

Agriculturally Speaking

Questions Answered About Beef Board

By L. B. HARDAGE

Could The Secretary Of Agriculture Appoint People Of His Own Choosing To The Beef Board?

No way. Eligible producer organizations will nominate members to the Board, to be confirmed by the Secretary. He cannot make appointments from any other source. Why Is A 68-Member Beef Board Needed?

We have a large and diverse industry. Each state with 500,000 head or more is entitled to a member on the Board, plus one additional member for each additional 2.5 million head of cattle. An executive committee of 7 to 11 members will conduct routine business within the policies of the Beef Board.

Could Organizations That Might Not Work For The Program Monopolize The Board?

Not likely. The eligibility of organizations which might nominate board members is spelled out in the Act, including such factors as nature and size of the organization's active membership, proportion of total membership that are cattlemen, evidence of stability and permanency, ability and willingness to further the aims of the Act, etc. If more than one organization in a state is eligible to nominate, they may caucus to nominate members for the Beef Board.

When Will We Know Which Organizations May Nominate Members For The Board?

Within 90 days after the referendum, which should be in the spring of 1977.

What Effect Will This Have On State Beef Councils?

The Act specifies that this program shall not interfere with any existing state beef board or beef council. Up to 10% of net assessments (the total calculated assessments less refunds) from each state will be returned to the qualifying state beef council in that state. In addition,

some state beef councils should qualify as contracting organizations (for additional funds) for specific programs in their states.

Can Dairy Organizations Qualify As Contracting Organizations?

Yes, if their program furthers the intent of the Act. About 20% of the beef in the U. S. comes from dairy animals.

How To Vote In The Referendum

How Will A Producer Vote In The Referendum?

First, he must register with the ASCS in the county where his cattle are located and certify that he has owned cattle during the past 12 months. Then, after a two-week waiting period, he may vote FOR or AGAINST the program at the ASCS office. Absentee forms, for registration and for voting, will be available upon request.

Will A Producer's Wife Or Children Be Allowed To Vote In The Referendum?

If the cattle are joint property, there will be one vote per entity and either the man or wife may vote. (Same applies for a corporation or partnership—one vote per producing entity.) However, if a wife or child is a bona fide cattleman independent of the family operation, he or she may vote independently.

Why Do We Need A Law To Get This Job Done?

Some states now have checkoff programs but they are not uniform. This is an attempt to get a uniform collection so every beef producer pays his fair share. Furthermore, beef is a national commodity and a national program is needed to reach the masses of consumers in the big population centers.

You Can Get Your Money Back

Can A Producer Get His Money Back?

Yes, simply by writing to the Beef Board and supplying evidence of how much he paid in assessments. If Producers Grow Unhappy With The Program, Can They Terminate It?

Yes, upon request of 10% of the number of voters in the initial referendum, the Secretary must conduct another referendum; then he must terminate the order if a majority of those voting favor termination.

Bikes, Like Autos, Need Spring Tune-Up

By G. W. KOONCE

Extension Agent, 4-H CHICAGO — Bicycles need a spring tune-up, just as cars do, advises a Cornell University agricultural engineer.

Since most bicycles are stored or out of service during winter months they need to be checked for necessary repairs before good weather arrives.

He suggests a basic safety checklist that can be followed by young people 9-19 in the national 4-H bicycle program supervised by the Cooperative Extension Service and supported by The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company:

Check the head, both wheels and crank cones. These cones should be tight and still permit the front fork, wheels and crank to turn without drag.

Check the chain tension. Chain should have between one-half inch and one-inch slack.

Check brakes for correct adjustment, and brake cables for fraying.

Be sure seat and handlebars are adjusted to fit the driver of the bicycle.

Be certain bicycle is equipped with safety devices such as horn, headlight, and reflectors.

Critical repairs on brakes and gear-shifting mechanisms should be made by a qualified serviceman. Simple adjustments on seats and handlebars can usually be performed by cyclists

themselves, especially if they are among the more than half million girls and boys enrolled in 4-H bicycle projects and activities.

