

UCO operating as usual at Ontario Stock Yards

United Co-operatives of Ontario (UCO) is operating as usual at the Ontario Stock Yards, says Chief Executive Officer Bob Bethune.

On Monday, Live Stock Commissioner Dr. Ken R. Fisk confirmed the licence for the co-operative to operate at the Ontario Stock Yards as a commission firm. Until Monday, UCO was deemed to operate as a licensed dealer by the Livestock Inspection Branch of the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food (OMAF).

Producers selling to licensed livestock dealers are protected from payment default in sales

transactions by the Livestock Financial Protection Program which is administered by OMAF.

In addition to the protection granted by the Livestock Financial Protection Program, producers selling through UCO Livestock Division have always been secured through UCO's "Shipper's Trust Account". Immediately upon the sale of the producer's livestock at the firm, the producer is paid from that account. Buyers must pay UCO within 48 hours.

"The co-op has been in continuous existence at the stock yards in Toronto for over 70 years," says Bethune. "It has

always had a reputation for being a fair and effective livestock marketer. In an open auction, farmers selling their livestock through UCO get a fair competitive price."

UCO is the largest commission firm at the Ontario Stock Yards, handling approximately 42 per cent of all livestock and in the fall, 70 per cent of all stocker cattle going through the yards.

UCO is the largest farm supply and marketing co-operative in Ontario, owned by over 49,000 individual members, and 42 independent member co-operatives representing another 42,000 members.



Milk quality awards

The highest award in Halton for milk quality was awarded to John (centre) and Jay (far left) Kitching of Kitchholm Farms, R.R.1, Moffat, at the annual meeting for Halton Milk Producers on Wednesday in Hillcrest Church near Hornby. John Heimback (far right), the assistant manager of the Cana-

dian Imperial Bank of Commerce in Milton, presented the father-son team with a plaque while Jennifer Livock, Halton's Dairy Princess, gave them their quality milk certificate. The family, including son Gregory, have been farming for 35 years and milk about 45 Holsteins. (Herald photo)

