

Plant Negotiations Nearly Completed

By PAUL SIMS
Managing Editor

Construction of two Thermochemical Inc. methane plants in Hereford may begin in less than a month, the company's marketing director in Oklahoma City told The Brand Wednesday.

Thermochemical president Jim Samis had announced earlier Wednesday that one or two methane and cattle feed producing plants would be built in Hereford if negotiations are satisfactorily completed.

Thermochemical, Samis said, has been contracting with area feed yards and negotiating for sites for the plants.

Ron James, Thermochemical marketing director, said negotiations with feed yards are almost completed and construction of the plants — to approximately be \$5.5 million and \$3.5 million facilities.

"We're still negotiating with Prochemco for a plant on the east side," James said.

The Brand verified that Barrett-Crowfoot East, Pre Feeders, Cattle Town and Pitman Feed Yards have contracted with Thermochemical to sell the manure to proposed west plant for conversion into methane gas and cattle feed.

Champion Feeders and Southwest Feed Yards have been contracted to sell manure to the east plant.

"It's a little loose-ended," Charles Hoover, Southwest manager, said. "They

signed it with the stipulation of getting X-number of yards and getting property."

Six contracted yard managers — Dave Hopper at Champion, Hoover and Ken McClain at Southwest, Jim Lowder (assistant manager) at Barrett-Crowfoot, Bill Stone at Pre Feeders, Lloyd Olson at Cattle Town — said the plans should be an excellent way to dispose of manure.

"It's a good deal," Olson said. "It gives us a market for our manure. We haven't had a good market with farmers, since anhydrous ammonia got cheap again."

Thermochemical has one methane plant in operations — at Guymon, Okla., a \$3 million facility. James said that when that plant, which recently began operations, "achieves base-line performance," construction would begin in Hereford.

He said that the west Hereford plant would be a \$5 million or \$6 million operation and the east plant would be approximately a \$3.5 million facility.

A third Texas Panhandle Thermochemical plant also will be constructed in Dumas.

"Hereford is probably the best location for a plant of this type that we know of. Obviously, the cattle concentrations are so tremendous," James said.

"There's no other location we know of in the United States or the world, for that matter, that would be more suitable."

Thermochemical is a partnership between Samis and Dallas Cowboys football team

owner Clint Murchison. Murchison is majority owner of the corporation, which has a subsidiary called Calorifics Recovery Anaerobic Process Inc. (CRAP).

The methane and cattle feed ends of the operation are equally important to Thermochemical. The company is working on a process to convert agricultural waste to methane in almost the same fashion as it does manure.

When the process is developed, Thermochemical's four plants (Guymon, Dumas and two in Hereford) probably will be expanded.

"It'll be sometime in the future when that happens. No one knows right now how the process is going to develop," James said.

"We're the first commercial entity to pursue the process."

The Guymon plant also is the first commercial plant which produces methane from manure in the world, James said. Hereford would have the second and the largest.

Yards providing manure to Thermochemical "will have first crack at the feed," James said.

"We're not for certain if it will be sold to the public. We may buy it. We raise cattle, too."

The manure recycling process is confidential, the marketing director said, but it involves extraction portions of the excrement, concentrating them, and purifying the extractions.

Death Toll at Least 15

More Bodies Found In Elevator Explosion

GALVESTON, Tex. (AP) — Flood lights combined with a cold, misting rain early today to cast shadows into gaping holes in a huge grain storage tower as men below dug through the rubble for more bodies.

Rescue workers say at least 15 persons died in the blast at the Farmer's Export Co. grain elevator Tuesday night. The explosion, heard by some persons 70 miles away, injured at least 22 others.

Capt. E.E. Burke of the Galveston County sheriff's office said late Wednesday at least three persons were believed to be still missing.

Rescue operations were hampered by a fire that kept reappearing atop the burned-out tower. It was still smoldering late Wednesday but firemen said the rain and high humidity all but nullified the threat of a second explosion in the elevator or the 40 grain silos nearby.

Burke said searchers believe the missing persons have been located beneath a demolished freight car that was parked on a railroad siding. The car was directly in the path of the blast and was still buried beneath tons of rubble late Wednesday night.

By late Wednesday, the county morgue had reached capacity and some of the bodies were moved to John Sealy Hospital.

Galveston Fire Marshal A.D. Carroll said he hopes to determine today what caused the explosion.

"It was definitely accidental," said Carroll, adding that two possible causes are being considered. He said a spark from a nearby switch engine may have ignited the highly volatile grain dust, or a switch in the top of the stricken elevator might have short-circuited.

A crew of 32 and eight federal grain inspectors were believed to be working at the elevator when the blast occurred. Company officials refused to estimate damage costs at the \$26 million facility.

The area surrounding the elevator resembled a bombed-out battlefield. Sheets of ripped metal were strewn for hundreds of yards. A diesel engine leaking fuel lay in a huge hole.

The Yugoslavian ship, Sutjeska, which was loading wheat when the elevator

blew up, and another vessel at an adjacent pier were moved away from the wharves after debris rained down on their decks. The Sutjeska sustained minor damage when it was moved before a loading hose could be disconnected. Forty-five feet of railing were ripped from the deck.

Farmer's Export Co. brought in construction crews, bulldozers and cranes that were utilized throughout the day in cleanup operations, which are expected to last for several days.

Weary searchers, many of whom had been at their grim task for 26 hours by Wednesday afternoon, kept one eye out for falling debris from the 13-story structure as they dug under and around twisted steel beams and car-sized chunks of concrete.

The north end of this island resort town remained off limits to everyone except

construction crews and authorities. Most of those not working huddled together against the rain at a temporary command post two blocks from the elevator.

Dazed survivors told of a huge "ball of fire," a "flash from a gas stove" when the grain tower erupted "like a volcano." Most were glad to be alive.

Alfred Brown, 45, of Galveston, was unloading grain at the time. Moments after the blast, he said, "We could hear three people in the control tower of the elevator yelling for help but we couldn't get to them."

Daniel Love, 22, of Galveston, said, "Everything went off. I didn't know what to do. I heard a man yelling for help but was unable to do anything for him."

"I just thank God I got out," Audrey James' husband, Waldren, was not so lucky. He died in the blast.

