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they need to anticipate and plan for changing market conditions." Glickman said.

"The intent of this proposal is to provide broad access to current export sales data on meats," Glickman said. "Although we believe such data would contribute to fairness and efficiency within these markets, we will carefully review all comments and views before we move ahead with any new rule. Our aim is to ensure that the benefits of the additional information justify the costs, and that the best and most useful information is obtained in a manner that maximizes its value and minimizes the burden of collection and reporting."

The formal request for public comment identifies the existing Export Sales Reporting Program of USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service as one of the tools available for collecting the new information. Comments are invited on all aspects of the proposal and related issues, including the need for export sales data on meats, the benefits and costs of mandatory and voluntary reporting, and specific procedures regarding the frequency and content of the information to be collected and published. To be assured of consideration, comments on the proposal should be received within 60 days.

The complete Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking appears in Thursday's edition of the Federal Register (Nov. 14, 1996, Vol. 61, No. 221, page 58343). Copies of the Federal Register can be ordered from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office (202-512-1800).

All comments on the proposal should be sent to: Export Sales Reporting Branch, Trade and Economic Analysis Division, Room 5959—Stop 1025, Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA, 1400 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20250-1025. Written comments will be available for public inspection. For further information, contact Thomas B. McDonald, Jr., Chief of the Export Sales Reporting Branch, at 202-720-3273 (fax 202-690-3275).

"By comparison with the greatest subjects of art . . . all politics seem like provincial struggles for booty between dusky tribes."

Sir Stephen Spender
"A Look at the Work"
Horizon
Sept. 1940

**A PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION
THANKSGIVING DAY, 1996**

America's oldest tradition, Thanksgiving is also a reaffirmation of our most deeply held values; a public recognition that, in the words of Thomas Jefferson, "God who gave us life gave us liberty." In gratitude for God's gift of freedom and "for all the great and various favors which he hath been pleased to confer upon us," George Washington made Thanksgiving his first proclamation for the new Nation, and it is one we are privileged to renew each year.

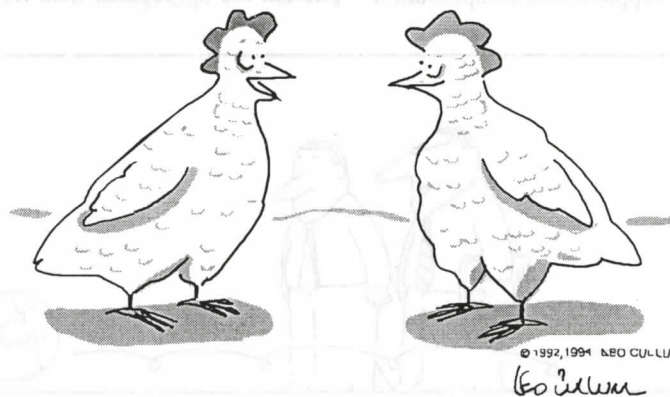
Much has changed for America in the two centuries since that first Thanksgiving proclamation. Generations of hardworking men and women have cultivated our soil and worked the land, and today America's bounty helps feed the world. The promise of freedom that sustained our founders through the hardships of the Revolution and the first challenging days of nationhood has become a reality for millions of immigrants who left their homelands for a new life on these shores. And the light of that freedom now shines brightly in many nations that once lived in the shadows of tyranny and oppression.

But across the years, we still share an unbroken bond with the men and women who first proclaimed Thanksgiving in our land. Americans today still cherish the fresh air of freedom, in which we can raise our families and worship God as we choose without fear of persecution. We still rejoice in this great land and in the civil and religious liberty it offers to all. And we still — and always — raise our voices in prayer to God, thanking Him in humility for the countless blessings He has bestowed on our Nation and our people.

Let us now, this Thanksgiving Day, reawaken ourselves and our neighbors and our communities to the genius of our founders in daring to build the world's first constitutional democracy on the foundation of trust and thanks to God. Out of our right and proper rejoicing on Thanksgiving Day, let us give our own thanks to God and reaffirm our love of family, neighbor, and community. Each of us can be an instrument of blessing to those we touch this Thanksgiving Day — and every day of the year.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. CLINTON, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim Thursday, November 28, 1996, as a National Day of Thanksgiving. I encourage all the people of the United States to assemble in their homes, places of worship, or community centers to share the spirit of goodwill and prayer; to express heartfelt gratitude for the blessings of life; and to reach out in friendship to our brothers and sisters in the larger family of mankind.

Signed by President William J. Clinton, November 11, 1996.



"I understand you laid an egg at the committee meeting today, Hilda."