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Beet Talks at Standstill

DENVER — After a daylong meeting at Denver called by four state associations, contract discussions between the growers and Great Western officials came to a standstill Tuesday night, according to Kenneth Carpenter, of the Nebraska Beet Growers Assn. The four state associations in Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska and Wyoming represent about 90 per cent of the sugar beet production in Great Western territory. A letter informing the growers of what took place at the meeting will be mailed soon.

Beet Growers, GW Deadlocked

DENVER (AP) — No progress was reported Wednesday following another day of negotiations between Great Western Sugar Co. and beet growers who object to a proposed purity formula for determining payment.

Great Western officials met with representatives of the Mountain States and the Nebraska Non-stock Cooperative beet growers associations.

Manuel Pineda, Mountain States president, said both sides refused to compromise and the question of whether to implement the purity formula for the 1977 crop year remained undecided.

The purity formula would base payments to farmers on the sugar content of beets instead of the traditional gross tonnage measure.

No further meetings between the two groups have been scheduled, Pineda said.

An acre of banana trees can yield up to 112,000 bananas in a year, says National Geographic.

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