PLO, Jordan Reject Israeli Peace Plan

By The Associated Press

Yasir Arafat's Palestine Liberation Organization and Jordan today rejected the peace plan offered by Israel and backed by President Carter.

Iraq was reported ready to join hardline Arab opposition to Israeli-Egyptian peace talks, already stymied by tough stands taken in Cairo and Jerusalem.

Israel Radio said a bomb killed two men and wounded two near a market in Netanya, north of Tel Aviv, in an apparent Arab guerrilla campaign to wreck the Egyptian-Israeli peace talks.

Palestinian guerrillas of the Marxist Popular Democratic Front in Beirut claimed responsibility for the blast, and claimed 10 Israelis were killed or wounded in the explosion.

"No peace can be established in the Middle East without a PLO-governed independent Palestinian state," PLO spokesman Mahmoud Labady said in the

Lebanese capital.

He was commenting on Carter's statement in a television interview Wednesday that it was not in the interest of permanent peace for a "radical" state to be created in the Middle East.

Carter reaffirmed his support for a Palestinian "homeland or entity," but said it must be tied to surrounding countries. He firmly rejected the idea of a Palestinian statehood.

In Amman, the Jordanian government rejected the plan Begin detailed Wednesday before the Israeli parliament.

Jordan "completely rejects ... such a settlement calling for the surrender of Arab territories to Israel, thus rewarding aggression and putting an end to Palestinian and Arab rights," the government said in a statement issued after the cabinet studied the Begin proposal.

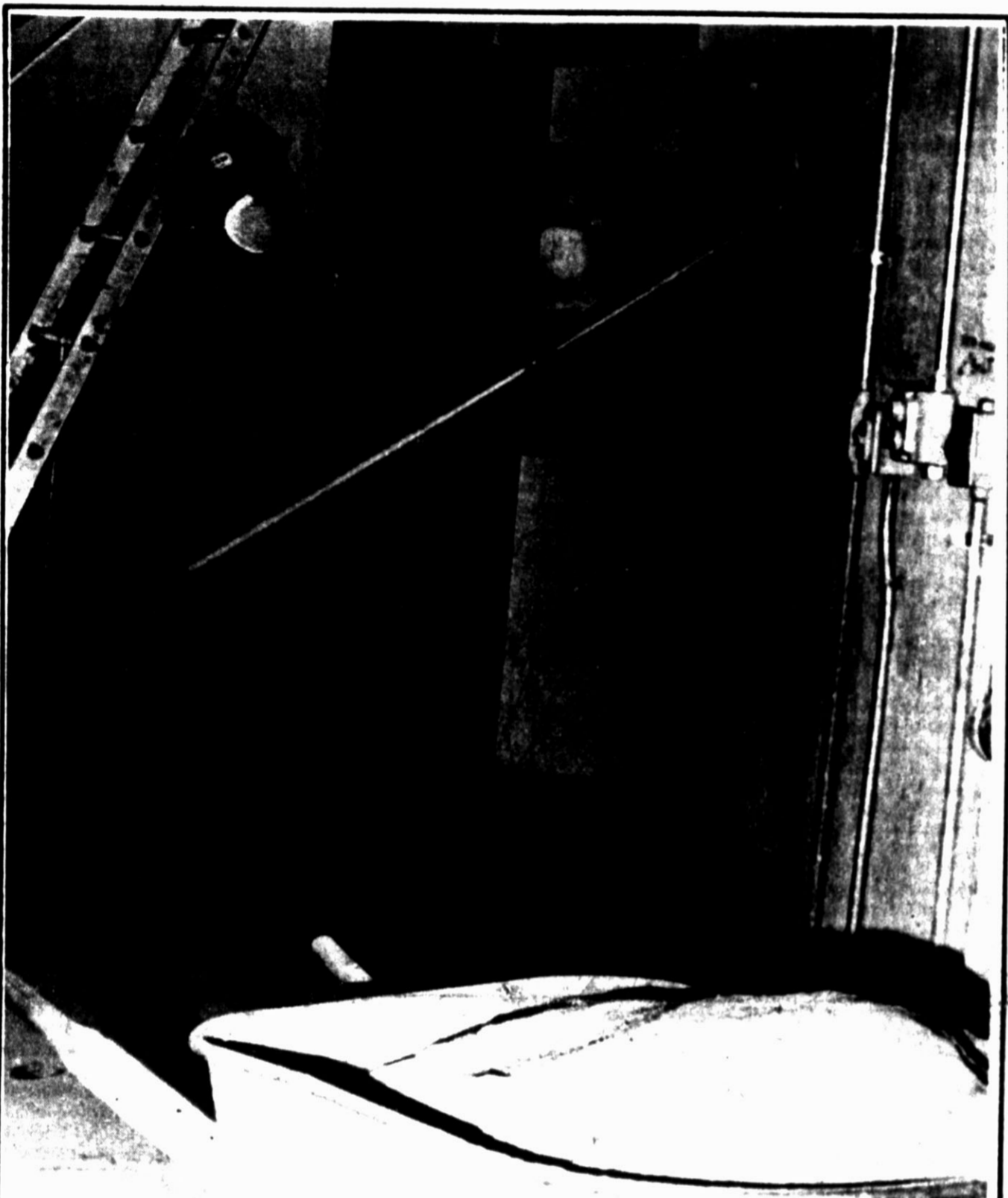
The Beirut newspaper As Safr said Iraq has offered to join the PLO, Syria and other hardline Arab opponents of the Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's peace initiative in a military confrontation pact against Israel.

The latest developments came after Begin and Sadat detailed tough bargaining positions, indicating difficult Mideast negotiations ahead.

During an 11½-hour debate Wednesday in the Israeli Knesset or parliament, Begin spelled out publicly for the first time the peace plan he presented to Sadat last weekend at their Christmas summit

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Deadly Dust

Lorenzo Moran cleans the walls in a room at the Hereford Grain Corp. elevator on Highway 60, removing the grain dust believed to be the culprit in recent explosions at elevators in Galveston and

New Orleans. The wheelbarrow in foreground is full of the dust, which can ignite under certain conditions. [Brand photo by Paul Sims]

Grain Blasts Could Happen In Hereford Say Managers

By PAUL SIMS
Managing Editor

An explosion similar to the two blasts which killed at least 43 persons in grain elevators during the last week could happen in Hereford, according to four local elevator managers.

