

Plant Corn Early, Agronomist Tells Crop Improvement Assn. Members

HARRISBURG — Pennsylvania farmers are growing more corn per acre than ever before because of improved production practices, Clarence S. Bryner, extension agronomist at the Pennsylvania State University, told members of the Pennsylvania Crop Improvement Association meeting in Harrisburg Tuesday.

"Average yields in 1965 were 65 bushels of shelled corn per acre even though moisture was somewhat limited in growing areas in the eastern part of the state. Many farmers are producing over 100 bushels per acre on their cropland," Bryner said.

Farmers are using better hybrids, planting thicker stands, and fertilizing heavier than ever before, but he pointed out that other production practices are equally as important. Late fall or early spring plowing has been paying off when late May, June, and July has been dry. This practice has given better seedbeds under these dry conditions.

Early plowing, Bryner said, makes it possible to plant corn earlier. Farmers in the more productive corn areas should try to plant corn one week to 10 days earlier than the usual corn planting time.

Farmers who are interested in thicker stands should plant at slower speeds—not over 3 miles per hour—and make sure the row fertilizer, which is always recommended, is placed away from the seed. He reported that fast planting and fertilizer injury are the reasons for many, if not most, poor stands.

Supply Type 41 Cigar Filler At Four-Year Low

According to the "Tobacco Situation," published quarterly by the USDA's Economic Research Service, the 1965-66 carryover stocks of Pennsylvania cigar filler are about 3 percent below the 1964-65 level, hitting a four-year low level. The sizable drop in carryover more than offset the moderate increase in the 1965 crop from a year earlier.

This favorable situation resulted from the stepped up disappearance rate of the Pennsylvania filler in the October 1964-September 1965 period. At over 54½ million pounds, disappearance is at its second highest level in twenty years.

The major use, the report states, was in cigars, and a secondary outlet was scrap chewing tobacco.

Meanwhile, exports appeared to account for a relatively small part of this total disappearance of stocks.

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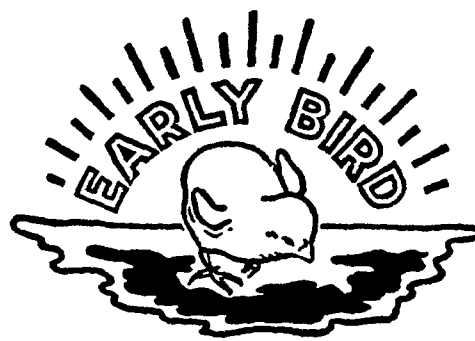
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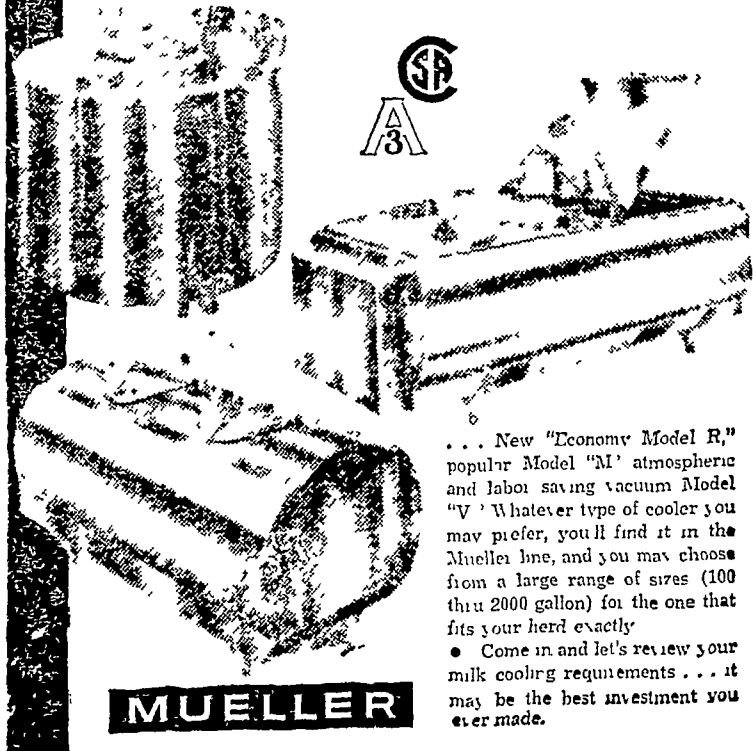
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