 HIGH-ER; BUTTS STEADY TO 1.00 HIGHER; SKND. HAMS STEADY TO 4.00 HIGH-ER; SDLS. BELLIES STEADY TO 1.00 HIGHER; LEAN TRIMMINGS 2.00-3.00 HIGHER. TRADING MODERATE WITH LIGHT TO MODERATE DEMAND AND LIGHT OFFERINGS.

LOADS PORK CUTS: 105.3 LOADS TRIM/PROCESS PORK: 68.0 LOINS, REG., FRESH

14-18 LBS. *, 20.0 LOADS, RANGE 104.00-111.00, WGHTD. AVG. 107.70. % " TRIM 14-18 LBS., 6.0 LOADS,

RANGE 124.00-131.00, WGHTD. AVG. 126.00.

%" TRM/LESS 14-18 LBS., 14.0 LOADS, RANGE 128.00-137.00. WGHTD. AVG. 133.14.

18-22 LBS. * RANGE 99.00, WGHTD. AVG. 99.00 B.

% " TRM 18-22 LBS., RANGE 119.00, WGHTD. AVG. 119.00 B.

COMBOS 22 LBS. AND UP, 4.0 LOADS, RANGE 86.50-88.00, WGHTD. AVG. 87.25.

LOIN, BNLS, CNTR CUT

5-9 LBS. STRAP-ON, RANGE 215.00, WGHTD. AVG. 215.00 A.

5-9 LBS. STRAP-OFF, RANGE 220.00-226.00, WGHTD. AVG. 223.00 E.

BNLS SIRLOIN .75-1 LB. 1.50 LOADS, RANGE 145.00-160.00, WGHTD. AVG. 150.00.

TENDERLOIN

1.25 LBS. AND DOWN, 1.25 LOADS, RANGE 323.00-332.00, WGHTD. AVG. 324.80.

PICNIC, FRESH

SMKR TRM, SS, BOXED, RANGE 63.00, WGHTD. AVG. 63.00 E. BOSTON BUTT

4-8 LBS. *, 11.5 LOADS, RANGE 66.00-69.00, WGHTD. AVG. 68.17.

% " TRIM 4-8 LBS., 11.5 LOADS, RANGE 85.00-87.00, WGHTD. AVG. 86.48

SPARERIBS, FRESH 1.5-3.5 LBS., RANGE 129.00, WGHTD. AVG. 129.00.

SPARERIB, FROZEN 1.5-3.5 LBS., 1.0 LOADS, RANGE 136.00, WGHTD. AVG. 136.00.

> LOIN BACKRIB (BOXED) FRSH/FRZN

1.75 LBS.-2 LBS., 1.50 LOADS, RANGE 229.00-232.00, WGHTD. AVG. 230.00.

LOIN BACKRIB (COMBOS)

1.75 LBS. AND DOWN, 2.5 LOADS, RANGE 278.00, WGHTD. AVG. 278.00.

HAM, SKINNED, SELECTED FRESH 17-20 LBS., 2.0 LOADS, RANGE 70.00, WGHTD. AVG. 70.00. FRESH 20-26 LBS., 34.0 LOADS,

RANGE 58.00-66.00, WGHTD. AVG. 62.60. HAM, SKINNED, COMMODITY

FRESH 17-20 LBS., RANGE 67.00, WGHTD. AVG. 67.00 E.

FRESH 20-26 LBS., 1.0 LOADS, RANGE 63.00, WGHTD. AVG. 63.00. FRESH 32 LBS. AND UP, RANGE

59.00, WGHTD. AVG. 59.00 D. FRESH 32 LBS. AND UP, 1.0 LOADS,

RANGE 65.00, WGTHD. AVG. 65.00. BELLY, SDLS, SKIN-ON, FRESH

FRESH 10-12 LBS., 2.0 LOADS, RANGE 59.00, WGHTD. AVG. 59.00. FRESH 12-14 LBS., 2.5 LOADS, RANGE 69.00-70.00, WGHTD. AVG. 69.40.

