

## Feed Grain Consumption Up in 1969-70—USDA

Feed grain usage in 1969-70 is now expected to exceed last fall's crop of 174 million tons and total about five per cent above usage the previous season, resulting in a slightly smaller carryover into 1970-71, according to the USDA.

Domestic use up three per cent in October-March, probably will make an even stronger showing the rest of the season as compared with last year, and account for nearly all the expected rise in total usage. Price relationships favor liberal feeding and hog feeding appears on the upswing.

Exports in October-March ran sharply ahead of the year-earlier pace which had been slowed by U.S. dock strikes. Southern Hemisphere competition for feed grain customers is becoming more pronounced, however, pointing to a drop in U.S. volume the rest of the current season.

The 1969-70 total may approximate the 18.4 million tons expected last season.

Corn disappearance so far this year has totaled about eight per cent above the high level in the first half of 1968-69. For the entire marketing year, use will likely rise more than 200 million bushels to a record high of close to 4.7 billion bushels. This would reduce the carryover next October 1 by about 100 million bushels under the carryover at the beginning of the marketing year.

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The average cow in the Pennsylvania Dairy Herd Improvement Association program last year returned \$484 over feed costs. This compares to \$281 for all other cows.

## Pittsburgh Retailers Fined For Food Stamp Violations

Leon and Harold Stone, owners of Stone's Market, 639 Herron Ave., Pittsburgh, entered pleas of guilty to specific charges of their respective indictments in relation to the U.S. Food Stamp Program in a trial held June 8 before Chief Judge WS Gouley, U.S. District Court of Western Pennsylvania, according to the USDA.

U.S. Attorney Richard Thornburgh announced that Leon Stone had pleaded guilty to a charge alleging the unlawful exchange of \$105 in cash for \$150 worth of food coupons.

Harold Stone, his brother, pleaded guilty to a charge alleging the acceptance of food coupons in return for unlawful items, two soap products.

First Assistant U.S. Attorney Blair Griffith said that Judge Gouley committed both defendants to the custody of the Attorney General for confinement of six months, respectively. A fine of \$500 plus costs for each was imposed. The confinement portion of the sentence was sus-

pending in lieu of a two-year probation period.

Conditions of the probation were that each defendant pay his fine and costs over the two-year term, and that each owner individually or in partnership with each other do not participate in any way in the Food Stamp Program during the two-year term of probation.

A USDA official explained that food coupons, by law, can be used only to buy food, excluding

certain imported foods. Stores participating in the program agree in advance to abide by the laws and regulations.

Any store that violates them—and any one who pressures a store to do so—weakens and endangers the whole program, established to combat hunger and malnutrition, W.F. Warren, Northeast Regional Director of the USDA's Food and Nutrition Service, pointed out.

## Johnsongrass Condition Reported Bad This Year

Watch out for Johnsongrass to be particularly bad this year, warns a University of Maryland weed control specialist.

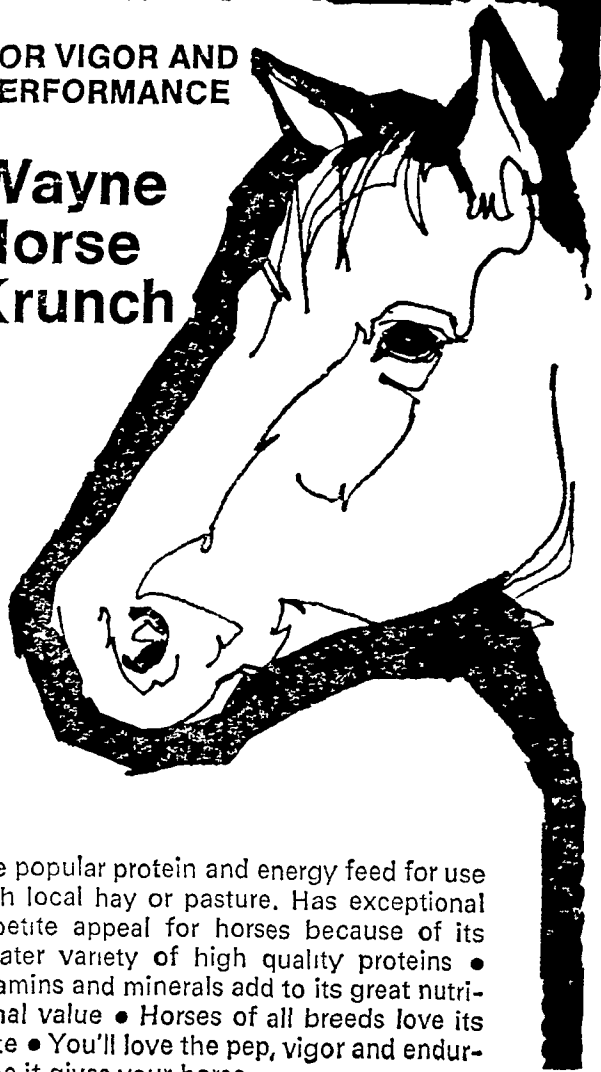
Dry conditions early last summer kept the corn crop from growing as tall as normal, this let the Johnsongrass grow more vigorously. Then late rains fol-

lowing corn tassel allowed many seeds to sprout and grow.

As a result many fields that were sparsely infested are now reported seriously infested. If you have a field, or part of a field, that is badly infested with Johnsongrass, you must try to keep it from spreading, officials warn.

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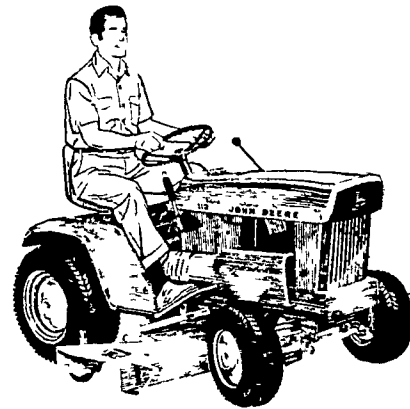
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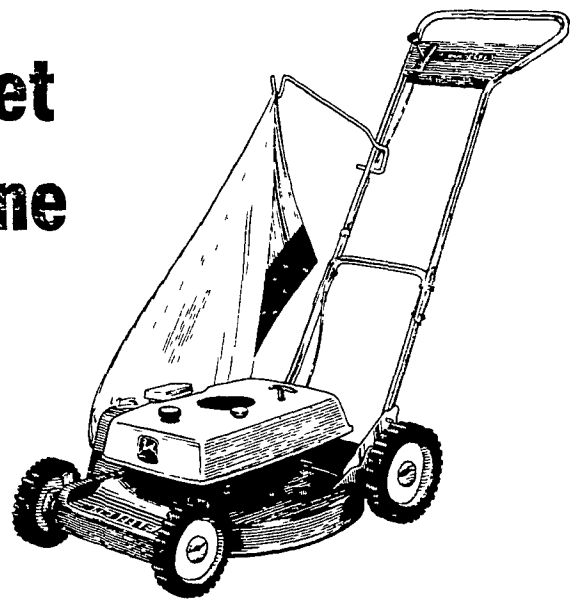
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