

Wheat Migrate Wintering, Too

Entomologists of Pennsylvania State University state that the destructive potato and bean leafhopper survives the winter in southern states bordering the Gulf of Mexico. A species studied in Florida from tropical areas and South America concluded that this insect migrates westward around the Florida peninsula and also over the areas of California.

It is this insect, had it migrated to over-winter in the south of the United States or even in South America, it develops along the gulf coast in southern states and may arrive here in May and June. Here it appears in June to infest potatoes and alfalfa. The leafhopper is a serious pest of all three of these

crops, and unsprayed potatoes or beans have their yields cut severely through its feeding on the foliage during the summer and autumn.

Alfalfa is also seriously damaged in July and August or second and third crops. None of these insects are known to survive winter in areas north of the gulf coast states and they migrate each spring, being carried many miles by aid of the air currents.

In the northern states there occurs three or four generations a season and their damage to potatoes is characterized by dead margins and finally the death of the plant.

Colo. Senator

(Continued from page 1) FHA loans, must be in real need of the loan and unable to secure it from regular finance channels, he pointed out. Many of the farmers have been cut down before the FHA could unsparingly make the maze of red tape involved. This is not the fault of the

people in Farmers Home Administration. The fault lies in those who pass the legislation; it lies in Congress.

I have worked for four years, attempting to bring all the principles and regulations of FHA into one piece of legislation. I believe this has been done and plan to introduce the bill within the next month, the conservative Republican senator stated.

Following a query on removing the government from the wheat program, Allot said. "This would be fine, except it would ruin a lot of fine farmers in the wheat business to start with and create chaos in the rest of the grain industry."

He further claimed that the Secretary of Agriculture's power to sell CCC wheat stocks at the 105 per cent market level should be revoked. "There can be no demand, except for immediate needs, created under a program which permits users to dip into government stocks any time a market

shortage develops.

The result is that wheat prices never rise above support levels and the government is forced into massive shortage program.

Allot contended that elimination of wheat controls and supports would result in driving the eastern producer out of the wheat market.

"Let's face facts", he stated, "the finest quality milling wheat in the world is grown in the hard red winter wheat region of the Great Plains. The lower quality wheat regions of the Southern & Northern plains can out-produce the rest of

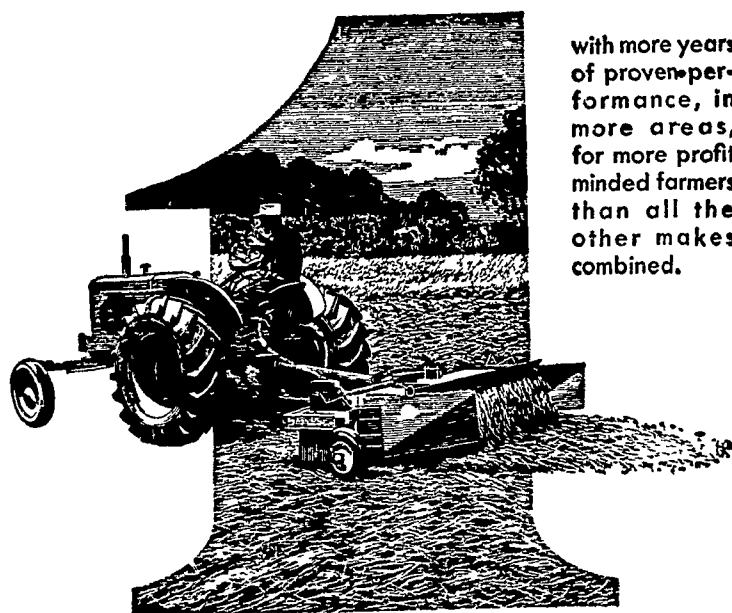
the country and at lower cost. In market demand and in cost-of-production, that region has a distinct advantage for commercial production.

"Elimination of the wheat program will mean the end of commercial wheat production for growers unable to compete with the Plain's farmers' quality and yield performance," Allot contended.

He encouraged locking the CCC wheat stocks to domestic users as a first step in stabilizing the wheat market saying, "The depressing effect of CCC stocks is a major factor in increasing those of stocks."

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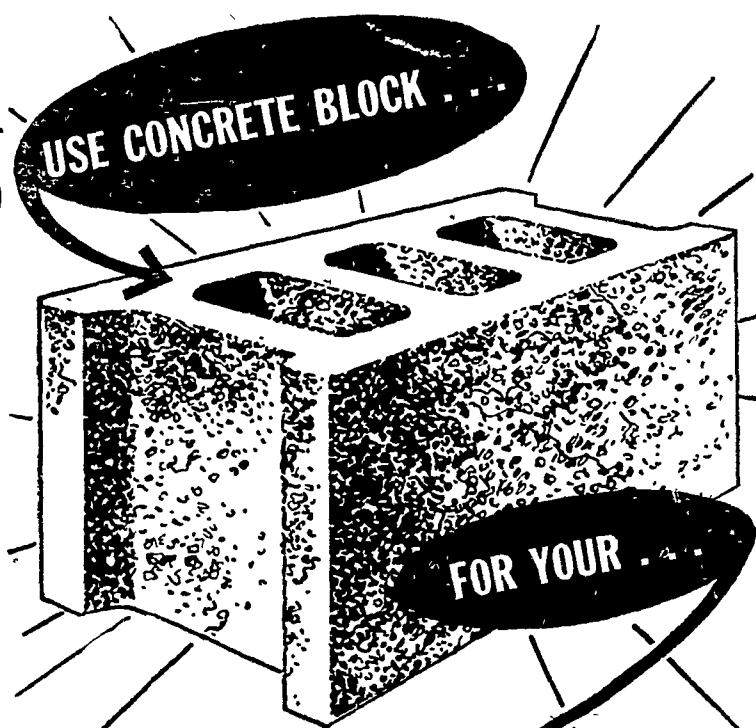
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