The reason is grain dust, a substance which — when combined in certain proportions with oxygen and low humidity — explodes when hit by a spark.

"It's a nightmare for every elevator in the country," David C. Mangum of the Agriculture Department's Federal Grain Inspection Service told the Associated Press Wednesday.

"Most elevators are, in fact, time bombs, particularly under adverse conditions when there is continual loading of grain and not much time to clean up properly."

Elevators in Hereford are kept clean, according to their managers. But an October blast at Hereford Grain Handling sent one man to the hospital and damaged grain tunnels and an

elevator leg. Dust may not have caused that blast, said manager Wister Clevenger.

"All I know is we were lucky. Our explosion could have been disastrous if we'd have had a dirty elevator. If it had been real dirty, it would have blown us all to pieces."

"I have no idea what caused it. I personally think it might have been butane. When we blew up, the part that blew up first had just been cleaned and was spotless."

Grain dust, however, carried the explosion through the tunnels. Dust is generated or jarred loose from grain kernels being loaded, unloaded, or stored in a grain elevator. As it accumulates in the air and on the inside of enclosures, it becomes a potentially lethal explosive.

"If you put the dust in a package, it's highly flammable," Mangum said in the AP interview. "And, of course, when you have it floating in the atmosphere it is conducive to any kind of ignition."

There are "No Smoking" signs at Grain Handling Corporation.

"If a man smoked in the elevator, he'd be a danged fool," Clevenger said.

Clevenger, who has managed the elevator since 1973 and has been through only the one explosion, believe it will be the last.

"I believe it will. We're taking every precaution we can take."

Joe Artho, Hereford Grain Corporation manager, said that, despite precautions, accidents happen.

"We never know it won't happen to us. We have no idea when this can happen."

Artho clipped out news articles of the two coastal blasts, made copies, and distributed them to his employees.

"Any stories I get of explosions in newspapers, I make copies and hand them to all the men."

"In this explosion at New Orleans last week, the first thing I did was tell all my men how many were dead. Then, I told

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Carter Embarks on 6-Day Overseas Mission

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Carter, embarking today on an aerial odyssey to six nations and two continents, says the delay in enacting a national energy program will hang over his travels like a cloud.

And shortly before leaving today, the president said: "We will be reaffirming our dedication to peace and our support of justice and human rights."

The president left Andrews Air Force

Base at 7:57 a.m. EST for Poland, more than eight hours away.

Carter said in a television interview Wednesday night that "energy will be the tie that will bind us together on this trip," because at every stop "what our nation does about energy will be a prime question."

Describing the unfinished business of an energy policy as "that cloud" which will determine "the leadership qualities

of our nation," Carter said he hoped his trip somehow would help spur Congress and the American people to action.

Carter cited energy as a thread running through his itinerary when an interviewer suggested his travels to Poland, Iran, India, Saudi Arabia, France and Belgium lack a theme.

Rejecting this notion, Carter described the trip, postponed once because of the energy debate and subsequently scaled

down in scope, as carefully planned.

"Every stop will be productive for us," the president predicted.

Talking specifically about Poland, Carter said that although it has a Communist government and close ties with the Soviet Union, it also maintains friendly relations with the United States and engages in considerable trade with the West.

He said the Polish government is

relatively willing to give people their religious freedom and other freedoms," a factor weighed in scheduling a visit by a president who is known throughout the world for espousing the cause of human rights.

Besides conferring in Warsaw with leader Edward Giersek and visiting monuments to Polish resistance to Nazi forces during World War II, Carter will

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Scout Awards Given During Recent Party

First Christian Church was the site of a lively Christmas party recently for members of Cub Scout Pack 151.

The boys of Den 1 led the Pack parents and guests in the singing of Christmas carols, accompanied by Gayle Cotten at the piano.

During a brief business meeting, Pack Master Chalmer Fisher presented achievement awards to the following boys: Tod Shire, Gold Arrow Point; Silver Arrow Point and two red beads; Coe Claypool, Silver Arrow Point; Brad Fisher, Gold Arrow Point; Silver Arrow Point and one red bead; Phillip Davis, two yellow beads; Fred Greene, two red beads; and Randy Metz, one recruiter pin.

Identification cards were presented to all the boys and volunteer leaders while the charter of Pack 151 was awarded to the church. Each Cub Scout received his pinewood derby kit as a Christmas gift from the Pack.

Cookies and punch were served, in addition to the bags of Christmas candy given to all children present.



Achievements Cited

These Cub Scouts from Pack 151 received special awards during the Pack Christmas party recently at First Christian Church. Pictured from left, back row, are Randy Metz, Brad Fisher, Tod Shire and Phillip Davis. In foreground are Coe Claypool, left, and Fred Greene.

Animal Orphans

These animals are available for "adoption" at the City Animal Shelter

MALES

A medium black & white...very pretty head & eyes

A white, small, short hair dog that appears to be old & belongs to someone

A medium light brown

A medium shaggy grey poodle

A Beji type

A small black Terrier type

A white & brown long hair friendly dog

Three black fat puppies

A brown puppy, small

FEMALES

A brown Shepherd type

A black & white collie type

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| Dress Shoes | \$12 ⁹⁹ |

BOY'S DEPARTMENT

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| Sweaters | \$9 ⁰⁰ |
| Jackets | \$29 ⁰⁰ |
| Suits & Sport Coats | 1/2 Price |

LADIE'S DEPARTMENT

SPORTSWEAR SALE

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| Jackets | | |
| Vests | | |
| Shirts | | |
| Shells | | |
| Pants | | \$10 |
| Skirts | | |
| Gauchos | | |
| Sweaters | | |
| Ladies Coordinates | | |
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Housewifeirate



DEAR ANN LANDERS: I just read that letter from "Seen It All" — that dam fool who thinks any woman who stays home and pretends it takes a whole day to clean house and cook and take care of kids is a "freeloader and a parasite." I am so mad I can hardly see straight to write this letter. It's 11:30 at night. I just finished the ironing and I waxed the floor because my in-laws are coming tomorrow from California.

