

# Livestock will eat less corn

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 WASHINGTON — Drought-induced high prices for livestock feed mean that feeding of corn to U.S. livestock in the 1983-84 season will be at the lowest level in six years, the government predicted Thursday.

The Agriculture Department reduced its estimate of use of corn for feed to 4 billion bushels, down 50 million bushels from last month and down 11 percent from the season just ended.

"The further tightening of feed supplies will add to the

pressure on feeding margins for livestock and poultry producers who already are contending with recent sharp gains in feed prices and with currently heavy supplies of meat," the department said in its world agricultural supply and demand report.

The department reiterated its prediction that total meat production this fall will remain 4 to 5 percent higher than a year ago, but meat production will decline by 1 to 2 percent in 1984.

With smaller meat supplies and higher prices, food inflation

next year is expected to rise to between 4 to 7 percent, compared to less than 3 percent this year.

The latest predictions on feed use followed an updated crop report, in which the government said the 1983 corn crop would be 4.26 billion bushels, 49 percent less than last year and 3 percent less than last month's forecast.

The reduction was caused by the worst drought in a half century and the government's program that reduced corn acreage

to the smallest level in this century.

The reduction in use of corn for feed caused economists to reduce their estimate of total corn demand by 1 percent below last month's prediction. Export demand estimates were unchanged at 1.9 billion bushels.

The department reduced its estimate of stocks of corn on hand just before next year's harvest by 81 million bushels to 819 million bushels, less than a quar-

ter of the total on hand at the beginning of this year's harvest.

Corn stocks will be just 12 percent of total use, the lowest ratio in seven years and well below the 1982-83 ratio of 47 percent. In spite of the reduction in supplies, the stocks-to-use ratio will exceed the 7.5 percent average of 1973-75 when grain supplies were especially tight.

The department said that the reduction in stocks-to-use ratio would make prices more volatile.

# Bankers hear economic forecasts

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 HONOLULU — American bankers ended their annual industry convention Wednesday amid forecasts of continued economic recovery over the next year followed by a period of rising interest rates and the threat of another recession.

Economists told the American Bankers Association the

prospect of \$200 billion federal budget deficits poses the danger that interest rates will not come down far enough to sustain strong economic growth and will eventually abort the recovery.

"It means this recovery, which is going so well, is going to be snuffed out prematurely," said Wall Street economist David M. Jones.

Jerry L. Jordan, a former member of the Council of Economic Advisors, said there was good reason to be concerned about the prospects of inflation and interest rates given the huge federal budget deficit and the rapid growth in the nation's money supply.

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# Shuttle launch date in doubt

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 WASHINGTON — The date for the next space shuttle flight, carrying Europe's instrument-packed Spacelab, was in doubt Thursday with engineers trying to find the cause of severe damage to a rocket nozzle during the last shuttle launch.

NASA spokesman David Garrett said it may be several days before project officials decide whether the Oct. 28 launch date can be met, or whether a delay to late November or February is required.

At the Kennedy Space Center in Florida, engineers proceeded with preparations for launch in two weeks. The crew for the mission participated in the closing hours of a 60-hour mission simulation as a final overall rehearsal for flight.

The pilots, John Young and Brewster Shaw, worked in a shuttle trainer in Houston and the four mission scientists



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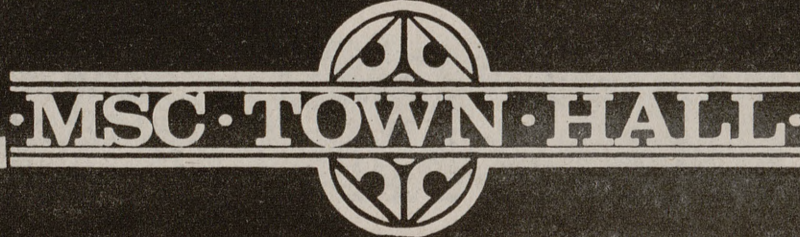
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# Lawyers sure sextapes exist

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 LOS ANGELES — Two more lawyers are convinced the Vicki Morgan "sex tapes" existed and say the longtime mistress of Alfred Bloomingdale may have been murdered because of them.

Arthur Barends and Charles Mathews, who represent the man accused of murdering Miss Morgan, said Wednesday they will produce three reliable witnesses to testify about the contents of the tapes at the trial of Marvin Pancoast, who is charged with murdering her.

They said the witnesses have told them they watched videotapes showing government officials, Bloomingdale, the late presidential confidant, and Miss Morgan in sexual activities.

"We now have reason to believe the tapes existed," Barends told UPI. "I don't know if they exist now but they certainly existed at the time Vicki Morgan was killed."

Barends said the witnesses told him the names of government officials in the tapes but he refused to divulge them. He also said he has subpoenaed the CIA, FBI and Treasury Department "for anything concerning materials on Vicki Morgan, Ed Meese or any other cabinet members or officials, concerning anything involving Alfred Bloomingdale or anything involving taped material."

Barends said it was "an arbitrary decision" to name Meese, saying the presidential counselor was "the first name that came to mind."

Pancoast, 33, a former fraternal patient, has pleaded guilty to the murder of Morgan and innocent by reason of insanity to charges he beat Morgan, 30, to death with a hammer on July 7 in the North Hollywood apartment they shared. He is scheduled to stand trial Dec. 5.

Despite Pancoast's statements to police that he killed Morgan, Barends says his client is innocent and believes Miss Morgan was killed by someone else for the tapes.

"I believe that Vicki Morgan was killed over those tapes," Barends said.

Attorney Robert Steinberg, who spoke to Pancoast shortly after his arrest, called the national sensation July 11 when he claimed he and two other identified people had seen videotapes showing top government officials at "sex parties" with Bloomingdale and Morgan.

The day after announcing he had the tapes and would turn them to President Reagan, Steinberg said they had been stolen from his Beverly Hills office. He was indicted by county grand jury for filing a false police report, pleading innocent to the misdemeanor charge and is scheduled to appear in court Friday on trial date.

Barends said he became convinced the tapes existed after interviewing three "independent" witnesses — not including Steinberg — who are afraid to forward now but will testify in detail at Pancoast's trial.

"The statements that I got from close questioning were identical so far as the alleged contents of the tapes, who was on the tapes, what they saw and their names," Barends said.

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