

## New Spring Oats Is Released

"After three years of testing according to Elmer C. Pifer, Agronomy Extension Specialist The Pennsylvania State University "we can now recommend to Pennsylvania farmers a new spring oats variety Russell Last year, 1963, our state had a record average yield of 55 bushels per acre of all oats Penn States yields with Russell oats averaged 74 bushels per acre . . . 4 bushels ahead of Garry and 13 ahead of Clintland.

According to Pifer, Russell spring oats are medium maturing (neither early or late), with a bushel weight of 31 pounds (one pound lighter than Clintland 60 and one pound heavier than Garry) Resembling Garry in most of its characteristics it grows to a height of 36 inches with a fairly stiff, medium height



Robert P. Pfeifer (left), Experiment Station Agronomist, confers with Elmer C. Pifer, Agronomy Extension Specialist, on testing results of Russell spring oats. Pfeifer, specializing in small grains, supervised the tests on this new crop before its recommendation by the Extension Service.

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been made in the field of breeding nutrition and pathology, but more emphasis in the future will be placed on environmental factors and management.

Carl Brown, Manager of the Lancaster Office of the Production Credit Association, said it is often easier to increase income through better money management than through expansion He said his organization has found that the breaking point for efficient production is a minimum of about 4,000 layers The maximum efficient unit for one man now is about 12,000 birds

Donald Parks, Executive Secretary of the Pennsylvania Millers and Feed Dealers Association, reviewed freight rate changes on grain.

He told how barge rates on the Tennessee river had forced Southern Rail Road to cut freight rates to the south by about 50 per cent Since the lower rates enabled dealers to pay higher grain prices in the midwest, other rail roads were forced to lower rates

But he said the rates were based on a 'point to point' scale with no changes or millage enroute Lancaster, and many other points were not on these schedules The Pa Millers and Feed Dealers testified at a hearing where the railroads agreed to abandon all the point to point rates and schedule uniform rates to all points in the state As of June 15 he said, two new freight rates will be put into effect by all eastern rail roads The miller could choose a rate which will be a 10 1/2 cent per hundredweight reduction from the present rate, or a mileage rate graduated in 10 mile intervals "The whole thing is so complicated that the grain broker will have to have a staff of traffic engineers," he said

Kenneth Sauder manager of the Producers Cooperative Exchange said he expects to see more integration within the poultry industry but many independent producers will continue to operate

He said many small producers have been forced out of the egg business, but this has not brought stability to the market He said long supplies over too much of the year has put the egg buyer "in the driver's seat"

He believes the trend toward customizing and grading of eggs on the farm will be reversed He again emphasized the importance of having a market before expanding.

straw. It has a large white grain but a lower hull percentage than Garry.

Russell oats ripen evenly and resist leaf and stem rot. Although some seed supplies were available last year, Pifer says, the Extension service is making its official recommendation for 1964 planting.

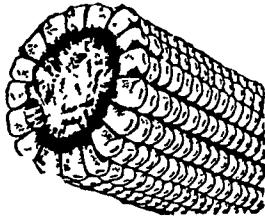
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## Farm Calendar

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- High School, Quarryville R1.
- 7:30 p.m. — Northeast 4-H tractor club meets at the shop of Allen Matz, Denver.
- Mar. 4 — 8 p.m. — Reorganization meeting of Red Rose Baby Beef and Lamb club at the Milton Brecht School, Lititz Pike, Lancaster.
- Mar. 5 — all day — Southeast DHIA directors meet in Schuylkill County.
- 7:30 p.m. — Reorganization meeting of county 4-H Leaders club in the home of Victor Plastow, 2045 Oregon Pike, Lancaster.
- 7:30 p.m. — Solanco Young Farmers meet in the vocational agriculture room of Solanco High School. Panel on free stall housing of dairy cows.
- Mar. 6 — 9 a.m. — First session of Farm and Home Planning course sponsored by county Extension Service.
- 6:30 p.m. — Annual Dinner

- and Son banquet of Grandland Chapter Future Farmers of America, in the New Holland High School Cafeteria.
- Mar. 7 — 1:30 p.m. — Farm Women Society 2 meets at the home of Mrs. Henry Hess, Manheim R3.
- 6:45 p.m. — Senior Extension club annual banquet at West Willow fire hall.

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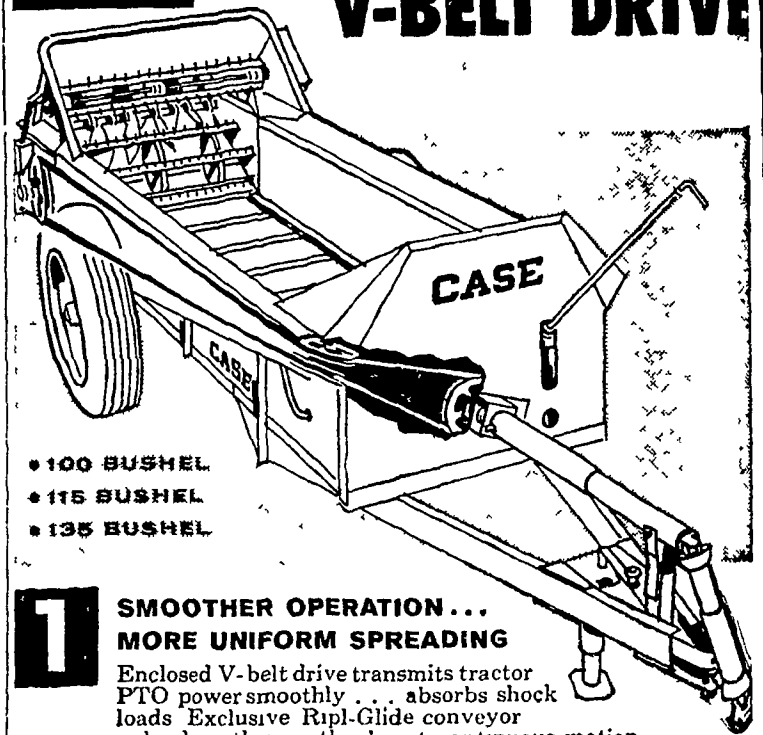


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