

USDA Proposes Fee Increase For Laboratory Services

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The USDA will propose raising current fees and adding new fees for laboratory testing services for agricultural commodities. The increase is needed to

strengthen the program's operating reserve and to alleviate the increased costs associated with analytical testing services. The proposal will raise all tests listed in the fee schedule by

24.1 percent. In addition, the hourly rate for analyses not listed in the fee schedule will increase from \$36.26 to \$45.00.

Frederick Livestock

Frederick, Maryland
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SLAUGHTER COWS: 72 HEAD, ACTIVE 1.00-2.00 HIGHER. UTILITY 41.50-44.75; HIGH DRESSING 45.00-48.00, 1 AT 51.50, CANNERS 37.50-42.00, SHELLY 37.00 DOWN.

BULLS: 5 HEAD, STEADY. YG#1 1300-1800 LBS. 47.00-52.75.

FED STEERS: 3 HEAD. STANDARD TO SELECT HOLSTEINS 1350-1460 LBS. 48.50-52.50.

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BEEF X HEIFERS 90-130 LBS. 150.00-160.00; 70-85 LBS. 120.00-155.00.

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SOWS: 10 HEAD. 375-500 LBS. 33.00-39.50, 500-600 LBS. 38.00-41.50, 1 THIN 525 LBS. AT 33.00.

STOCK CATTLE: MAINLY BULLS OFFERED. STEERS, NONE.

HEIFERS: 1 SHORBTBRED HOLSTEIN 985 LBS. AT 74.00.

BULLS: 325-450 LBS. 83.00-95.00, 550-650 LBS. 72.00-80.00, 700-800 LBS. TO 63.50, 1 1050 LBS. AT 60.00.

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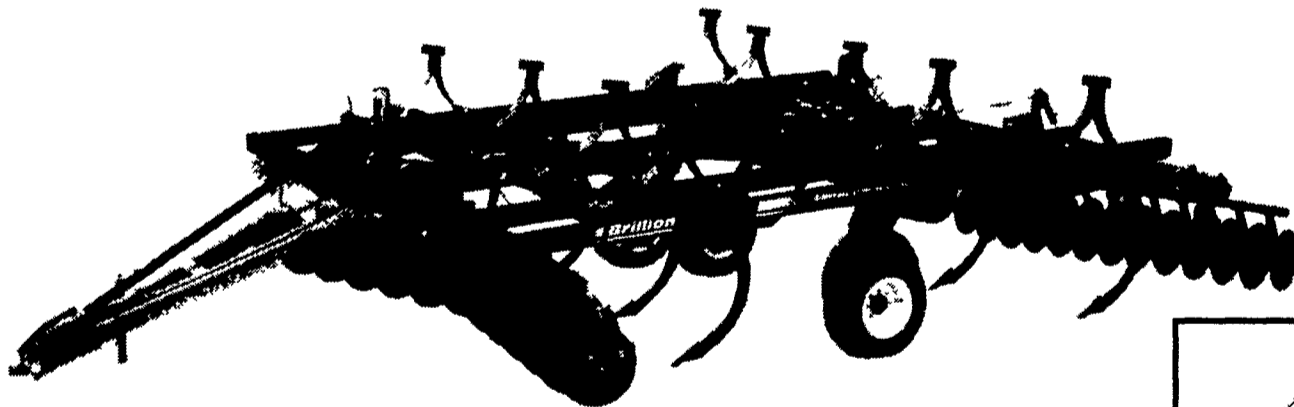
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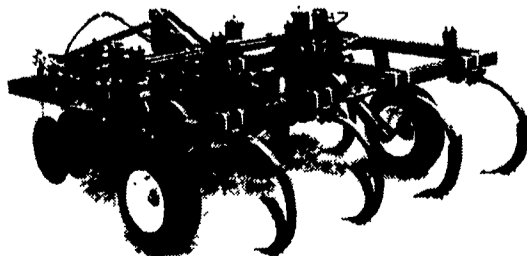


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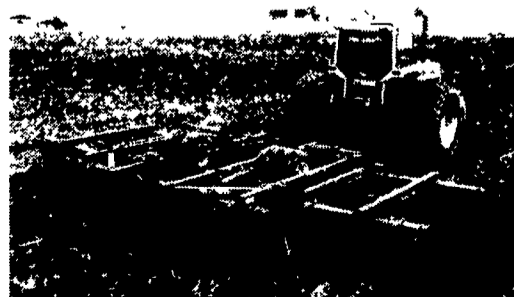
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