I just hope when that moron dies he comes back to earth as a housewife with five kids, two dogs, three hamsters and a 17-room house. I'd like to hear his story. — Been There And Still Am

DEAR BEEN: You and 20,000 other homemakers. The mail is beyond belief. I'm even getting letters from husbands who are cursing him out. "Seen It," I have a message for you. Stay under wraps for a couple of months or leave the country. If anyone finds out who you are, you won't be safe on the streets.

DEAR ANN LANDERS: Our cousins have a system of using the long-distance telephone to signal their safe arrival home from a trip. They simply dial the number of the telephone, allow the bell to ring once, then hang up.

The person who makes the call sets an approximate arrival time and the one being called is home and waiting.

My wife and I think this is dishonest. Our cousins maintain that AT&T loses no revenue for this type of call because their facilities are available and almost everything is done by machine these days. Your comments, please. — Waiting in Waxburg

DEAR WAITING IN WAX: According to Illinois Bell, your one-ring gimmick is equivalent to stealing. This practice is not unique — others use it and the telephone companies are not all that dumb.

Controlled Emotions Provide Stability

COLLEGE STATION

People can choose their feelings and enjoy stability and security, instead of allowing other people to influence them, Jenny Reinhardt, a family life education specialist, says.

"Our thoughts determine our feelings. By choosing our thoughts, we can decide how to feel. When we realized this, we also know that other people cannot determine what we feel," she says.

It is only when we choose to give up, or never decide what we think, that we threaten our stability and security. To allow others to influence how we feel is to be disappointed and frustrated, she explains.

"Mentally healthy individuals accept the choice to choose their thoughts and feelings," the specialist adds.

Miss Reinhardt is with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. The Texas A&M University System.

New Arrivals

The choice is ours — with positive thoughts and feelings, we contribute to our individual well-being and happiness," she says.

Mr. and Mrs. Roman Anthony Ulibarri are the parents of a daughter, Valerie, born Dec. 23. She weighed 5 lbs. 12 1/2 oz.

Mr. and Mrs. Garry Joel Meyer of Friona are the parents of a daughter, Rachel Tillie, born Dec. 23. She weighed 6 lbs. 13 1/2 oz.

Leftover slices of pizza you have made and baked yourself? Wrap them appropriately and freeze. At serving time you can thaw and heat the slices, placed on paper napkins, in a microwave oven.

Cakes baked in a conventional oven are cooled on wire racks. Cakes baked in a microwave oven are cooled on a flat heatproof surface; these cakes continue baking after they are removed from the microwave oven.

Winter Squash Versatile

COLLEGE STATION — Versatile winter squash adds a nutritious highlight to menus — especially during cold-weather months when it is abundant with appealing prices, says Marilyn Haggard, a foods and nutrition specialist.

SQUASH APPEAL STARTS WITH VITAMINS A, C

Acorn squash and butternut squash are economical sources of Vitamins A and C, and both vitamins have important jobs, the specialist says.

Vitamin A is necessary for vision, and it influences tooth development.

Vitamin C is not stored in the body, so it is necessary to eat food with Vitamin C everyday — to keep tissues, such as gums, healthy and to help the body resist infection.

Miss Haggard is with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service the Texas A&M University System.

To prepare butternut squash, simply peel it and dice it.

SQUASH COOKS IN 'HURRY-UP' STYLE

For best cooking results, bake acorn squash with the cut side down in a shallow pan filled with about one inch of water. Medium-size squash cooks in only about 30 minutes at 400 degrees F.

To cook diced butternut squash, simmer it in a saucepan with a small amount of water for 15-20 minutes.

VERSATILITY GIVES MENUS VARIETY

For a special menu treat, try winter squash in main-dish, side-dish or dessert recipes, Miss Haggard suggests.

Crowned Acorn Squash makes a main dish glamorous with its bright red pimento adding color and flavor to a stuffing of hot pork sausage in a creamy white sauce.

Butternut Squash Casserole goes as a main dish or side dish that features a covering of crunchy onion rings over a hearty combination of mashed squash, cracker crumbs, onion and grated cheese.

Pineapple Baked Acorn Squash — as a side dish or a dessert — offers a delicate addition or finale to any cold-weather meal.

Its zesty pineapple chunks drizzled with honey — or sprinkled with brown sugar — are topped with nuts and baked in squash halves to create this winter menu item.

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FRESHNESS — KEY TO QUALITY BUYING

In buying winter squash, the specialist says look for an even color and a very firm surface.

Acorn squash starts turning yellow or orange as it ages — so look for a solid green exterior to assure freshness and high quality.

Store squash in a cool, dry place. Refrigeration is not necessary.

TWO-STEP PREPARATION EASY

Preparing winter squash is easy — but acorn squash needs caution in cutting, Miss Haggard says.

When splitting the squash to remove the seeds, make certain that fingers and hands are away from the knife blade.

Since the flesh and outer covering of acorn squash is very hard, a heavy pressure must be exerted to cut through the squash, so cutting care is important.

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La Plata Honor Students Named

Honor students for the first tri-semester at La Plata Junior High School have been announced.

7th Grade

5.0
 Andrews, Valerie
 Baxter, Carla
 Barrett, Steven
 Boyd, Bethany
 Cosper, Vickie
 Diller, Joseph
 Friemel, Annabeth
 Frye, Shelly
 Foster, Stephanie
 Gentry, Shelly
 George, Steven
 Gobel, Cynthia
 Griffin, Amy
 Hund, Angela
 Johnson, Eva
 Killough, Ronnie
 Kosub, Laura
 Marquez, Robert
 Melugin, April
 McCathern, Kolleen
 Osborn, Marilyn
 Osborn, Michelle
 Parris, Whitney
 Payne, James
 Shire, Jeffrey
 Simons, Kristy
 Taylor, Brooke
 Thomas, Allyson
 Veigel, Holly
 Wilhelm, Gwendolen
 Willis, Donald

Gerk, Shannon
 Hodges, Roger
 Jackson, Susanna
 Kahleck, Suzanne
 Knabe, Raymond

Lady, Cynthia
 Mitts, Sharon
 Morgan, Jana
 Martin, Tim
 Medrano, Dora
 Martinez, Rudy
 Perales, Ruben
 Perkins, Pam
 Rahlfs, Dale
 Rudd, Kenneth
 Salas, Elisa
 Self, Tori
 Watson, Tina
 Wilbanks, Matthew
 Yosten, Tony

