

# W German Agriculture Changes Studied by USDA

European Community policy is accelerating changes in West German agriculture—notably a shift to fewer, larger, more modern farms, according to a report published recently by the U. S. Department of Agriculture. USDA's Economic Research

Service notes that membership in the European Community (EC) has led to near elimination of protection of West German agriculture against competition from other EC members, although not from the rest of the world

West Germany's farm sector is handicapped by the small size of its farms and consequently low labor productivity vis-a-vis most other EC members. Without further sharp declines in the labor force, it will become increasingly difficult for German farmers to compete in the Common Market

German government policies which encourage the

enlargement and modernization of farms—coupled with full industrial employment and high nonfarm incomes—helped reduce the farm work force 60 per cent during 1950-70 and could cut the present force about another 40 per cent by 1980. Yearly gains in output during the 1970's are expected to slow to about half of one per cent, compared with 2 per cent yearly in the 1960's, according to the report

## Fix-It Tip

If necessary, get rid of humidity in the house by heating the house for a short time, then open doors and windows to let the moisture-laden air out. An exhaust fan is helpful in forcing it out.

To dry the air in closets and other small areas, try burning an electric light continuously. Heat from the light will be sufficient to prevent mildew if the space is not too large. But be sure to place the bulb far enough from clothing to avoid the hazard of fire.

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Martin is past treasurer of the Lancaster County Holstein Breeders Association and a member of the Penn Township Zoning-Hearing Board.

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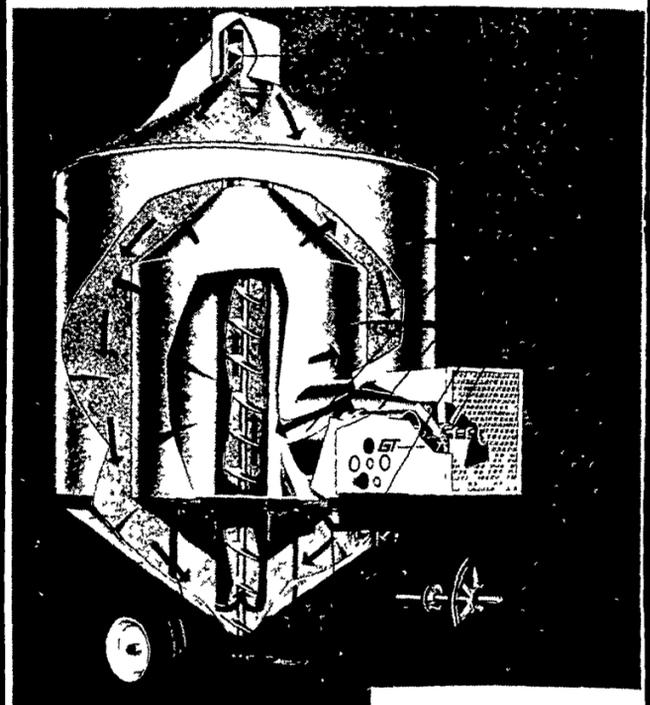
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