

## Deer kill linked to new rapeseed

Researchers at the Institute for Deer Research at the Veterinary College in Hannover West Germany, claim their recent study links double-zero rapeseed varieties to the deaths of deer, according to a report in *Oil World*. West German officials, seed industry representatives and oilseed crushers, however, dispute that double-zero rapeseed kills deer in actual farm situations, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has reported.

Researchers at the institute carried out experiments with healthy deer under controlled conditions. The first group received only double-zero rapeseed and drinking water, both *ad libitum*. In addition to the rapeseed, the second group was fed hay, fresh grass and branches from beech and fir trees. Researchers said double-zero rapeseed was well accepted in both groups and even preferred over other feed in the second group.

A USDA report from Bonn, West Germany, in late January said that even if experiments and observations confirm damage to wildlife, government officials and industry representatives believe the problem can be corrected by feeding supplemental roughage during critical high-snow periods or by planting fiber-rich grazing crops adjacent to rapeseed fields.

Noting the issue is too complex to make a judgment from the one study, a West Germany Ministry of Agriculture spokesman told USDA that generally a lack of fiber in the diet could be expected to hurt ruminants such as deer. He also noted that trials with animals in confinement might not parallel actual farm conditions.

USDA said no national or European Economic Community (EEC) action against the double-zero varieties is expected as a result of the research study and that further investigations on the topic will be necessary before any conclusions are drawn.

Meanwhile, French rapeseed area was down in 1988. France's Société Interprofessionnelle des Oleagineux (SIDO) estimated that 644,700 hectares of winter rapeseed were planted in the last quarter of 1988. That figure is 25% lower than the area planted at the same time in 1987. According to SIDO, French crushers are concerned that the projected 1989 decline in rapeseed production may be due to cuts in EEC support prices. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), however, cited drought in southwestern and central western France as the reason for the decline.

## De Smet acquires Simon-Rosedowns

Belgium-based Compagnie Financière De Smet has acquired Simon-Rosedowns Ltd. for £3 million in cash. The sale of Simon-Rosedowns, along with earlier sales of Henry Simon, Simon-Barron and associated overseas companies,

completes Simon's withdrawal from the food machinery market outside the U.S.

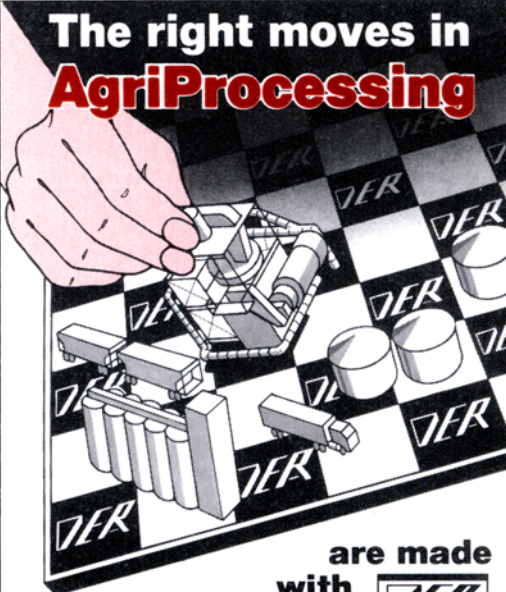
De Smet Rosedowns Ltd., as the company will now be known, will continue to design and supply vegetable oil extraction and refining equipment. De Smet Rosedowns and Extraction De Smet are commercially and technically complementary.


## India's oil policy

The government of India has approved an integrated edible oil policy that will require the country to maintain a buffer stock of 500,000 metric tons (MT) of edible oil to keep oil prices within the prescribed price band of 20,000 to 25,000 rupees per MT.

The buffer stock will be composed of 300,000 MT of imported oil and 200,000 MT of domestically produced oil. Under the policy, the National Dairy Development Board will be allowed to provide remunerative prices to oilseed growers. The government also will investigate misuse of oils allocated to the public distribution system.

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## Anglia buys line

The Procter & Gamble Co. (P&G) and Anglia Oils have signed an agreement for the sale of P&G's bakery business in the United Kingdom to Anglia Oils. The P&G bakery line, which is composed of shortenings, margarines and related products, represents 10-15% of the U.K.'s total bakery market.

Anglia Oils Ltd. is a subsidiary of Aarhus Oliefabrik A/S of Denmark.

## Emery: For Sale

Quantum Chemical Corp.'s board of directors has authorized the company's management to sell Emery, Quantum's oleochemicals operation. The oleochemicals business accounted for less than 5% of Quantum's overall 1988 operating profits and 11% of its total revenue. It has a book value of \$289 million.

The proposed sale of Emery is part of Quantum's recapitalization plan. The proceeds from the sale of the oleochemicals division will cover part of the payout to shareholders.

## China market 'ripe'

Companies interested in entering the Chinese market had better move quickly, according to Phillip Laney, Asia director of the National Renderers Association (NRA).

Laney, who had met with officials from China's Ministry of Light Industry, said the highly competitive and rapidly expanding market is attracting global commercial interest.

Ministry representatives told Laney they are satisfied with joint venture agreements between local soap plants and Unilever and Procter & Gamble; however, they would like to establish joint ventures for two other Chinese toilet soap plants. The Chinese are particularly interested in methyl ester sulphonates as lime-soap dispersing agents and in the enzymatic splitting of fats, Laney said.

## A possible merger?

The boards of Novo Industri A/S and Nordisk Gentoft A/S will recommend to their respective shareholders in April that the two Danish firms merge into one company. If the shareholders agree with the suggestion, the new firm will be called Novo-Nordisk A/S. The proposed merger would be retroactive to Jan. 1, 1989.

