

# Polish dignitary predicts decline for grain trade

By Dick Hovorka

Grain trade between the United States and Poland will decline in the next few years, according to Poland Vice-Minister of Agriculture Henryk Burczyk, head of a five-man delegation from Poland visiting Lincoln to study plant production.

At a news conference Thursday afternoon, Burczyk said the United States has a five-year grain agreement with Poland to supply it with wheat, but the quantity "will be reduced in such a way so our production will be higher."

He said that although Poland imports much of its grain from the Soviet Union, it also imports grain from countries such as the United States, Canada and France.

Collective and government-owned and operated farms comprise 18 per cent of Polish farmland, Burczyk said, and the other 82 per cent is individually owned. The size of farms range from two to 30 acres.

"The individual farmers are taking the direction of specialization," Burczyk said.

Comparing Poland's environment to North Dakota, he said the water table in Poland is such that irrigation is not a major problem, but it causes some drainage problems.

Virgil Johnson, UNL professor of agronomy, said the Polish delegation is studying seed production and plant growing, learning methods for introducing American agricultural practices and gaining knowledge on organizing and managing.

"The University of Nebraska is one of the best in the world (in agricultural research), especially the wheat research done by Dr. Johnson and his staff," Burczyk said.

"We would like to send graduate students and experts to the United States to study. We would also like to see U.S. experts in Poland."

Johnson said the delegation will be taking a special look at wheat research, plant breeding and genetics, while at Nebraska.

The Polish delegation is not the first group to visit UNL's agricultural research department. Johnson said representatives from other countries have visited and plans are being made for a visit from a South African delegation.

"There are experimental equipment we are using and research we are doing that we received from other countries," he said.

The delegation's last stops in Lincoln will include a tour of the Cathedral of the Risen Christ Roman Catholic Church, the Capitol and the Gateway shopping center.



Photo by Kevin Higley

Agronomy Prof. Charles Y. Sullivan, right, explains heat and drop tolerance of sorghum to members of the Polish International Bowling Team Thursday.

## East Union council has vacancies

The East Campus Union Program Council (EUPC) will conduct interviews for committee chairpersons Sunday.

EUPC Vice-President Anita Malone, a junior home economics major from Waverly, said chairperson and co-chairperson positions are open for five committees: campus involvement, recreation, hospitality, education and dance and concert.

The campus involvement committee arranges free entertainment activities to increase interaction among East Campus living units. It also prepares a monthly newsletter for East Campus students and assists with the East Campus Art Lending Library each year.

Western Week is the main recreation committee activity, but the committee also schedules basketball, foosball and volleyball tournaments, she said.

East Campus Choral Concerts are planned by the

hospitality committee. The education committee schedules speakers for East Campus and arranges a careers night for students.

Sadie Hawkins, the Go Big Red Dance and the Western Dance are arranged by the dance and concert committee. It also helps with Cornstock, a UNL East Campus outdoor concert.

In addition to the regular responsibilities, 1976 committees also will arrange activities and projects for the new East Campus Union, scheduled to be occupied by 1977.

Interested persons should sign up for an interview at the East Union Office in the Activities Bldg. on East Campus, or call 472-2955 or 472-2956 for an interview time.

# bill board Monday hearings include general fund bill

LB651, to be heard publicly before the Nebraska Legislature's Revenue Committee Monday would require a minimum of three per cent and a maximum of seven per cent of total general fund revenues to be kept in that account.

Last year's Special Session of the Legislature passed a similar proposal for one year only. The law would allow the Board of Equalization flexibility in maintaining a balance by adjusting tax rates to prevent cash flow shortages like the one which developed late last year.

### Legislative Hearings

Committees, Statehouse hearing room assignments, bills to be heard Monday and their sponsors are as follows. Hearings begin at 2 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

#### Appropriations, Room 1003

1:30 p.m.—LB678—Provides a deficiency appropriation of \$38,750 for the Board of Educational Lands and Funds.

1:45—LB683, 684—Appropriates state senators' salaries; appropriates \$42 million for personal property tax relief.

2:15—LB682—Appropriates funds for Legislature's expenses, fiscal staff and state ombudsman.

LB691 State agencies appropriations.

2:30 p.m.—Department of Correctional Services

3:30 p.m.—Department of Public Welfare

4:15—Department of Public Institutions

Education, East Chamber

LB626 (Ed. Comm.) Relates to sale of educational lands.

LB648 Raises school transportation allowance.

#### Judiciary, Room 2102

LB636, 637 (Jud. Comm) Relates to enforcement of child support.

LB654 Uniform paternity blood samples.

Public Health and Welfare, Supreme Court Hearing Room 2414

1:30 p.m.—LB627 (Moylan) Regulates the sale and distribution of hypodermic needles.

LB674 (Comm.) Vocational rehabilitation for the blind.

#### Revenue, Room 1019

LB646 (Duis) Exempts premiums paid to insurance companies for pensions and individual retirement accounts from state insurance tax.

LB651 (Carsten) Directs State Board of Equalization to maintain a balance of not less than three per cent nor more than seven per cent of state general fund by adjusting tax rates.

## Course on UN offered this semester

About 50 of the more than 500 students expected to participate in the Nebraska Model United Nations (NMUN) conference Feb. 11 through 14 also are enrolled in a new UNL course, University Studies 395E—United Nations Studies.

The three sections of the course are taught by history Prof. Leslie Duly, geography Prof. Brian Blouet and political science Associate Prof. Joan Wadlow, who also is associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and director of University Studies.

Most students registered for one to three credit hours, Blouet said. One student registered for four hours, which will require more work and responsibility, he added.

Aside from NUMN participation, the professors also will require their students to prepare extra material to receive credit, he said.

For example, students in Blouet's section will represent the African nation Zaire at the NUMN conference. He said his students must study Zaire and write a paper about it for his evaluation.

United Nations Studies students should not receive credit hours for doing the same work other NUMN participants do for enjoyment, Blouet said.

The professors will avoid "directing" NUMN class delegations, he said, because they want the students to do the work and research for the conference themselves.

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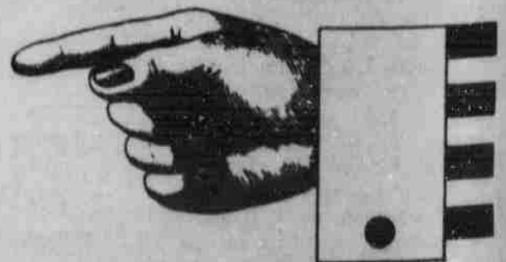


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