8th Grade

5.0
 Cosper, Jeffrey
 Coupe, Jeffrey
 Coupe, Kevin
 DeLozier, Don
 Fairweather, Sandra
 Fariss, Cheryl
 Foster, Robert
 Glenn, Brent
 Igal, Saleh
 Josserand, Barry
 Kalka, Joan
 Lane, Cathy
 Lomenick, Cynthia
 Milton, Karen
 Reinart, Rhonda
 Snyder, Lisa
 Straffuss, Brenda
 Sims, Kimberly
 Thomas, Trent
 West, Glenna
 Zinser, Carol

4.5
 Anderson, Both
 Artho, Paula
 Berryman, Mark
 Boen, Brenda

9th Grade

5.0
 Brownlow, Sandra
 Carlisle, Melissa
 Caudle, Mike
 Cassels, Kelly
 Diller, Annette
 DeLaCruz, Graciela
 Hacker, Keith
 Howell, Kellie
 Kearns, Caroline
 Lafuente, Annette

Lytal, Kyle
 Manion, Kimberly
 Peatzo, Walter
 Reinart, Elaine
 Rodriguez, Noe
 Rogers, Deborah
 Schumacher, Amy
 Stengel, Andy
 Walterscheid, Cheryl
 Wartes, Alan

9th Grade

5.0
 Barber, Dana
 Boyd, Robert
 Compton, Karen
 Davis, Jill
 Finn, Karen
 Foster, John
 Geiger, Kathy
 Gerk, Shelley
 Harkins, Terri
 Killough, Kelly
 Lawson, Willa
 Lyles, William
 Paschell, Jill
 Poteet, Melinda
 Rudd, Elizabeth
 Schumacher, Christopher
 Shook, Karol
 Warren, Leona
 Zinser, Crystal

4.5

Bethune, Terri
 Brown, Susan
 Garcia, Linda
 Gentry, Scott
 Hutton, Shirley
 Jones, Karen
 Jorde, Jennifer
 Josserand, John
 Lowrie, Sharon
 Moore, Mike
 Parten, Roland
 Peeler, Brian
 Perkins, Shari
 Schillings, Theresa
 Schlabs, Donna
 Self, Brent
 Trolinder, Cathrine
 Walterscheid, Melinda
 Warden, Diane



Indian Entertainment

The traditional Indian Ring Dance was performed as part of a recent program on the Plains Indians, as presented by members of Cub Scout Pack 151. Shown from left, in full costume, are Mario Barela, James Barela, Chris Howell, Kevin Polk, Jesse Layman and Andy Serna.

White Loyal Party Man

WASHINGTON (AP) - John White, the man President Carter tapped Wednesday to head the Democratic National Committee, has a reputation as an impeccably loyal party man.

That is not easy to do in a state like White's native Texas, where Democratic leaders have frequently supported Republican presidential candidates when they found the Democratic nominees too liberal.

In 1952, when former Gov. Allen Shivers led the pro-Eisenhower forces in Texas, White stuck with Adlai Stevenson. Twenty years later, when no one else would do it, White agreed to be co-chairman of the statewide George McGovern campaign forces.

All the while, the genial, red-headed White maintained cordial ties with conservatives. So when Carter looked for a replacement for Kenneth Curtis at the DNC, he found party conservatives like Robert Strauss recommending White, and party liberals like Rep. Bob Eckhardt, D-Tex., saying he would be "an ideal choice."

But, he said Wednesday, he is now a firm Carter man. "I'll personally support him if he wishes to ask for another term," he said, although he promised fairness to any Democrat who challenges the president for the nomination in 1980.

White, 53, describes himself as a "sensible moderate." He was born the son of a tenant farmer in Newport, Tex. He got his degree in agriculture from Texas Tech and taught the subject for several years before becoming Texas' commissioner of agriculture in 1950 by defeating the incumbent in an election. He was reelected 13 times until Carter named him deputy secretary of agriculture in March.

His official duties left him ample time to be active in politics. He briefly considered running for governor in 1954, and has been a delegate to several national conventions.

White's ties to Carter did not begin until after last year's Texas primary. Prior to that, he was committed to the aborted candidacy of a fellow Texan, Sen. Lloyd Bentsen.

White said he hoped to emulate Strauss, who was able to bind together the disparate factions of the party well enough to give Carter a winning vehicle in 1976. He predicted that the party would soon erase its \$2.5 million debt, much of which is left over from 1968.

White cut his last ties to agriculture when he came to Washington, getting rid of the ranch he leased in the country north of Austin. He has been a jogger for many years, and is often seen running on the mail outside the Department of Agriculture.

But, he said Wednesday, he



New Bob Cats

A new group of Bob Cats were introduced into Pack 151 during the November meeting. Pictured, left to right, in the back row are Mario Barela, Mark McQuigg, Kevin Polk and Lawrence Kelly. In the front row are Andy Serna, Donny Welty and James Barela.

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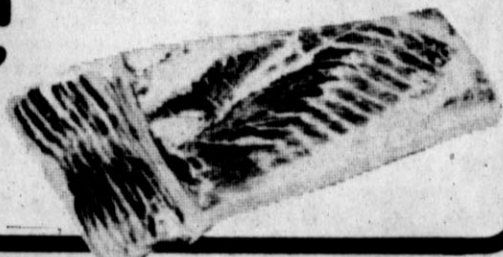
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|-------------|---------------|------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| \$1,000.00 | 11 | 118,000 to 1 | 57,000 to 1 | 8,378 to 1 |
| \$100.00 | 116 | 10,000 to 1 | 5,400 to 1 | 708 to 1 |
| \$10.00 | 282 | 2,000 to 1 | 2,600 to 1 | 361 to 1 |
| \$5.00 | 894 | 1,000 to 1 | 918 to 1 | 121 to 1 |
| \$2.00 | 2,000 | 500 to 1 | 313 to 1 | 48 to 1 |
| \$1.00 | 15,785 | 95 to 1 | 47 to 1 | 6.8 to 1 |
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FRESH ROASTED **Peanuts** **LB. BAG 69¢**