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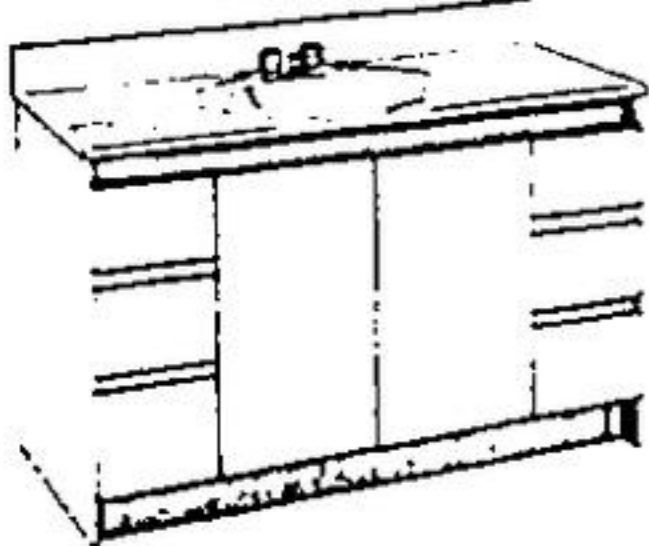
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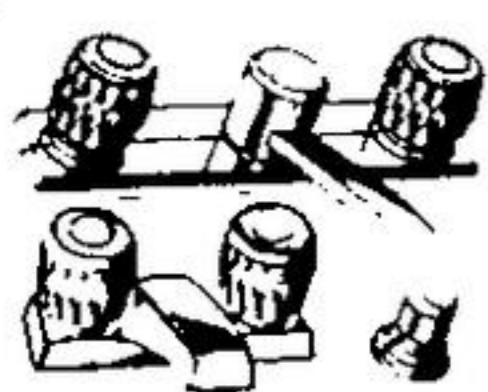
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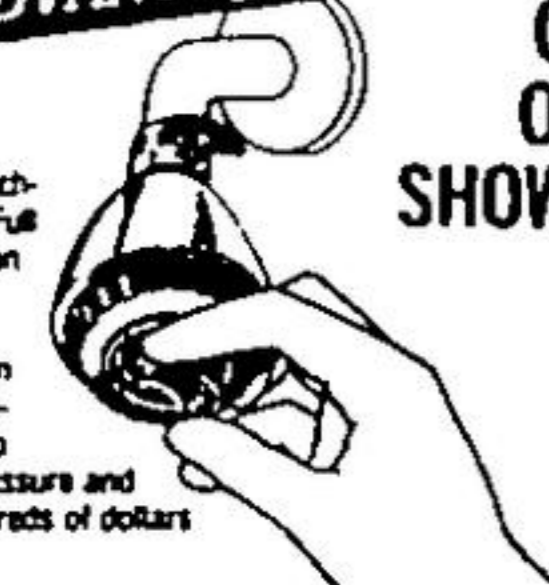
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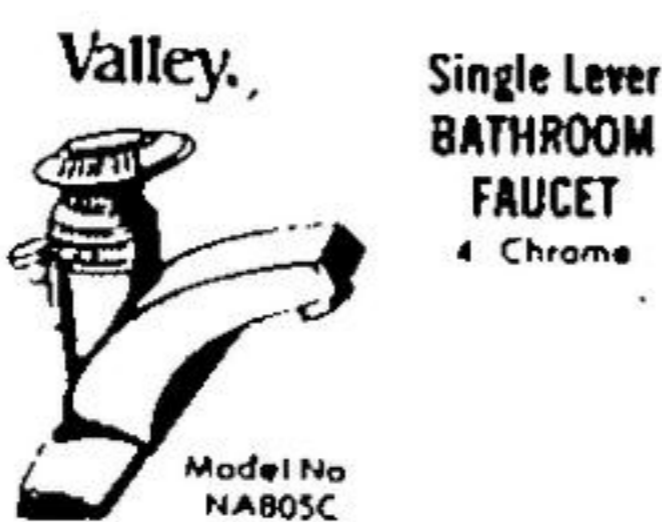
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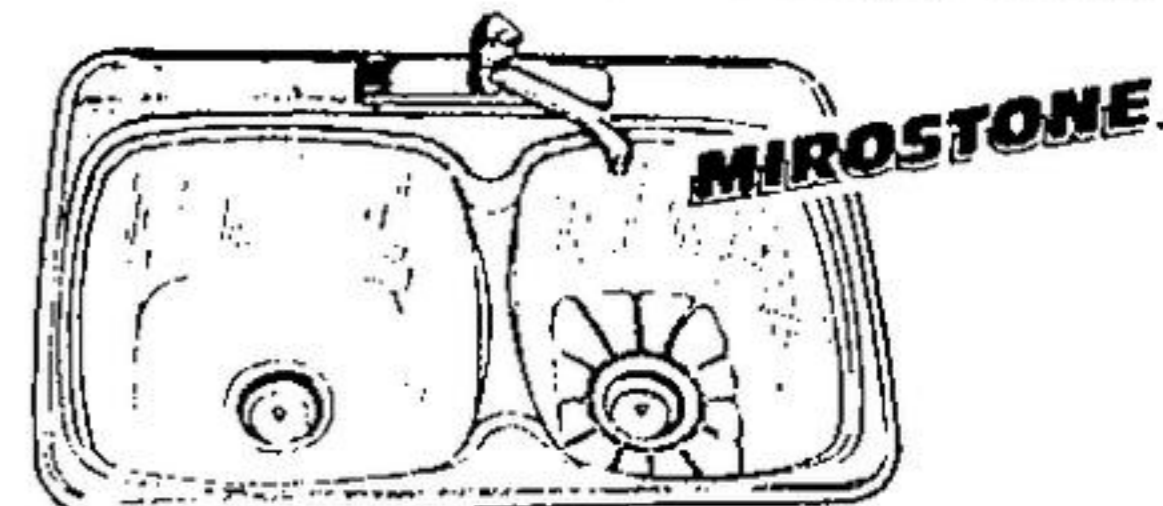


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