



A group of 35 Big Dutchman distributor and branch servicemen recently attended a special seminar on the installation and servicing of poultry and livestock equipment at the company's headquarters in Zeeland, Mich. Working with a Tri-Deck cage system are: (left to right) Lee Logging, Brookside Systemation, Inc., Lake Mills,

Wis.; Tom Collier, Poultry Health Service, Douglas, Ga.; Bill Crowgh, Agway, Inc., Syracuse, N.Y.; Paul Wilson, Bilt-Rite Products, Russellville, Ky.; and Dave Bowman, Big Dutchman Eastern Branch, New Holland. Kneeling is the class instructor, Ray Kenjesky of Big Dutchman, Zeeland.

Cold Weather Hits Peach Trees

The early growing season in Pennsylvania suffered a setback last week as the average weekly temperature at all but one of the 19 reporting stations dipped below normal. The lone exception was Altoona.

What this will mean at harvest time is still unknown. The Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service said the crop hardest hit was the fruit belt in the Southcentral area of the state where about one-third of the peach trees were in full bloom as temperatures dropped below freezing.

After just one month of comparative figures five areas are

already showing a deficiency in rainfall. This drying out did permit farmers to get back in the fields.

The cool weather has slowed the growth of winter grains, hay and pasture and fruit development in the central and northern counties.

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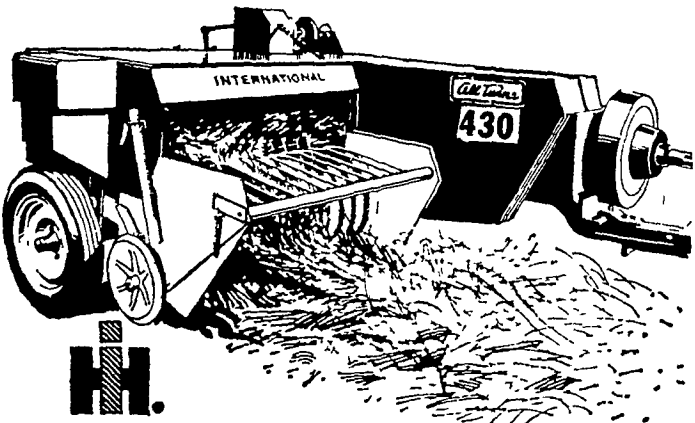
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