

Lancaster Farming

SECOND SECTION



REMEMBER THE ABOVE PICTURE from the front page of Lancaster Farming on May 25, where Joseph Shirk and family, East Earl R1, are planting the first tobacco? Well, the L. F. Photo (left), shows that same tobacco this week with big, broad leaves and tops pushing. Shirk says the growing season has been good and he expects to start topping next week. This is in contrast, of course, to some tobacco fields that were only planted this week. Generally, tobacco farmers want to have the crop planted by the 4th of July, but unfavorable weather held up many farm chores for two to three weeks.

All-Dairy, Low-Fat Products Arouse Interest Of Dairymen

Several "all-dairy," low-fat, food products are attracting attention of dairymen and dairy food processors.

Minnesota University's department of food science and industries is currently testing a low-fat dairy topping which contains about 15 percent milkfat compared to 30-35 percent for whipping cream. It is reportedly more stable than whipped cream and can be stored frozen for several months.

Agricultural experiment station scientists at South Dakota State University have developed a new low-fat, all-dairy table spread. Processing and ingredient details have been made available to manufacturers in all states.

Spreads with low milkfat content are permitted in Wisconsin, South Dakota, and Ohio. These states have changed their laws to permit the manufacture and sale of table spreads containing less than 80 percent milkfat, and many dairymen are showing interest in these items as outlets for more dairy ingredients.

There are problems, however. A ruling by the Wisconsin attorney general has said that table

spreads such as "Butterine" are subject to the state's 525-cent-per-pound margarine tax. The Internal Revenue Service is watching the situation, too, and has asked firms making "Butterine" type products to show cause why they should not be taxed 10 cents per pound as adulterated butter under federal law.

Taxes of 525 cents at the state level and an additional 10-cent federal tax would make the spreads non-competitive with margarine.

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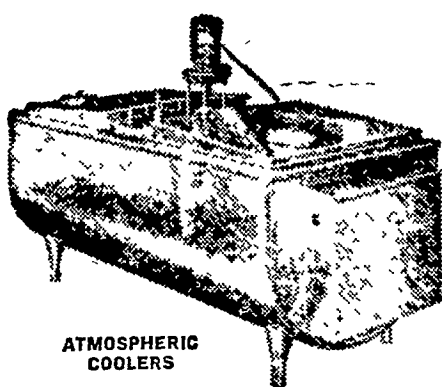
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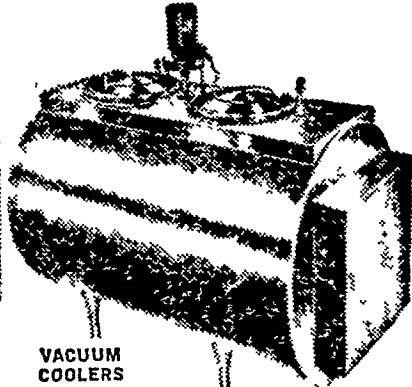
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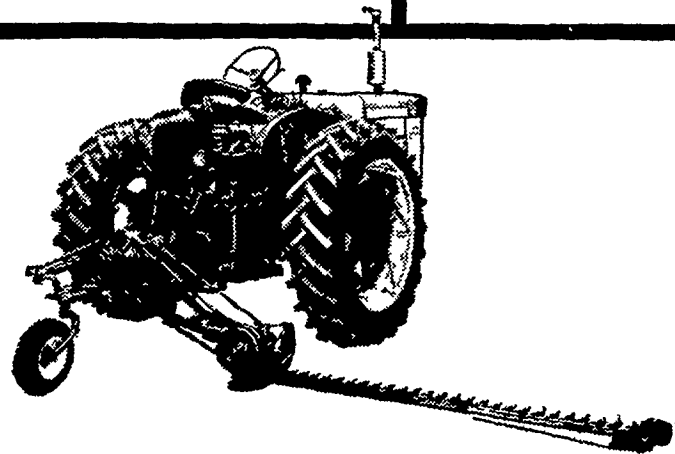
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