

● **Seed Conference**

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Efficient production of quality produce, coupled with modern marketing programs, is essential for the success of any segment of agriculture, Dr. William L. Henning, State Secretary of Agriculture, declared Monday in addressing the opening session of the convention in Hotel HERSHEY. Secretary Henning said that "as agriculture becomes more complex and specialized, it also becomes more competitive, both with other industries and within its own framework."
Quality control he added, is of "paramount importance." He cited the state's quality control program in certified eggs some of which were served at a Pennsylvania breakfast and called attention to similar state safeguards in other commodities notably milk and meat.
Dr. Henning commended the ICIA for setting up desired uniform standards in seed certification for all of the principal farm crops. He said certified seed in itself is an important industry, and "even more important as a basic factor in the total phase of agricultural production and of agricultural efficiency."
He named eleven different crops — corn wheat barley, oats grasses potatoes, tobacco,

vetch, grape plants, tomatoes, and celery — that are embraced in Pennsylvania's seed certification, a program handled by the Agriculture Department's Bureau of Plant Industry.
New Jersey Agriculture Secretary Phillip Alampi, of Trenton, N. J., declared "the American farm economy has contributed much toward sustaining our leadership among world powers."

He added, however, that our success in fulfilling this responsibility seems to have dulled the interest of those who have profited most. Long spared from the threat of hunger, and enjoying the greatest abundance and choice of both essential and luxury foodstuffs, many of our people are forgetting the significance of the bounty they enjoy."
He urged the seed scientists and seed certification authorities attending the convention to help acquaint the public "with the full story of the research, the skills and enterprise contributed by all segments of agriculture to make this abundance possible."
Since this is an "off-year" Tex

Divert Acres In Wheat Plan Farmers Warned

Farmers who are going to take part in the 1963 wheat stabilization program should be careful to sign up only as much acreage as they intend to divert, Fred G. Seldomridge, Chairman of the Lancaster County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee, said today.
The signed acreage for 1963 will be a binding agreement, the Chairman explained, and farmers will have to divert the full acreage for which they sign up in order to be eligible for any payments — including diversion payments, the regular price support loans or purchase agreements, and the extra wheat price support payments.
"This is a change from the 1962 program," Mr. Seldomridge declared "Under the 1962 wheat stabilization program, a farmer could sign up for 30 acres, and then divert only 20, and still earn payments on the acreage he actually diverted."
In association elections, all officers will carry over for 1963. Next year's meeting a joint session with the American Association of Seed Analysts, will be at Galveston, Tex.

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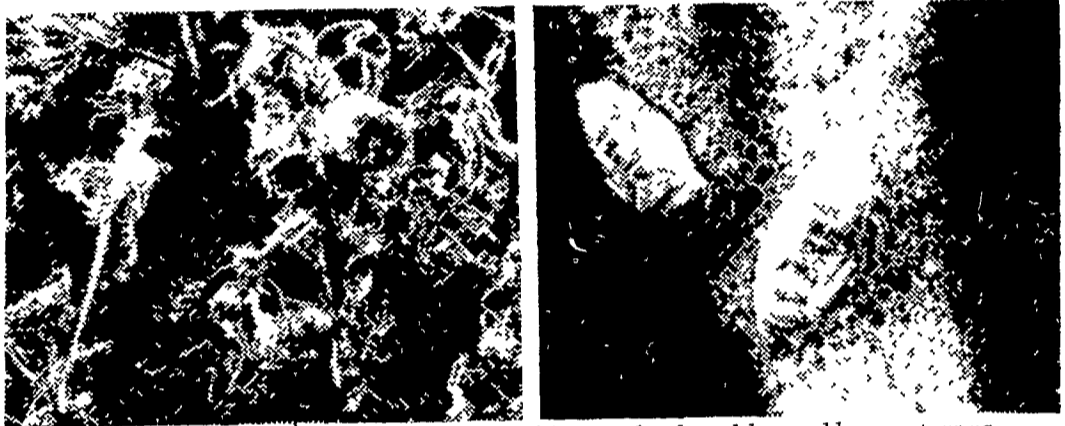
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