

Farm Water Supply Booklet Is Available

How to avoid contaminated water and other problems associated with farm water supplies is the subject of a new publication issued by the US Department of Agriculture

The publication, "Water Supply Sources for the Farmstead and Rural Home," deals with a large variety of timely information about water, and is the first of three publications to be issued by USDA's Agricultural Research Service dealing with rural water sources, treatment, and planning

A properly located and constructed well is usually the preferred source of water for the individual rural water system, the publication says. It also mentions that well water is less likely to be contaminated than water from other sources and that surface water sources should be used only as a last resort because of the cost and difficulty of making the water safe to drink

Portions of the 18-page publication deal with domestic water requirements regarding quality

and quantity, while information on ground water sources compares wells, springs, and seeps. Other portions of the booklet tell of water sources such as ponds, lakes, streams, irrigation ditches, and cisterns

One table shows practical depths, usual diameters, and suitable geologic formations for different types of wells. Another table gives recommended standards for construction of wells in different water-bearing and overburden formations

Even the hydrologic cycle—how water goes from ocean to clouds to land to ocean—is included in the publication, which is also illustrated with several photographs of wells and springs.

Copies of Farmers' Bulletin No 2237, "Water Supply Sources for the Farmstead and Rural Home," are available for 1¢ each from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D C 20402. Please include zip codes

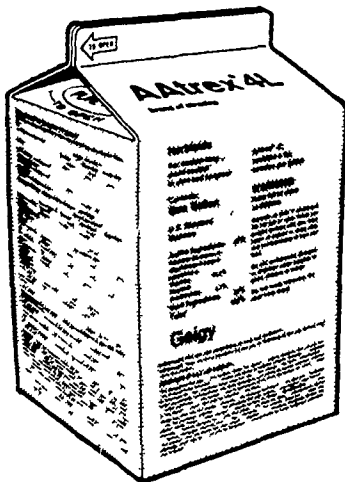
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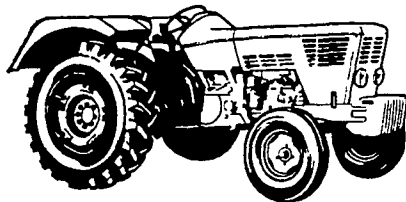
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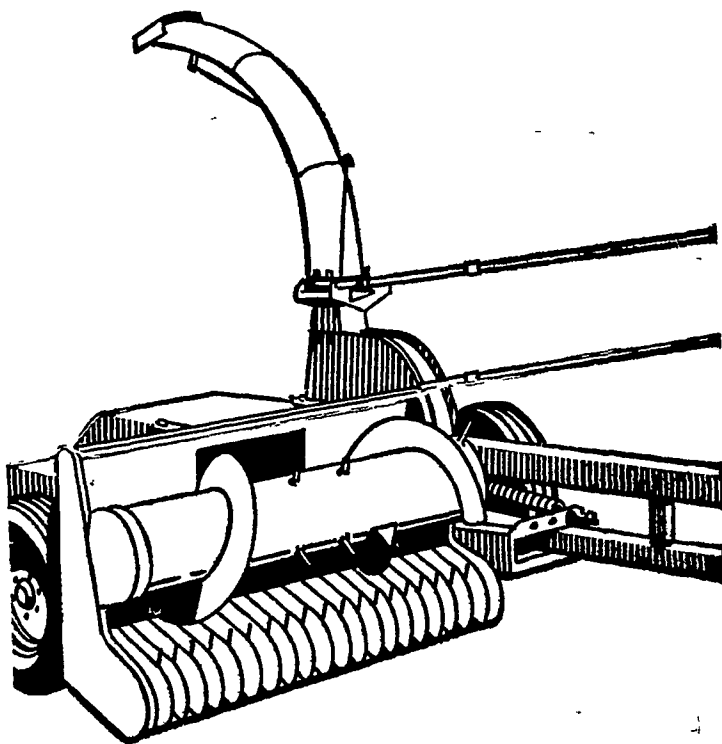
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