As they cycle for fun, physical fitness, transportation and community services, 4-H members learn-by-doing to improve their bicycle skills and attitudes. The 4-H bicycle program encourages young people to make the best use of their bicycles by teaching proper handling techniques, safety procedures, rules of the road, and care and maintenance.

4-H'ers who serve as junior or teen leaders in the program can earn state, sectional and national awards donated by Goodyear. Recognition includes one \$50 U. S. Savings Bond per state, 18 expense-paid trips to the 56th National 4-H Congress, Nov. 27-Dec. 1 in Chicago, awarded on a sectional basis, and six \$1,000 scholarships at the national level.

In addition, any 4-H bicycle program participant is eligible for one of the four medals of honor available to each county.

Awards are arranged by National 4-H Council and winners are selected by the Extension Service. More information on the program is available from county extension agents.

There are no trees on the Falkland Islands.



LYNCH

Lynch Receives 4-H Scholarship Valued At \$500

By G. W. KOONCE

Extension Agent, 4-H Archie Lynch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Archibald Davis Lynch, Sr., of Bethlehem is the award recipient of a \$500 4-H college scholarship. In an announcement received at the Warren County 4-H Office, Archie is one of two recipients to receive the annual 4-H Development Fund Scholarships awarded in the 16 county North Central District.

Fourteen such scholarships are awarded each year to high school seniors. A 4-H boy and a 4-H girl in each of the seven Extension Districts are annual recipients.

Some basic qualifications for receiving such scholarships are 4-H Club participation and achievement, academic achievement with aptitude for a four-year course of college study, and demonstrated need for financial aid.

Archie is presently a member and junior leader of the Haliwa Community Club. He has completed several 4-H projects and participated in many county, district, and state activities with comparable awards and recognition for his participation.

Soybean Producers Going All Out

By L. C. COOPER

Extension Agent Farmers throughout the soybean production states are planting fence to fence again this year according to U.S.D.A.'s prospective planting report released in late April. Acreage up 10 per

cent over 1976; 55.7 million acres plus. The marketing implications are not clear. It is shaping up to be a year of uncertainty.

The question now is to get the soybeans planted and to get them sold before the good prices slip away.

What to expect. November futures, according to Extension Economics Specialist, will continue to go up and down like a yo-yo, however the weather pattern will be a big factor on yields and price changes.

Nevertheless the top of the market is expected to peak before harvest or mid summer. With reasonable weather and big acreage the high prices for November could be over; however some economists are expecting November futures to go \$7.00 to \$8.00 before harvest. Three main tools (1)

adequate grain storage to avoid harvest time glut and to move grain to market when cash markets are stronger, (2) forward pricing and contracting in the cash markets, (3) hedging November Futures. Next week "Hedging and Forward Pricing."

Scales on a fish overlap like shingles on a roof.

Sharks are born alive.

Seafood Cookery Session Planned

By EMILY BALLINGER

Home Extension Agent There will be a special interest meeting on "Seafood Cookery" to be given Tuesday, May 17, at 2:30 p. m. at the Lions Den in Warrenton. Miss Faye McCotter, Seafood Consumer Specialist with North Carolina Department of Natural and Economic Resources will give the demonstration. The program is sponsored by the North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service.

In the demonstration, Miss McCotter will discuss buying, storing, and preparing seafood. She will actually prepare and serve several different seafood dishes.

Anyone interested in learning more about Seafood Cookery is invited to attend the special interest meeting on May 17 at 2:30 p. m. at the Lions Den.

Embro 4-H Members

Have Monthly Meet

By GARY HENDERSON

The Embro 4-H Club held its monthly meeting on Monday night. After singing "America" the group said the Lord's Prayer and Club Pledge.

Old business was the candy sale, and to finish getting our glass and cans ready for sale. New business was to get a softball team together and practice so the group could play other 4-H'ers.

The meeting was closed by saying the club motto.

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