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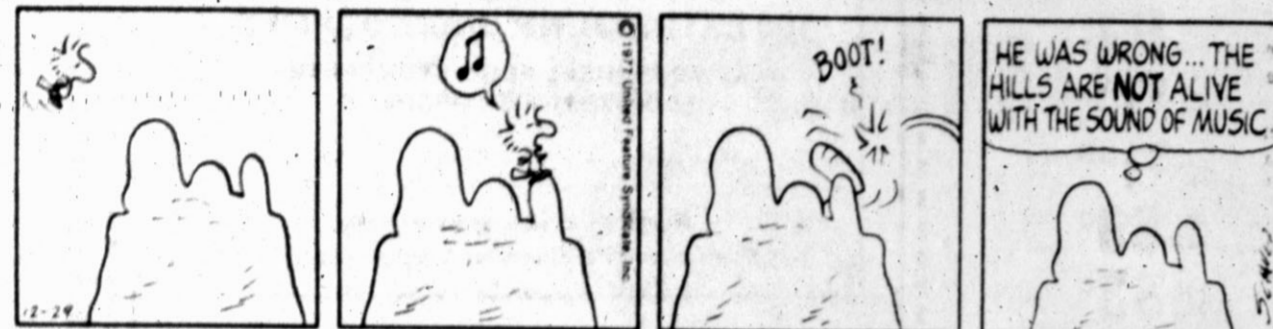
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by Bob Thaves



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ACROSS

- 1 U-boat (abbr)
- 4 Garden amphibian
- 8 Composer
- 12 School organization (abbr)
- 13 Tittle
- 14 Final
- 15 Author
- 34 Bygone days
- 35 Farm animal
- 36 College examination
- 37 Consumer
- 38 Foes
- 40 Rub out

41 Synthetic fabric

42 Hound's quarry

44 Cloud region

46 Performable

50 Natural

54 Positive pole

55 Temple

56 Distance measure

57 Papa

58 Chooses

59 Cuts off

60 Graduate of extent

Annapolis (abbr)

DOWN

- 1 Point of land
- 2 Beehive State
- 3 Romanian currency
- 4 Angler
- 5 Use an oven
- 6 Baseball player
- 7 Finery
- 8 Mythical aviator
- 9 Obtained
- 10 Canticle
- 11 Radiation measure (abbr)
- 17 Rages
- 19 Small valley
- 22 Slop
- 24 Capital of Tibet
- 25 Balcony (pl)
- 26 Seedling
- 27 Iron (Ger)
- 28 Light sarcasm
- 29 Joggle
- 31 Addition to a house
- 33 Resentment
- 36 Makes pig sounds
- 37 Animal waste chemical
- 39 Low vegetation (pl)
- 40 Wears away
- 43 Fred Astaire's sister
- 45 Arizona city
- 47 Wait
- 48 Mortgage, for one
- 49 Companion of odds
- 50 Flying saucer (abbr)
- 51 Short sleep
- 52 Busy insect
- 53 Combine



OUR BOARDING HOUSE with Major Hoople

BUSTER'S FEELINGS ARE HURT

Thoughts

THURSDAY
But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. — 1 Cor. 15:20-22.
"It is not darkness you are going to, for God is Light. It is not lonely, for Christ is with you. It is not an unknown country, for Christ is there."
— Charles Kingsley, English novelist.

FRIDAY
Hear, my son, and accept my words, that the years of your life may be many. Let your eyes look directly forward, and your gaze be strict before you. Take heed to the path of your feet, then all your ways will be sure. — Proverb 4:10, 25, 28.
"Life is like music; it must be composed by ear, feeling and instinct, not by rule."
— Samuel Butler, English novelist.

SATURDAY
"And whether the land is rich or poor and whether there is wood in it or not, be of good courage and bring some of the fruit of the land." Now the time was the season of the first ripe grapes. — Numbers 13:20.
"No man is worth his salt who is not ready at times to risk his body, to risk his well-being, to risk his life, in a great cause."
— Theodore Roosevelt, 26th U.S. President.

SUNDAY
And stretching out his hand toward his disciples, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers: For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother, and sister, and mother."
— Matthew 12:49.
"Most of all the other beautiful things in life come by twos and threes, by dozens and hundreds. Plenty of roses, stars, sunsets, rainbows, brothers and sisters, aunts and cousins, but only one mother in the whole world."
— Kate Douglas Wiggin, American novelist.

Charlemagne and his brother, Carloman, were crowned co-rulers of the Frankish Empire in 768 A.D.

Barbs
By PHIL PASTORET
Kids who love fairy tales grow up to be faithful watchers of the weather summary.
Our mail room complains that the Postal Service likes you to use your zip code so it can lose your letters more efficiently.
Even non-hunters would be pleased to proclaim open season on that partridge in the pear tree that flies in every yuletide.
Betting on sure things is a guaranteed way to go broke.

Television Schedules

THURSDAY

- 6:00 NEWS
- 6:30 BEWITCHED
- 6:30 THE HOSPITAL
- 6:30 THE SPY WHO LOVED ME
- 6:30 JAWS
- 6:30 EARTHQUAKE
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Hearing Into Crop Estimates May be Delayed Another Month

WASHINGTON (AP) - Senate aides say a hearing into the government's world crop estimating procedures and the grain buying practices of the Soviet Union still is in the works, but may be delayed for at least another month.

The hearing was requested of the Senate Agriculture committee by Sen. Robert Dole, R-Kans., following disclosure in Moscow almost two months ago that the 1977 Soviet grain harvest was much smaller than had been estimated by the CIA and the Agriculture Department.

Sens. George McGovern,

D-S.D., and Richard Stone, D-Fla., also sought a hearing to explore the latest surge of grain purchases by the Soviet Union and how those bear upon U.S. grain prices.

Meanwhile, Agriculture Secretary Bob Bergland says that "we would welcome a hearing into this matter" of estimating Soviet grain production and how the purchases are conducted.

The CIA and the department, despite some opinions to the contrary, were estimating Soviet grain output at 215 million metric tons until Nov. 2, when Soviet president Leonid I. Brezhnev announced the har-

vest tentatively at 194 million tons.

