

Farmers' Assn. Blames Federal Programs For Low Wheat Prices

The International Wheat Trade Agreement and federal farm programs were blamed for the lowest wheat prices received by farmers since 1942, according to a statement released this week by John R. Pitzer, President of the Pennsylvania Farmers' Association.

The Pennsylvania Farmers' Association is a farm-family membership organization, representing more than 11,500 members in Pennsylvania, and is affiliated with the American Farm Bureau Federation.

"The average farm price of wheat in June 1969, was \$1.22 a bushel — the lowest reported price for this month since 1942," declared Pitzer. "Once again wheat farmers are harvesting a bumper crop but prices are at a disastrously low level. This is a dramatic demonstration of the failure of the Food and Agriculture Act of 1965 and the International Wheat Trade Agreement."

Pitzer called for repeal of both programs.

Reduce Wrinkles in Durable Press

Warm or cool water for both the wash and rinse cycles gives the least amount of wrinkling in durable press clothing, points out Mrs. Ruth Ann Wilson, Penn State extension clothing specialist. The wash-and-wear cycle is suitable for durable press if the washing machine doesn't have a durable press cycle. Use only half the normal washing load to make sure the clothes can move freely in the washer.

"When the U.S. Senate ratified the Trade Convention agreement, proponents predicted it would bring higher wheat prices and increased exports. The opposite results have been obtained. Wheat prices are at a historic low level, while total U.S. wheat exports have declined some 29.7 percent since the Trade Convention went into effect," the farm leader claimed.

"Exports of durum wheat — a class not covered by the Trade Convention — have increased, which proves our point," he explained.

In addition to the Trade Convention, the government wheat program "has contributed to the woes of the U.S. wheat producer," according to Pitzer.

"In 1968, the government called for a 13 percent cut in wheat allotments. Producers reduced acreage eight percent, but the total crop set a new record with a three percent increase.

"Under the 1969 program, farmers cut acreage another 13 percent, but production is estimated to be down only nine percent. A further cut in acreage is in prospect for 1970. Wheat carryover is up 47.3 percent since July 1, 1969.

"It is obvious that if the U.S. wheat situation is going to recover from its sick condition, it will be necessary to end participation in the Wheat Trade Convention, remove the inverse subsidy or export tax, and phase out the government wheat program," Pitzer stated.

Seven Pennsylvania Congress-

men and Senator Hugh Scott have introduced legislation, supported by PFA and AFBF, which provides for the two-part, long-range government farm program. It would replace the present Food and Agriculture Act of 1965, which is scheduled to expire December 31, 1970. The Farm Bureau program provides for a five-year transitional period during which acreage controls, base acreages, marketing quotas, processing taxes, and direct payments for wheat, feed

grains and cotton would be phased out.

Pennsylvania sponsors of the bill in the House include Congressmen John J. Dent (D), Frank M. Clark (D), George A. Goodling, (R), Joseph M. Gaydos (D), Fred B. Rooney (D), Gus Yatron (D), and Edwin D. Eshleman (R).

"The solution to this problem is to return to the market system as we propose," Pitzer commented.

Plastic Melted On Appliance

To remove plastic that has melted on an electric appliance, first heat the appliance until it's slightly warm. Then with a pad of turkish toweling or firm cotton, wipe off the plastic, suggests Mrs. Helen T. Puskar, Penn State extension home furnishings specialist. Alternate heating and wiping until all trace of plastic is removed. The same procedure may be followed for top-of-the-range cooking utensils.

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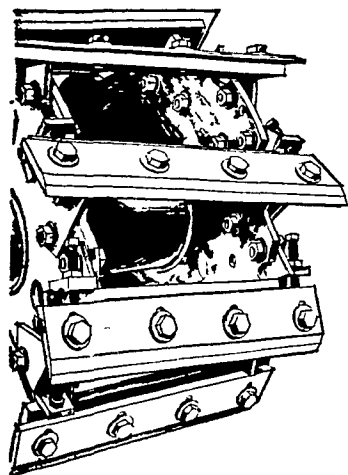
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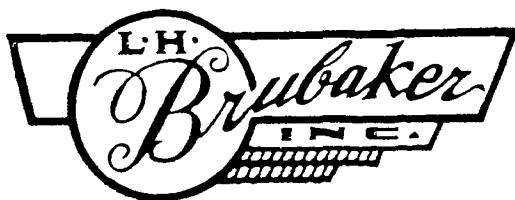


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