Beet Contract
Views Expressed

Contract considerations between sugar beet growers and Great Western got a thorough going over in Monday's 51st annual meeting of the Mountain States Beet Growers Marketing Association.

Beet growers from Colorado, Kansas and Nebraska attended the business session, held in the Sterling Elks Lodge.

Frank Barnes, Longmont, a member of the association's board of directors and the contract committee chairman, told the growers the committee is working on items that the growers feel will need to be negotiated before a pact for the 1975 season is signed.

Among contract items discussed were paying of freight charges from the receiving stations to the factories, elimination of the ceiling on the New York raw sugar prices, timing of beet payments, and improvements at receiving stations.

Growers may also ask that information provided by GWU to the federal government also be made available to local associations and the growers also want sugar percentages reported along with bane reports.

The contract committee also heard considerable discussion on a proposal that would increase initial beet payments.

William Davis of Goodland, Kan., director and legislative committee chairman, told the growers it was possible that the Sugar Act could be considered when the new Congress convenes in January and told the growers they must prepare for that eventually. He added that in the long haul, the end of the Sugar Act may be advantageous for beet producers.

Davis also pointed out that makeup of the agriculture committee in the House of Representatives could be of importance. He said there are 11 vacancies on the committee, and he urged having congressmen from rural areas, especially from beet-producing areas, apply for membership on the committee.

In elections, Henry Schaffer of Sterling was named to a third term as association president. Other officers are Kish Otsuka, Sedgwick; vice president; Lelain K. (Lee) Johnson, Greeley, executive secretary; Jane Szelowski, Greeley, assistant secretary; Herb Hansen, Johnstown, treasurer. New directors are Glen Johnson, Fort Collins; Albert Watada, Brighton, and John J. Stroyit, Goodland, director-at-large.

The Ovid Local Beet Association was host for the meeting.