The harvest was revised upward slightly by Moscow two weeks ago to 195.5 million tons. A metric ton is 2,205 pounds.

Bergland told reporters last Friday that, "I am not sure that we were over optimistic" in estimating Soviet grain production although he was in favor of a Senate hearing on the subject. He said there were difficulties in translating the effects of weather on the Soviet crops.

Bergland was asked about estimates in the private grain trade and in the department itself which indicated prior to

Nov. 2 that the Soviet harvest might be closer to 200 million tons than the 215 million tons officially forecast.

"Well, it is a matter of whether or not the advice we get from the rumors we pick up are credible or not," Bergland replied. "When we publish a report it is official. I can't deal in hearsay."

Bergland was then asked what might have happened to the farm prices of U.S. grain if his department had "expressed some public doubt" about the official estimate of 215 million

tons.

"No effect whatsoever," Bergland said. "The trade had already taken into account what had taken place."

In other words, he said, when Moscow announced its grain estimate on Nov. 2, "the market already knew that the Russian crop was - had been - hurt, and they didn't have any significant market impact then or since."

The Soviet Union is committed to buy a minimum of 6 million tons of wheat and corn annually beginning with deliveries each Oct. 1 for five years. In the first year which just ended, the Soviets bought about the minimum quantity.

But because of this year's smaller harvest, the Soviet Union already has bought about 6.4 million tons of grain - including about 4.1 million of corn and 2.3 million of wheat - and has been given permission by the United States to buy a total of up to 15 million tons without further consultation.

Department experts say that they believe the Soviet Union will order the full 15 million tons for 1977-78 delivery, the second year of the agreement.

But some persons, including Sen. McGovern, believe the Soviets made secret arrangements months ago with private companies or their foreign affiliates for the full amount when they knew that the 1977 harvest would be smaller than last year's record crop.

When McGovern announced last month that he also wanted a hearing, he said the recent sales to Russia, "were strongly reminiscent of 1972 when the Russians took advantage of then current grain prices at the expense of U.S. producers and consumers."

Five years ago, the Soviets secretly bought huge quantities of U.S. grain, including about 12 million tons of wheat, about one-fourth of the U.S. harvest that year - at prices well below those that developed after the sales became known.



Top Sales Award

Randy Armstrong, left, of A.V.I. Corporation, Hereford, Valley Irrigation Sales and Service dealers, was presented the Outstanding Sales Finance Award at the Valmont National Sales Meeting in Phoenix. The meritorious award was presented to Armstrong by F.W. Stevens, Vice President of Marketing at Valmont, for his national leadership in the sales of the wide range of Valmont finance plans.

Figures Indicate Wheat Cutback Taking Effect

WASHINGTON (AP) - A decision by the Carter administration four months ago to cut back on wheat production next year appears to be having an effect, according to new government figures.

Farmers planted 48.1 million acres of winter wheat this fall for next summer's harvest, a decline of 14 percent from 56 million planted a year ago for the big 1977 harvest, the Agriculture Department said.

The so-called "set-aside" program requires farmers to reduce 1978 harvest acres from this year and to take the equivalent of 20 percent of what they do harvest from production of any crop in order to qualify for full price support guarantees.

In its first forecast of 1978 winter wheat production, the department said the harvest could total about 1.32 billion bushels, down 13 percent from this year's 1.53 billion bushels.

Winter wheat, which is planted in the fall and harvested the next summer, makes about three-fourths of total U.S. wheat production. The remainder is planted in the spring, and this year's spring wheat totaled 500 million bushels.

Howard W. Hjort, the department's director of economics, said the 14 percent acreage cut was "very close" to the administration's projected reduction when the decision was made to reduce wheat acreage for the first time since 1973.

But Hjort added that the production forecast being down 13 percent "was a little more than we had thought."

However, he said that final decisions by farmers on acreage set-aside participation are still not settled and that the eventual figures could be somewhat different.

Another factor is the extent to which farmers, angry over sagging grain prices, might participate in the strike called Dec. 14 by American agriculture by tearing up fields already planted or refusing to harvest grain next summer.

Wheat inventories on hand are the largest since 1963, the result of wide open record output the past three years. This has caused farm grain prices to drop sharply.

The report said that based on Dec. 1 indications, the 1978 winter wheat crop may yield 27.4 bushels per planted acre, compared with 27.3 bushels in

1977.

Nearly all winter wheat states showed cutbacks in planted acreage from last year. One exception was Georgia, where the report showed that farmers increased winter wheat plantings 19 percent, possibly reflecting a switch from corn which suffered severely from drought in 1977.

Missouri showed one of the sharpest percentage reductions, with winter wheat plantings at 960,000 acres, a 45 percent drop from 1.73 million acres planted for 1977.

Kansas, the biggest producer, reduced wheat plantings 13 percent to 11.5 million acres from 13.2 million for this year's harvest. But the crop is expected to yield about the same - 345 million bushels, the report said.

"The exceptionally sharp decrease in Missouri was caused mainly by excessive precipitation which prevented farmers from getting into the fields," the report said. "Most Western states reduced plantings, with California reducing acreage 18 percent and the other major producing states down 3 to 5 percent."

Meat Packing Up

WASHINGTON (AP) - Meat production by the nation's packing companies was up substantially last week, compared with a year ago, according to the Agriculture Department.

The department's Agriculture Marketing Service said beef production was an estimated 428.5 million pounds, up 20 percent from 355.7 million turned out by plants in the week before Christmas last year.

Pork production was about 233.9 million pounds, up 24 percent from 189.2 million a year ago.

Calf and veal output rose 1 percent, but lamb and mutton production was down 4 percent from a year ago, the agency said Tuesday.

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Lomas Initiated Into Agri Honor Society

WTSU - Robert Lomas, a sophomore agriculture business and economics major at West Texas State University, was initiated into the Texas Delta chapter of Alpha Zeta in ceremonies Dec. 4.

Alpha Zeta is a national honor

society in agriculture. Students must be in the top 40 percent of their class campus-wide to be eligible for membership.

Lomas was one of 28 students initiated into the honor society. He is the son of Dennis Lomas of 509 Star St.

