

Grants Announced

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blended fuels.

• Pennsylvania Beef Council: \$105,000 to expand participation and educate the consumer about the value-added beef products being introduced to the Pennsylvania market place through a pilot marketing project.

• Pennsylvania Cooperative Potato Growers, Inc.: \$450,000 to build and operate a potato processing facility in Schuylkill County that would convert raw potatoes into dehydrated potato products.

• Eastern States Bison Cooperative: \$109,141 to establish a working capital account to provide for the processing, packaging, labeling, distribution, marketing and sales of value-added bison (buffalo) meat.

For information on applying for 2003 value-added grants visit: www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/coops/vadg.htm.

American Hereford Association Announces Louisville Festivities

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Hereford breeders will visit Louisville, Ky. for the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE).

The American Hereford Associations (AHA) national show will begin at noon, Monday, Nov. 18. Jack Ward, LaGrange, Ind., will judge the show.

In conjunction with the show, the AHA will host the Bluegrass Stakes Futurity Sale, Sunday, Nov. 17 at 1 p.m. in the Newmarket Hall on the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center show grounds.

The cattle for sale will be on display throughout the weeks activities. Sale listings can be viewed at www.herfnet.com.

For additional sale information, please contact Patrick Gray (270) 524-3276 or John Meents

(419) 326-6921. A schedule of Hereford activities follows:

Sunday, Nov. 17:

• National Junior Hereford Association Show, Coliseum, show grounds

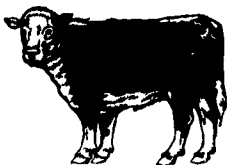
• 6 p.m. Bluegrass Stakes Futurity Sale, Newmarket Hall, show grounds

Monday, Nov. 18:

• Noon National Horned and Polled Hereford show, Coliseum, show grounds

For more information on the NAILE show, please visit the

AHA Web site at www.herford.org.



Court Rules Against Pork Checkoff

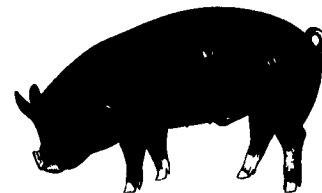
DES MOINES, Iowa — A federal judge's ruling in Michigan recently that the Pork Checkoff program is unconstitutional is a blow to the pork industry, said Craig Christensen, an Iowa pork producer and vice president of the National Pork Board.

"Obviously, the producer members who make up the National Pork Board are extremely disappointed by the ruling," said Christensen, a pork producer from Ogden, Iowa.

The Department of Justice and the Department of Agriculture will continue to review the

court's decision in order to determine the next step in the process, Christensen said.

Judge Richard Enslin of the United States District Court for the Western District of Michigan ruled on Oct. 25 that the checkoff is unconstitutional and that all collections of the checkoff are to cease by Nov. 25.



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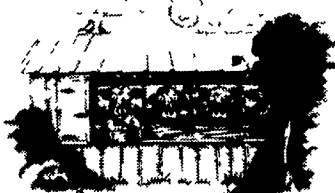


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