

1966 Yearbook Of Agriculture Now Available

The U. S. Department of Agriculture 1966 Yearbook is now off the press, and ready for distribution, according to a recent announcement by USDA.

This year's book, which deals with protecting the food supply against pests, disease, and damage, is titled "Protecting Our Food."

In the foreword, Secretary of Agriculture Orville L. Freeman notes that U. S. food abundance is one of the miracles of the age, but that our food abundance "didn't just happen."

"The authors in this Yearbook of Agriculture point out that we have to fight 10,000 kinds of insects for our food," the Secretary says. "We have to combat 1,500 plant diseases and 250 animal diseases. We

have to fight spoilage and decay.

"The results of this battle to protect our food are evident. In our own country, food quality is high, the abundance great, and the cost relatively low. Overseas, we have supplied 98 percent of food aid received by the less developed nations.

"Protecting our food is a giant job, and a vital one for both America and the world."

In 416 pages and 105 photographs the Yearbook follows our food supply from the farmer's field to the saucepan on the stove. The Yearbook describes every stage of safeguarding food from insects, rodents, bacterial contamination, and loss of body-building values.

Men and women in 500 different occupations help protect our food, the Yearbook reports. They include chemists, entomologists, bacteriologists, horticulturists, meat and poultry inspectors, quality control specialists, refrigeration engineers, nutritionists, and food technologists. The housewife, too, plays a key role in proper selection and preparation of food for her family.

The health and vigor of a nation depend in great part on the food it eats, and the United States has one of the finest food supplies enjoyed by any nation. Yet, the Yearbook points out, Americans spend only around 18 percent of their take-home pay for food, compared with nearly 30 percent spent by Britons, over 40 percent by Russians, and 50 percent or more by citizens of the less developed countries.

Because of the high efficiency with which we can produce, process, and market our food, the great bulk of U. S. production resources is used to produce other goods and services, like homes, schools, autos, and TV sets. This adds up to our high level of living.

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ELLIS MENTZER, right, receiving the Farm Management Business Analysis award from Pennsylvania Farmers' Association president Gerald Biggs at the recent PFA convention held at Altoona. Delegates from the 50, county-member organizations developed policy, elected state directors, and conducted business of the state organization. Lancaster County received the top membership award. Voting delegates and officers attending from the county in addition to Mentzer and Charles Kocher, Millersville R1, who supervises the PFA farm management program in Lancaster County, were: Mr. and Mrs. Noah Wenger, Stevens R1; Jay Newcomer, Mount Joy R1; Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Wivell, Columbia R1; and state director Harold Rohrer, Lancaster.

Senators and Congressmen each have a limited number of copies of the Yearbook for free distribution to constituents. Copies of "Protecting Our Food," the 1966 Yearbook of Agriculture, may also be obtained for \$2.50 each from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. 20402.

The Yearbooks of Agriculture are a continuing chronicle of American agriculture, with a history dating back to 1844 as an annual agricultural report. In 1895 this report was designated in law as the Yearbook of Agriculture, and in 1936 the first modern Yearbook on one subject (genetics) was issued. During recent years the Yearbooks have been devoted to subjects of increasingly broader interest.

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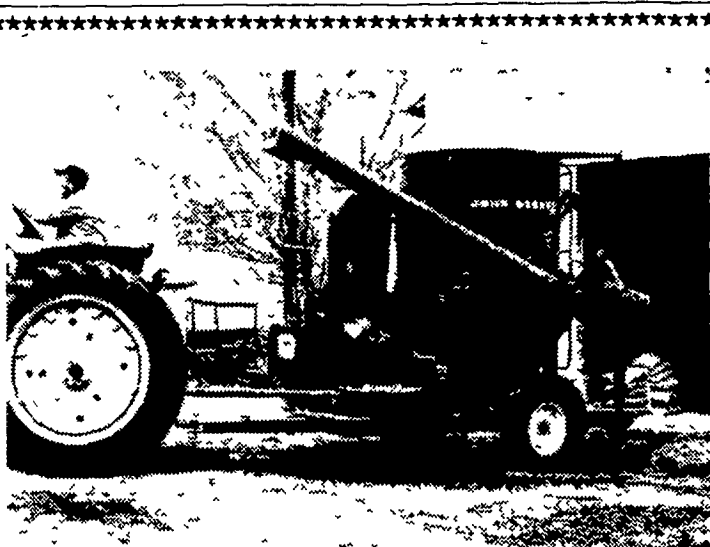
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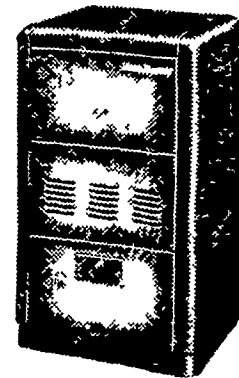
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