

# ASA Makes Recommendations For Farm Bill

ST. LOUIS, Mo. — The American Soybean Association (ASA) presented specific domestic farm policy recommendations to the House of Agriculture Committee in Washington, D.C., as Congress considers options for the next Farm Bill.

ASA First Vice President Bart Ruth testified before the Committee on behalf of the 27,000 ASA members as well as the National Sunflower Association and the U.S. Canola Association.

Ruth's testimony is based on months of analysis of farm policy alternatives. While citing incremental progress in enacting the economic, trade, tax, and regulatory agenda that was supposed to accompany the 1996 Farm Bill, most of the agenda is yet to be accomplished, Ruth said. As a

result, prices for most major commodities are so low that farmers received 30 percent of gross farm income, and 60 percent of net farm income, in the form of government payments last year.

"The need to address agriculture's unfinished agenda as a top national priority is evidenced by the desperate situation in the farm economy today," said Ruth, a Rising City, Neb., soybean and corn farmer. "We believe agriculture's long-term competitiveness and prosperity are integrally tied to expanded trade opportunities, enhanced demand for agricultural products, increased research, and tax and regulatory relief." Ruth continued, "Even if major progress is made in the near future, it will be years before the

economic and trade environment for America's farmers and ranchers is substantially improved. As a result, we must approach writing the next Farm Bill with the assumption that conditions during the next several years could remain much as they are today."

The oilseed producer organizations recommend that the next Farm Bill continue portions of the current bill. Those provisions include full and unrestricted planting flexibility, continuation of non-recourse marketing loans, no statutory authority to impose acreage reduction programs or

set-asides, and no authority to establish government or farmer-owned reserves for oilseeds. "Providing these elements are continued, we support providing programs for oilseed producers that are equitable to programs for other major crops," Ruth said.

## EPA Administrator Extends Large CAFO Comment Period

WASHINGTON, D.C. — In March, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Christie Whitman announced her intention to extend the public comment period for 75 additional days on a Jan. 12 proposal to reduce water pollution from large animal feedlot operations.

The 75-day extended comment

period will allow public comments through July 30.

EPA proposed new water pollution permitting controls in January that would apply to large concentrated animal feeding operations (CAFOs), typically defined as having 1,000 cattle or comparable "animal units" of other livestock.

Throughout March, EPA con-

ducted eight public meetings across the country to provide additional information and encourage public comment on the proposal. EPA is providing the additional public comment opportunity based on comments received at these meetings asking for more time to study and comment on the proposed Clean Water Act permitting requirements and CAFO definitions.

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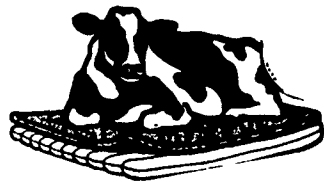
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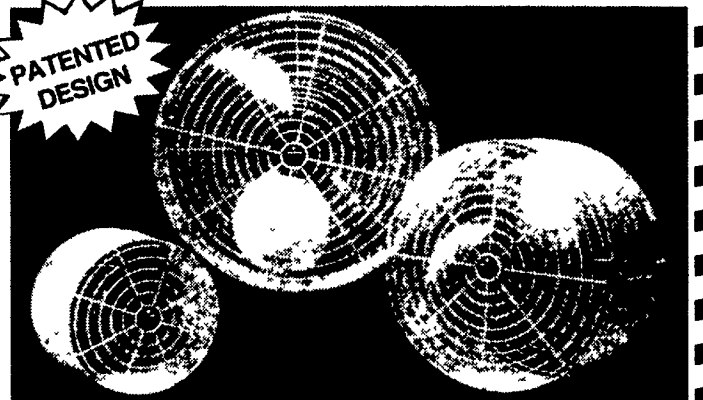
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