FRESH 14-16 LBS., 6.0 LOADS, RANGE 70.00-72.00, WGHTD. AVG. 71.50.

FRESH 16-18 LBS., 10.0 LOADS, RANGE 68.00-70.00, WGHTD. AVG. 68.40.

FRESH 18-20 LBS., RANGE 60.00, WGHTD. AVG. 60.00 A. PORK TRIMMINGS/

BONELESS PROCESSING PORK (CHEMICAL LEAN)

COMBO 42% FRESH, 9.0 LOADS, RANGE 30.00-31.00, WGHTD. AVG. 30.56

BOXED 42% FROZEN, 3.0 LOADS, RANGE 38.00-40.00, WGHTD. AVG. 38.67.

COMBO 72% FRESH, 41.0 LOADS, RANGE 59.00-62.00, WGHTD. AVG.

BOXED 72% FROZEN, 6.0 LOADS,

RANGE 65.00, WGHTD. AVG. 65.00. PICNIC CUSHION MEAT COMBO 92% FRESH, RANGE 102.00-108.00, WGHTD, AVG, 105.99 A.

BOXED 92% FROZEN, RANGE 105.00, WGHTD. AVG. 105.00 A. BONELESS PICNIC MEAT COMBO 72% FRESH. 4.0 LOADS.

RANGE 60.00-63.00, WGHTD. AVG. 61.00. BOXED 72% FROZEN, RANGE 66.00,

WGHTD. AVG. 66.00 C. SHANK MEAT

FROZEN, RANGE 70.00, WGHTD. AVG. 70.00 B.

SKINNED JOWLS

COMBO FRESH, 2.0 LOADS, RANGE 26.00, WGHTD. AVG. 26.00.

BOXED FROZEN, 3.0 LOADS, RANGE 33.00, WGHTD. AVG. 33.00. NOTE! (*)REFLECTS 1/4 " OR 1/4" TRIMMED PRODUCT BROUGHT

BACK TO A REGULAR COMMODITY BASIS. USDA PORK CARCASS CUTOUT

WED., FEB. 26

ESTIMATED GROSS CUTOUT VAL-UES OF A 175 LB. HOG CARCASS BASED ON USDA CUTTING YIELD TESTS AND CARLOT PRICES.

TUESDAY'S CARCASS GRADES AND PRICES PER CWT .:

US#1 71.82, CHANGE FROM MON.'S VALUE 1.55; US#2 70.00, CHANGE FROM MON.'S VALUE 1.48; US#3 68.19, CHANGE FROM MON.'S VALUE 1.42; US#4 66.37, CHANGE FROM TUES.'S VALUE 1.35.

TODAY'S CALCULATIONS FOR US #2 175 LB. PORK CARCASS:

SKINNED HAMS 14-20 LBS., 21.01% OF CARCASS, 70.00 FOB VALUE, 3.50 CHANGE FROM TUES .; LOINS, % " TRIM 14-22 LBS., 20.33% OF CAR-CASS, 127.00 FOB VALUE, 2.00 CHANGE FROM TUES.

BELLIES, SDLS. 12-14 LBS., 13.90% OF CARCASS, 69.50 FOB VALUE, 0.50 CHANGE FROM TUES.; SPARERIBS 3.5 LBS. AND DOWN, 3.03% OF CAR-CASS, 129.00 FOB VALUE.

PICNICS, 8-12 LBS., 10.31% OF CAR-CASS, 41.50 FOB. VALUE, 1.50 CHANGE FROM TUES .; BUTTS, 14" TRIM 4-8 LBS., 7.25% OF CARCASS, 86.50 FOB VALUE, 0.50 CHANGE FROM TUES.

JOWL. 2.85% OF CARCASS. 26.00 FOB VALUE; NECKBONES, 1.52% OF CARCASS, 18.00 POB VALUE, 1.00 CHANGE FROM TUES.

FEET, 1.05% OF CARCASS, 24.25 FOB VALUE, 0.25 CHANGE FROM TUES.; TAILS, 0.22% OF CARCASS, FOB VALUE 60.00, 8.00 CHANGE FROM TUES.

