### High Population sity In Corn Fields Gain Popularity

Modified forage harvesting machines are needed to handle heavy growths of thickly planted corn two-year tests show at



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The tests were described recently at the annual meeting tenance work on your tractor Agricultural Engineers in cleaning and regapping of the Washington, D C Engineer William L. Kjelgaard, of Penn hour "must". State's Agricultural Experiment Station, said high field losses & generally poor operation were typical of conventional machines harvesting to 100 000 plants per acre

coin for tolage

Last year was a particularly good growing season on the trial plots Kielgaard stated In a season when raintall is not so favorable and coin is shorter, the harvesting machines might perform somewhat better, he contended

Farmers are interested in growing corn for forage at high per acre populations he said because of promising heavy yields However harvesting machines tended to leave much of the crop on the land in trials. In some cases they clogged repeatedly and gathered only half to three louiths of the crop

High coin plant populations were obtained by planting with

#### Clean Plugs Can Cut Costs

If you're doing any mainof the American Society of engine you probably include spark plugs as a 100 to 125

> Here are a couple of pointers from agriculture engin-

torage coin drilled at 50,000 a grain drill. If all plant growth had been gathered, Conventional machines are yields would have ranged from designed to harvest corn sil- 20 to 30 tons of green materage planted in rows, usually ial per acre Flail type haiat 20,000 plants per acre he vesters did not perform as pointed out Modified harves- effectively as sickle bar maters will be needed, he advis- chines, Kjelgaard reported, ed as increasing numbers of largely because operators could tarmers raise thick stands of provide some help in feeding and unclogging the latter.

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proper gap setting ... Chances proper carburetor adjustment. are, an excessively wide gap is a good indication the plug is due for replacement.

If the gap is more than .007 inch over specifications, and has been in use for less than 100 hours, the trouble may be due to excessive electrode eithat are too "hot" for the engine, or from overadvanced ignition timing.

This trouble also could be caused by an improper gap setting at the time the plugs were originally installed

Too wide a gap setting at miss while the engine is nuder load.

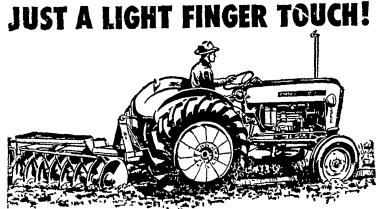
If the electrodes are spaced

important spark plug gap ad- too closely together, you may encounter a miss at idle, or Beware of a plug that re- uneven power output at all quires much bending of the engine speeds Also, pou. may ground electrode to restore the have difficulty maintaining the

A final word from the engmeers ... Make sme you use a file to restore sharp edges to the sparking surfaces of the electrodes Spark plugs which have been cleaned and their electrodes filed require considerably less sparking voltage osion, a result of using plugs than plugs which are simply cleaned and reinstalled in the engine without filing of the electrodes.

Enforce the rule of no extra riders on farm machinery. Small children are often inthe electrodes may cause a jured by machinery in driveways and work areas. Keep them out of these areas unless closely supervised.

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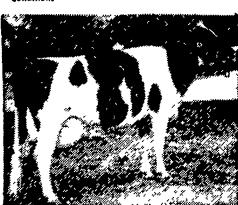
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