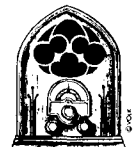


Section News



Northeast Section to honor past presidents



R. Grinstein

The Northeast Section will honor its former presidents during its September meeting, the first gathering for the 1978-79 program year. Members will receive specific details as to time and place later this month or in early September; the meeting will be in the latter part of September.

Officers for the coming year are Reuben Grinstein, Diamond Shamrock, president; David Berner, Best Foods, vice president; David Min, Best Foods, secretary; and William Bernholz, PVO International, treasurer. Directors are Manny Eijadi, PVO International; Howard Gordon, Hoffmann-LaRoche; Chi-Tang Ho, Rutgers; Frank Luddy, Eastern Regional Research Center; Frank Naughton, NL Industries; and Joyce Kern, Fatty Acid Producers Council.

North Central meeting to be Sept. 20

The North Central Section will open its program year with a meeting Sept. 20. Dave Bartholomew of Merrill, Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Inc. will speak on the fats and oils outlook for the 1978 crop year. Bartholomew writes the *JAOCS* quarterly column "Fats and Oils Outlook." A specific time and place for the meeting will be announced later this month. The second meeting will be Nov. 15 with place and program to be announced later.

Officers for the coming year are Vernon C. Witte, Swift & Company, president; Frank R. Kincs, Quaker Oats Company, vice president; and Jack Suriano, EMI Corporation, secretary/treasurer. Members-at-large are T.L. Mounts, Northern Regional Research Center; Neil R. Widlak, Kraft, Inc., Research and Development; and George W. Bregar, Alfa-Laval Processes. ●

Netherlands soy imports rising

The Netherlands is likely to import more soybeans and soy products as well as animal fats during 1978, according to a report from James A. Hutchins Jr., agricultural attache in The Hague.

Soybean and oil imports for the first quarter of 1978 were about 131,000 metric tons (oil basis), or about 36% above the first quarter of 1977. Hutchins attributed the large demand to a new 500,000 ton crushing plant that opened in late 1977.

Higher use of animal fats in compounded animal feeds is pushing imports of tallow and greases upward. First quarters of 1978 imports were about 50%, or 27,000 tons, higher than the same period in 1977, Hutchins said. Dutch livestock population started 1978 at an all-time high.

Hutchins said both developments favor increased export of U.S. products to The Netherlands.

During 1977, The Netherlands imported about 1.3 million metric tons (oil basis), a decrease of about 1.4%. The drop was primarily in copra/coconut oil and palm kernels/oil, whose prices rose during 1977. About 50% to 60% of Dutch imports are re-exported after processing. During 1977, exports totaled about 784,615 metric tons, about 5% below the 1977 volume of 828,640 metric tons. Total value, however, was about 12% higher.

Dutch consumption of fats and oils rose 5.5%, primarily because of the 16% rise in animal fats use in animal feed. ●

United Kingdom

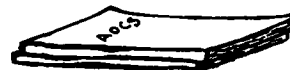
Imports of oilseeds and their products into the United Kingdom rose by about 2% in 1977 compared to 1976, and the outlook for 1978 imports is for about the same rate of

increase, and perhaps less.

William Rodman, U.S. agricultural attache in London, explains in his annual fats and oils reports that the U.K. imports rose in 1975 and 1976 because of droughts those years that reduced supply of home-grown feed materials for livestock. Weather in 1977 and 1978 appears to have returned to normal, reducing the need for imported feed-stuffs.

Lard imports rose 35%, and tallow and grease imports rose 31% in 1977, he said, with more than half the lard imports being used in margarine production. Sales promotion of pure vegetable oil margarine is difficult in the U.K. because of inflationary pressures on consumers, Rodman said, which aids the demand for less expensive animal fat margarines.

The visible oils and fats consumption in the U.K. during 1977 was 22.8 kg per capita, up about 0.5 kg from 1976 with all the increase in lard and compound cooking fats (up 1.0 kg). Butter consumption fell 0.6 kg to 7.6 kg, and margarine consumption fell 1.3 kg to 6.5 kg. ●



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