Novo Industri is the world's largest producer of industrial enzymes and is a major producer of insulin; Nordisk Gentoft A/S primarily manufactures products for the treatment of diabetes.

In other news, Steen Riisgaard has been named ex-

ecutive vice president of Novo Industri A/S and head of the company's Bioindustrial Group (BIG). He had been vice president of BIG's Detergent Enzyme Division. Soeren Halling Hansen, who had been marketing manager in the Detergent Enzyme Division, has been named a vice president of Novo and now heads the division.

## Duty-free no more

Safflowerseed oil imported into the U.S. lost its duty-free status Jan. 1, 1989, under the new U.S. harmonized trade system.

Anyone who wishes to see duty-free status reinstated may petition the U.S. Trade Representative's office between April 1 and June 1, 1989. To do so, contact the U.S. Trade Representative, Winder Building, 600 Seventeenth St. N.W., Washington, DC 20506.

## Canada's outlook

Agriculture Canada, in its first forecast for 1989/90, predicts canola production could fall to 4.06 million metric tons (MT), down from the record 4.24 million MT harvested in 1988/89. Canola area is expected to decline 15%, and yield should return to average levels following this past year's drought, the agency said.

Flax plantings are forecast to increase 30% to 710,000 hectares, but soybean area can be expected to decline slightly. Total oilseed production is forecast at 6.1 million MT, a 6% increase over the 1988/89 harvest.

## Corn gluten feed

The Corn Refiners Association Inc. (CRA) has drawn up a voluntary quality standard for corn gluten feed, an animal feed ingredient produced by corn wet milling. The new "Standard of Identity for U.S. Corn Gluten Feed" was designed to meet the needs of a growing export trade for corn gluten feed, according to association president Robert C. Liebenow.

"Corn gluten feed has grown to be a half-billion dollar item of trade between the U.S. and European Economic Community," Liebenow said. The standard, which can be voluntarily used by mutual agreement of buyer and seller, calls for corn gluten feed to contain no less than 18% protein, 2% oil and 6% fiber, and no more than 13% moisture and 28% starch.

In conjunction with the standard, a new program for certifying chemists in the analysis of corn gluten feed has been started by AOCS. Seventeen laboratories have signed up for the program, according to AOCS Technical Director Dave Berner.

For more information about the standard, contact CRA at 1100 Connecticut Ave., N.W., Washington, DC 20036.

## FATS & OILS NEWS

### Subsidize sun oil?

There are rumors in the Spanish market that the European Economic Community (EEC) or the EEC and Spain jointly will subsidize sunflowerseed oil consumption in Spain, according to U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) reports from the U.S. embassy in Madrid.

USDA cited recent press reports noting that the EEC's Committee has asked Spain to submit a proposal to the community outlining a program whereby the sun oil currently being exported could be consumed locally with EEC subsidization. The subsidy could be equal to the one now granted to exports, the reports said.

### News briefs

Jan Gunnerdal has been appointed president of **Karlshamns USA**, a subsidiary of **Capital City Products Co.** based in Columbus, Ohio. **Rolf Pärnhem** has been named vice president of **Karlshamns USA**. **Karlshamns USA** is responsible for marketing **Karlshamns AB** products in Canada, Central America and South America, as well as **Capital City products** worldwide.

The **Canola Council of Canada** has named **Dwight E. More** to succeed **Allan Earl** as president of the council. **More** has been in charge of the **Canola Council's** agronomic extension programs for two years.

The **Australian Oilseeds Federation's** new postal address is **PO Box 94, Wilberforce, NSW 2756, Australia**. The **National Sunflower Association's** new address is **4023 N. State St., Bismarck, ND 58501**.

**Andrew Ladds** has been appointed business development director of **Anglia Oils**, **Hull, England**.

**Transtech Ltd.** in **Lahore, Pakistan**, will install a prepress solvent extraction plant in the free-trade zone near **Chunia, Pakistan**. The new facility will process cottonseed and some sunflowerseed, and will include the first ventilated seed house in **Pakistan**. The storage building will allow **Transtech** to extend its cottonseed crushing season.

**S.A. Fractionnement Tirtiaux** of **Belgium** has named **Ralph Romero**, president of **R&D Equipment** of **Fort Worth, Texas**, as its representative in **Mexico**. **Romero** can be reached by calling **817-870-1173**, by fax **817-877-5630** or by telex **160299**.

**Milton T. Matthews** has been named vice president of sales for **Hershey Chocolate U.S.A.**, effective **April 1**. He will succeed **Howard T. Cook**, who is retiring on **March 31**.

**Ilija Gawrilow** has been named director of commercial development for **SVO Enterprises**. The company has appointed **Pete J. Magnino** as its national accounts manager.

**M.J. Desai** has been named general plant manager for the **Anand Regional Cooperative, Oilseeds Growers' Union Ltd.**, **Kaira Gujarat, India**.

**Kraft Inc.** announced in early 1989 that it would cut 250 staff positions in its **Chicago area operations** as a result of its merger with **Philip Morris**. Virtually all offices in the **Chicago area** will be affected, according to **Gene Stevenson**, **Kraft** spokesman. Employees will be laid off from company headquarters in **Glenview**, its research and development unit in **Northbrook** and the food-service operation in **Deerfield**. No manufacturing positions will be affected, **Stevenson** said, adding that the cuts represent less than 8% of **Kraft's** work force in the **Chicago area**.

**Vicki Hubbard** of **Associated Jojoba Processors Inc.** is the current president of the **Jojoba Growers Association**.

**Wilhelm Pickenhagen** has been named vice president and general manager for flavor technology at **Firmenich Inc.** **Alecia Sebeo** and **Gail Samse** have been appointed group leaders in flavor applications. Also, **Fred Triolo** has joined the company as a flavorist.

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