

Glickman Announces Mandatory Livestock Price Reporting

WASHINGTON, D.C.—In a move to help level the playing field for small livestock producers, Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman today announced that major livestock packers, livestock product processors and importers soon will be required to report pricing details to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

"We need to ensure that small farmers and ranchers have a full and fair opportunity to compete in an increasingly concentrated agricultural economy," Glickman said. "This new mandatory price reporting program will help producers by making the market more transparent, giving them better information about what's happening in the marketplace."

USDA's proposed rule spells out who is required to report, what information must be reported, and specific reporting

times. Those affected are livestock packers and product processors and importers who slaughter an average of 125,000 cattle, 100,000 swine, 75,000 lambs per year. Importers who annually import an average of 5,000 metric tons of lamb meat are also required to report.

At stipulated times of the day, affected packers, processors, and importers must report to USDA the details of all transactions involving purchases of: livestock, domestic and imported lamb carcasses, and imported lamb cuts.

They also must report the details of all transactions involving: domestic and export sales of boxed beef cuts, including branded product, sales of domestic and imported boxed lamb cuts, including branded product, and purchases of imported

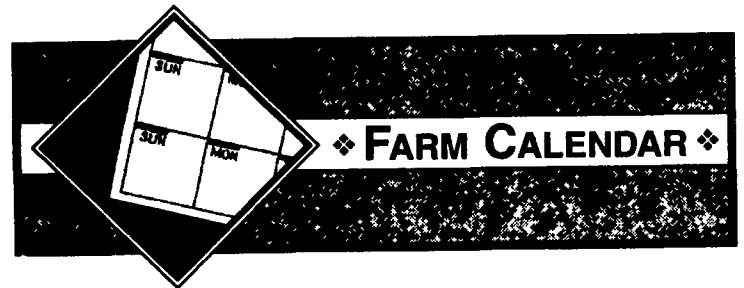
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In many instances, mandatory reporting will provide USDA with new information that has never been collected under the existing voluntary market news reporting program. Consequently, USDA is seeking input from the livestock and meat industry on how this new information would best be reported back to the industry, in order to assist small and medium sized livestock operators in making sound market-based decisions.

"I want to thank Senators Lugar, Daschle, Harkin, and Johnson for their leadership on this important issue," said Glickman.

The proposed rule, which will be published in the Federal Register March 17, will be open to

public comment for 30 days. Additional information is available on the web at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/lsg/price.htm>.



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Luzerne County Nutrient Management/Farm Tour, departs from Luzerne County Community College, 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Beef Production Meeting, Appalachian Environ Center, Frostburg Md., 6:30 p.m.

Fundamentals of Marketing, Lancaster Center at Greenfield Corporate Center, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Saturday, April 8

30th Annual Maryland State Holstein Show, Timonium Fairgrounds, 9:30 a.m.

Farm Safety Day Camp, Heidelberg Farm, Germansville, 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

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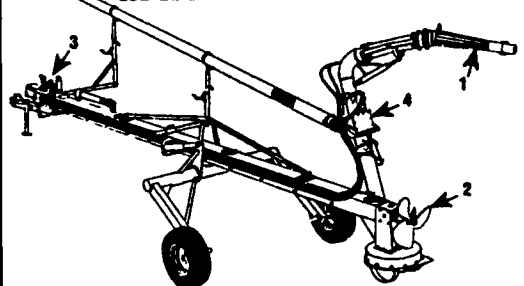
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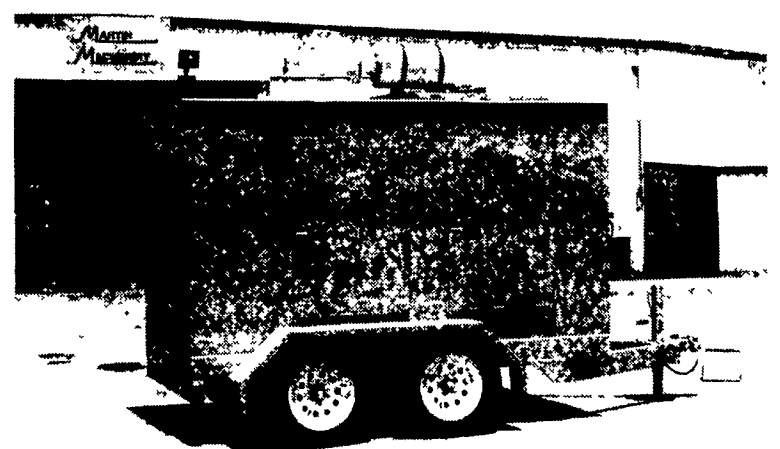
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