

## Acreage Cuts In Spring Potatoes Is Recommended

The U. S. Department of Agriculture reported that abundant supplies of potatoes grown this fall would be carried over into 1966, and suggested that producers reduce plantings next year in order to improve their bargaining position in the market.

USDA's Consumer and Marketing Service said fall potato production would be 44 million hundredweight higher than in the fall of 1964, and indicated that much of this increase would be carried in storage until spring next year. As a result, USDA said storage stocks on March 1, 1966, would be substantially greater than the 54.7 million hundredweight on hand this past spring.

In view of this, USDA is recommending to growers that 1966 spring potato plantings be held to 139,710 acres — or about 11 percent less than the 154,400 acres planted this year.

Its recommendation also is based on an expected increase in per-acre yields of potatoes

over last year when poor weather reduced production and limited supplies for consumers in the spring months.

With high carryover and increased yields, USDA said, less total output would assure adequate supplies of potatoes and improve the bargaining position of producers.

Market analysts said with average yields, acreages equal to the guides would produce a total spring crop of 27.3 million hundredweight.

## Grade Revisions Proposed For Slaughter Cattle

The U. S. Department of Agriculture has proposed a revision in the official grades of slaughter cattle. The proposed changes would make the grades of slaughter cattle correspond directly to the revised grades of beef carcasses.

The proposed revision will reflect changes made in the marbling-maturity relationships in the quality grade standards for beef carcasses in the Prime, Choice, Good, and Standard grades, and adoption of yield grade standards which became effective on June 1, 1965, to indicate the amount of usable meat in each carcass.

Slaughter cattle grades are used in market news reporting and futures trading as well as other general market uses.

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## No Significant Farm Pesticide Residues In River Silt Study

Results of the first year's analysis of Mississippi River silt by the U. S. Department of Agriculture show that pesticides applied to crops have not resulted in significant amounts of residue in the silt.

Pesticides found in the silt of the Mississippi were generally in the area of pesticide manufacturing and formulating plants.

The interim report on the silt studies was presented to the American Society of Agronomy meeting in Columbus, Ohio, by William F. Baithel, supervising chemist at the USDA Pesticide Monitoring Laboratory.

The silt studies, initiated for the Mississippi and its main tributaries more than a year ago, are part of a Federal monitoring program of soil, air, and water for possible contaminating or polluting factors.

Sediment samples were taken from 127 places in the Mississippi River between Tiptonville, Tenn., and New Orleans and from 123 places in several of the River's tributaries. Most of the samples showed no pesticide residues in tests sensitive enough to detect 0.1 part per million. One of the most frequently occurring chemical contaminants found was sulfur, which is used in only limited amounts on farms.

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HOW YOU TALK reveals your educational background, your occupation, and your place of origin, Leroy Strine told the audience attending the Lancaster County Poultry Association banquet at the Plain and Fancy Farm. He illustrated his subject with numerous comical stories in various dialects. L. F. Photo

### ● Poultry Banquet

(Continued from Page 1) underway using a few comical stories to illustrate his points.

With the introduction of

the featured speaker by Master of Ceremonies Lewis Mortensen, humor dominated the rest of the evening. The M.C. said the speaker's name was Leroy Strine, he was national salesmanager for WGAL-TV, had 25 years experience in the communications field, and that that was all he knew about him. For the first five minutes of his appearance, Strine spoke with the voice of the southwest. When he reverted to his natural manner of speech the audience seemed surprised to learn he was a York Countian. He used this and many other linguistic devices to illustrate his discourse called "How You Talk." "How you talk," Strine said, "reflects your educational background, your occupation, and your place of origin — but more important than how you talk is how you act and what you do," he concluded.

The musical part of the evening started off with some toe-tapping piano playing by Glenn Smith of Indian River Hatchery. He was followed by five 10th graders from Warwick Union High School. The group three boys and two girls called themselves 'The Villagers,' and they delivered some half dozen folk ballads in far better voice and style than many of the so-called 'professionals' jamming the airwaves these days.

Paul Hiestand in introducing the Board of Directors of the Poultry Assn., and guests, remarked that the Association is far from dead in reviewing the past year he pointed to the successful meetings and the poultry tour as evidence of achievement and interest. "The barbecues and the poultry auction were both important functions of the Association in the past," Hiestand said. "They are gone now but the chickens are still here and the Poultry Association still has an important task to fulfill."

Ben Burkholder, educational director for the Association, spoke briefly on the availability of linear programming and record keeping systems. He said the Extension Service is planning a meeting in the near future at which time a speaker will explain the details of the Penn State data processing program.

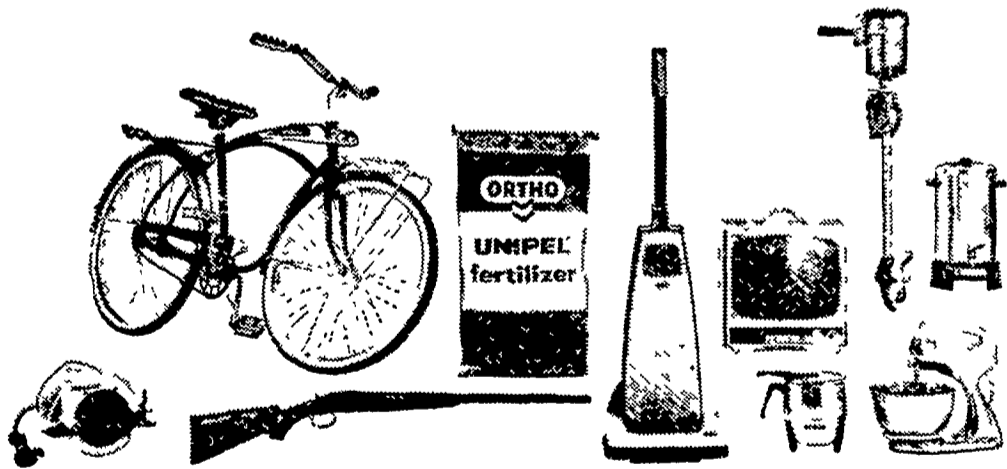
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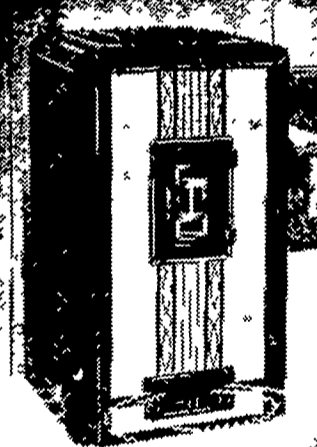
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