

Windrowers Not Profitable Research Shows

Self-propelled windrowers which cut a wide swath and place the hay right in the windrow, have been in use for haymaking in the Western United States. Recently they have been introduced in the east, often with a hay conditioner added to the unit.

University agricultural engineers report that the good points of the self-propelled windrower lie in its mane-

uverability and time-saving features. However under humid conditions, it does not appear practical to put hay into a windrow as it is cut. It slows the drying too much.

Tests at Pennsylvania State University show that hay does not cure as fast behind the windrower as it does with the regular mowing and raking system. In fact the Pennsylvania tests showed hay mowed and raked dried nine per cent faster than hay cut with their windrower.

When hay conditioners were used with both systems, the difference was still about nine percent.

Living Costs At All Time High

Living costs hit a new all-time high in Pennsylvania between January 15 and April 15 this year.

Secretary of Labor and Industry William L. Batt, Jr., said they reached 125.9 of the 1947-49 base period, a rise of 0.9 percent.

All items except transportation used to compute general living costs rose during this period. The increase brought the 1960 level to a point 2.4 per cent higher than 1959.

Food alone went up 1.3 per cent. In terms of pocket-books, potatoes were 26.7 cents higher for a 15-pound bag at the end of the period than at the beginning, apples cost 4 cents more per pound and oranges were 12 cents more per dozen.

Pork prices reflected a slump in production, and rose 5.8 cents a pound for bacon, 2.1 cents for chops. Other meats and poultry products showed similar higher prices.

Only lettuce, cabbages and carrots showed reduced prices among fresh vegetables, and shortening, butter, and frozen haddock were also slightly lower.

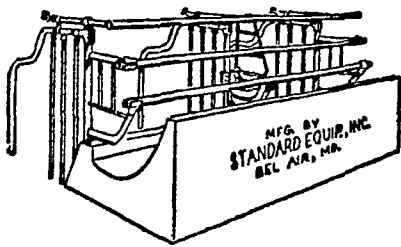
Housing costs, including heating, and other operating expenses, also were on the rise, 0.4 per cent above the January figure and 2.4 per cent more than April a year ago. Increased gas costs were a large factor here.

Clothing has generally increased 1.6 per cent since



LEROY STUMPF, LEFT, AND JAMES HERR, both of Quarryville R2, perch on a fence to get a better view of the steer calves to be graded in the livestock judging contest during FFA week at PSU this week. Stumpf won 10th place in the contest while Herr was 34th in the competition among 176 Future Farmers. —LF PHOTO

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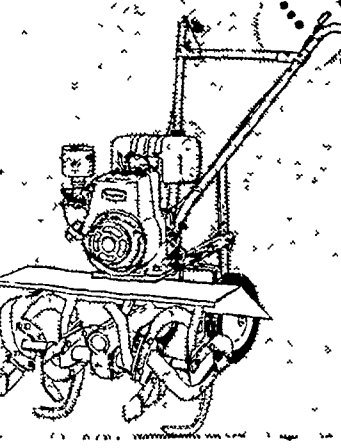
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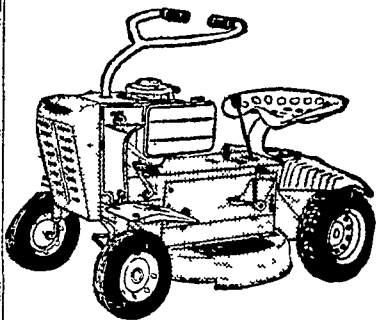


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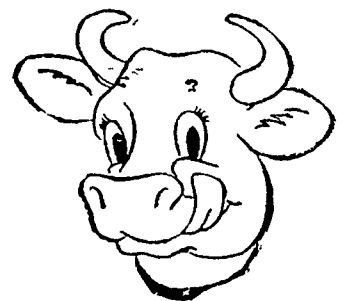
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