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Trade: Moderately Active
Volume: 6,000
Steers-44.00-44.50
Hedders-41.00-42.00
LOCAL CASH GRAIN
(As of 4 p.m. 12-29-77)
Corn-3.82 cwt.
Wheat-2.58 cwt.
Milo-3.30 cwt.
Soybeans-5.40 bu.

DRESSED BEEF AND PORK
BEEF: Trade was moderate with demand light to moderate. Steer and heifer beef were 1.00 lower. All prices choice yield grade 3 unless otherwise noted.

EAST COAST: No sales.
MIDWEST: The beef trade was moderate with demand moderate. Steer beef was 1.00 lower at 68.25-69.25 for 500-800 lbs. Heifer beef was steady at 67.25 for 500-700 lbs.

AMARILLO: Demand for beef was light. Steer beef was 1.00 lower and choice 4 at 64.00-65.00 for 600-900 lbs. Heifer beef was 1.00 lower on choice yield grade 4 at 61.25 for 500-900 lbs.

PORK-MIDWEST: Trade slow with demand light to moderate. No sales on loins. Hams were 1.00 to 2.50 lower at 80.00 for 14-17 lbs. and 75.75-78.00 for 17-20 lbs. Bellies 3.50 higher for 16-18 lbs. at 57.50. Picnics steady at 54.50

| GRAIN FUTURES | | LIVESTOCK FUTURES | |
|--|---------------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| CHICAGO (AP) - Futures trading on the Chicago Board of Trade Wednesday | | CHICAGO (AP) - Futures trading on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange Wednesday | |
| Open | High Low Close Chg. | Open | High Low Close Chg. |
| WHEAT (5,000 bu) | | | |
| Mar | 2.81 2.82 2.77 2.82 + .03 | LIVE BEEF CATT (10,000 lbs) | |
| May | 2.87 2.88 2.83 2.88 + .02 | Jan | 41.10 42.25 42.90 43.22 + .12 |
| Jul | 2.91 2.92 2.88 2.92 + .02 | Feb | 42.07 42.30 41.82 42.25 + .25 |
| Sep | 2.95 2.96 2.92 2.96 + .02 | Apr | 41.50 41.65 41.25 41.57 + .10 |
| Dec | 3.00 3.01 2.97 3.01 + .04 | Jun | 42.95 42.97 42.55 42.95 - .02 |
| CORN (5,000 bu) | | | |
| Mar | 2.75 2.75 2.74 2.75 - .01 | Aug | 42.90 42.95 42.65 42.95 |
| May | 2.82 2.82 2.77 2.82 - .04 | Oct | 42.02 42.70 42.35 42.65 + .10 |
| Jul | 2.87 2.87 2.82 2.87 - .01 | Dec | 43.15 43.08 43.02 43.08 + .13 |
| Sep | 2.92 2.92 2.87 2.92 - .04 | Jan | 43.30 43.70 43.45 43.70 - .09 |
| Dec | 3.20 3.20 3.15 3.20 - .05 | Sales: Jan 49, Feb 120, April 192, June 100, Aug 293, Oct 208, Dec 8, Jan 20 | |
| OATS (5,000 bu) | | | |
| Mar | 1.39 1.39 1.34 1.35 - .04 | Open interest: Dec 27, Jan 402, Feb 775, April 1729, June 854, Aug 374, Oct 221, Dec 1763, Jan 174 | |
| May | 1.39 1.39 1.37 1.38 - .01 | FEEDER CATTLE (42,000 lbs) | |
| Jul | 1.37 1.37 1.37 1.38 - .01 | Mar | 43.00 43.00 43.00 43.00 |
| Sep | 1.40 1.40 1.39 1.39 - .01 | Apr | 45.05 45.25 44.85 45.22 + .07 |
| SOYBEANS (5,000 bu) | | | |
| Jan | 6.83 6.88 6.87 6.97 - .09 | May | 45.15 45.20 44.92 45.00 - .25 |
| Mar | 6.19 6.19 6.15 6.19 - .04 | Jun | 44.80 45.10 44.80 44.80 |
| May | 6.18 6.19 6.15 6.19 - .04 | Aug | 44.00 44.15 44.05 44.15 - .10 |
| Jul | 6.27 6.27 6.16 6.17 - .09 | Sep | 45.00 45.12 44.80 45.00 - .18 |
| Aug | 6.16 6.19 6.13 6.13 - .02 | Oct | 44.85 45.00 44.75 45.00 + .15 |
| Sep | 6.00 6.03 5.96 5.96 - .04 | Nov | 44.90 44.90 44.90 44.90 |
| Nov | 5.93 5.95 5.91 5.91 - .02 | Sales: Jan 2, March 155, April 70, May 120, Aug 15, Sep 9, Oct 9, Nov 2, Dec 1 | |
| Jan | 5.97 6.00 5.97 5.97 - .03 | Open interest: Jan 224, March 920, April 128, May 1074, Aug 370, Sep 177, Oct 385, Nov 118 | |

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Scabies Outbreaks More Than Double

WASHINGTON (AP) - A highly contagious skin disease of cattle caused by tiny mites has more than doubled so far this year, requiring federal and state quarantines to get it cleared up, says the Agriculture Department.

For example, there were 31 outbreaks of cattle scabies reported in November against nine in the same month of last year. Through the first 11 months, 149 outbreaks were reported compared with 68 during the same period of 1976.

Officials said Tuesday that the spread of the disease is primarily due to a number of large sales of infected cattle which then were shipped to different areas. Since the disease is transmitted easily among cattle others have been infected.

The 31 outbreaks in November included 13 in Colorado, one in Iowa, five in Kansas, one in

Minnesota, six in Nebraska, two in New Mexico, one in Oregon and two in Texas, the department's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service reported.

Frank J. Mulhearn, administrator of the agency, said that "quarantines were placed on all infected and exposed cattle," until they were treated and found free of scabies mites. The tiny mites are destroyed when the animals are dipped in

pesticide solutions.

The mites puncture the skin of cattle and feed on body fluids. The meat from infected cattle is not harmful to consumers, officials said. But when scabies are spread to new areas, the quarantines and treatments interrupt the regular marketing flow of cattle and cost producers money in putting control measures into effect.

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