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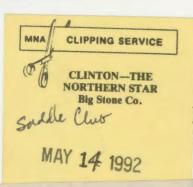
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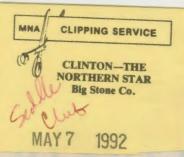
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# In Brief

Farm lending up: Minnesota bankers increased their lending to farmers by 10.3 percent during 1991, according to Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation figures. At the end of 1991, bankers in Minnesota made total farm loans of more than \$1.9 billion.

Cattle drops: Cattle on Minnesota feedlots dropped 6 percent from a year ago, according to the Minnesota Agricultural Statistics Service. Farmers expect to market 125,000 cattle during the next three months — from April to June — to drop 11 percent from the actual marketings from the same time last year.

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Rural energy: An "Energy in Rural America" conference, set for June 2 and 3 in Des Moines, Iowa, will discuss the profits and opportunities in agriculture for more efficient energy use on farms and in rural communities.

More than 40 speakers including farmers, farm support organizations, researchers, utility company staffers and government officials will present 26 topics in three major categories over two days.

For more information, contact Gail Ettinger at 708-864-5651 or write to Energy in Rural America, 309 Davis Street, Evanston, Ill., 60201.

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Russia tour: Communicating for Agriculture is organizing a tour to the former Soviet Union set for Aug. 10-22.

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The tour will include three days in Moscow, a tour of area farms, meetings with Russian Agricultural officials, visits to the farming regions of the Ukraine plus visits to historic sites like the Red Square, Gorky Park and palaces of the Czars.

Space is limited but if there is sufficient interest, a second tour to the Commonwealth of Independent States will be organized in September

September.
There is also limited space for a CA delegation agricultural tour of four regions in China set for Aug. 16-28. For more information call 1-800-445-1525.

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Horse show: The Saddle Club of the University of Minnesota, Morris will host the Western Saddle Club Association Open Horse show on May 16 at the Stevens County Fairgrounds. The show, which will take place regardless of the weather, will be at the Stevens County Fairgrounds.

For more information call 612-589-3000 or 612-589-4372.

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Milk down: Minnesota's milk production dropped 2 percent from March 1991 to March 1992, according to the Minnesota Agriculture Statistics Service. The production per cow gained 20 pounds in the period but the number of cows dropped by 25,000.

The 21 major milk producing states reported just a slight increase in March compared to a

year ago.