TRIM 72%, 2.19%, 60.50 POB VALUE.

2.00 CHANGE FROM TUES.; LARD, 10.85% OF CARCASS, 24.25 FOB VALUE

TOTAL CARCASS 94.51%.

US#2 CARCASS VALUE PER CWT 70.00.

NOTE: VALUE MAY CHANGE WITHOUT ADEOUATE TEST.

SOURCE: USDA MARKET NEWS, DES MOINES, IA.

Scenic Mountain **Co-Op Doing Well**

WYOSX (Bradford Co.) -Recently, members of the Scenic Mountain Cooperative held their annual meeting at the Bonanza Restaurant in Wysox, PA. First order of business was to give to members their patronage dividend checks for 1996. Scenic Mountain Cooperative has paid a patronage dividend every year since they started.

James Broschart, President, led a discussion on the recruitment of new members for their cooperative. Scenic Mountain's market is an excellent one and has a quality premium program. Anyone who would like to learn more about their program should call Laverne McCarty at (717) 924-3963 or United Ag Services at 1-800-326-4251.

At the meeting, members also discussed their quality program and other matters that were brought up.

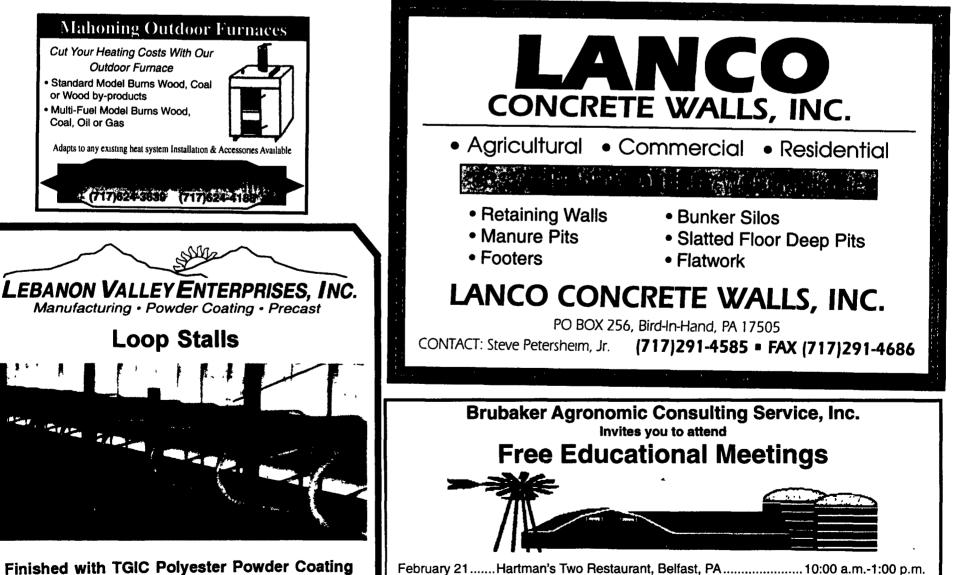
James Patsos of United Ag Services presented a \$50 check and a certificate to James and Georgie Broschart for being the top quality producer in the Scenic Mountain

Cooperative for 1996. Scenic Mountain Cooperative is a member of United Ag Services, which recognizes the top quality producers of their member cooperatives cach year.

Patsos also discussed current market conditions and outlined what dairy farmers may expect in the next few months. The year 1996 has been a very unusual one with slightly better milk prices than 1995. However, increases in milk prices were more than offset by high grain prices.

Officers elected for 1997 were James Broschart, Dushore, President; Steven Hovan, Rome, Vice President; and Robin Fiester, Forksville, Secretary-Treasurer. Laverne McCarty, Forksville, is business manager for the cooperative.

United Ag Services provides marketing, management, quality control, accounting, and payroll services for small to medium sized agricultural organizations and individual farmers in New York and Pennsylvania. They can be reached at 1-800-326-4251 or (315) 568-2750.



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•••Pesticide Update Points will be available

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