



MR. AND MRS. DONALD POWELL, Strasburg R1, recently attended a Gehl Dealer Open House at West Bend, Wisconsin. Powell is Gehl district sales manager for the Lancaster area

Control Of Corn Pests Begins With Plowing

Corn pest control has to begin before you see any sign of disease or insect in the field, says University of Maryland specialists.

"If you wait until corn stalks rots show up on the crop, it may be too late to do much about them," says Dr. L. O. Weaver, extension plant pathologist.

"Some insects, particularly the European corn borer, also have to be controlled long before damage appears," adds Ted Bissell, extension entomologist.

Fortunately, the two specialists agree, one control method is effective against both pests. Plowing under corn stalks and corn trash so they are completely covered with soil will help kill both hibernating corn borers and the fungi which cause two common stalk rots.

After corn borer moths begin flying, spraying sweet corn or Sevin can help keep corn borer damage to a minimum, but spraying field corn usually costs more than it saves. Borer damage in corn causes stalks

to fall over and makes harvest-ing difficult. There is no economically feasible spray program for corn stalk rots.

Stalk rots also cause stalks to fall over as the corn ripens. A big part of the answer is, usually grow faster in wet seasons, and unbalanced soil fertility is always conducive to stalk rots, says Weaver. "Plow all corn trash under before insects and diseases begin to grow in the spring."

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The intentions to plant fewer potatoes may or may not materialize depending on weather and soil conditions during planting time, labor and seed supply, current price and stocks situation

In eastern states, the intended acreage to be planted totals 331,800 acres, 500 less than planted last year. A three percent increase in Maine is more than offset by declines in all other states except Rhode Island and Maryland which expect no change

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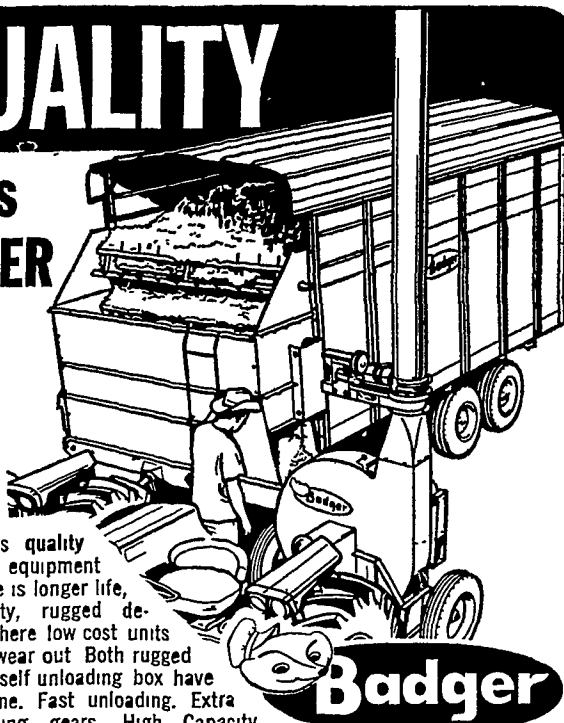
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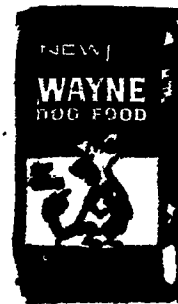
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