

# Ag Dept. cracks down

Washington—With higher supermarket prices for meat expected this fall, the Agriculture Dept. is cracking down on improper meat-grading practices it says may boost prices as well as hurt ranchers.

"When there are breakdowns in the meat-grading service, the impact of the problems results in lower prices being paid to producers for their animals and higher

cas which was later given a higher grade and sold at a higher price to supermarket chains and, in turn, consumers.

Ms. Foreman, who prefers that designation, stressed that most meat graders and packers are honest.

## Natural rubber

Pasadena, Calif.—Government researchers say they have devised a chemical process that could lead to commercial production of natural rubber in the United States for the first time since World War II.

Sprayed on the desert guayule shrub, which grows wild in the American Southwest and Mexico, the chemical in laboratory tests caused the plant to produce two to six times more rubber than it normally yields, said Henry Yokoyama.

A yield increase might encourage American companies to plant and harvest rubber plantations and decrease U.S. dependence on foreign supplies, he said.

Although commercial use is at least three years away, Yokoyama said, several large companies have already expressed interest.

"Rubber companies say that if they can get 20 per cent yield, then it will be commercially feasible," he said.

## associated press datelines

prices paid by consumers for meat. This situation reduces confidence in the meat industry and reflects badly on all meat-packers," Carol Foreman, assistant agriculture secretary, said Saturday.

A spokesman said that some meat-packers and graders have been charged recently with bribery and corruption. Misgrading of beef is a perennial problem, officials said.

The spokesman said there have been cases in which a packer paid a producer a relatively low price for a low-grade car-

## short stuff

Committee needs interested students to serve on the committee. Contact the Nebraska Union Program Office 115, or call 472-2454.

Tassels will meet Tuesday at 5 p.m. in the Union. Room number will be posted.

The Talks and Topics committee will meet Tuesday at 5 p.m. in Union 115.

The Ag-Econ Agra Business Club will meet at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at the home of Prof. Baker, 3259 Starr St. Sign up in Filley Hall 301.

The UNL 4-H Club will meet Tuesday for a picnic at Peter Pan Park, 33rd and

Y Streets.

The Teacher's College Advisory Board will meet Tuesday at 6:15 p.m. in the Union. Room number will be posted.

The ASUN Government Liaison Committee which lobbies for student rights and interests will meet Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Union.

The UNL Young Democrats will meet Tuesday at 7 p.m. in Union 345.

The East Union Program Council Films Committee is sponsoring the movie "Swasbuckler" Wednesday at 8 p.m. in the East Union. Admission is \$1.25.

"The Niobrara: A River in Jeopardy" is a slide show which will be given Tuesday at 10 a.m. in the Great Plains Room of the Nebraska East Union. After the show, a panel will discuss three aspects of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's proposed Norden Dam: fish and wildlife, economics, and geology. Comments and questions will be encouraged.

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## union calendar

11:30 a.m.—Freshmen Brown Bag Workshop, "Financial Aids," South Conference room.

3:30 p.m.—Panhellenic, room 232.

4 p.m.—NUPIRG Student Fee Discussion, Auditorium.

6:30—Union Recreation-Bowling League Organization, North Conference room.

7 p.m.—Delta Sigma Pi executives, room 202.

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