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There are several times of the year when alfalfa can be topiressed but fall is one of the best times The use of a phosphoruspotash fertilizer is suggested because alfalfa plants are heavy users of both of these elements Some growers will topdress after the removal of the first cutting while others prefer applications during the late summer or early

fall; either time should give good results; the important thing is to do the topdressing at least once a year in order to get larger yields and to hole the alfalfa plants for longer periods of time. The use of nitrogen in the fertilizer for established stands of alfalfa is still questionable, as a starter fertilizer for new stands, the nitrogen is helpful in getting a stronger plant in a shorter length

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Quality Set-aside Provisions Stronger for 1973 Programs

Because payment deductions for less-than-average-quality setaside land are being increased for the 1973 programs, producers can be better assured of equitable application of set-aside provisions in the 1973 wheat, feed grain, and cotton programs, according to a report last week from the USDA

For wheat and feed grain farms, when low-quality acreage is offered for set-aside - that is acreage not representative of land on which the farm's crops are grown - the entire payment will be based on the productivity of the set-aside land.

This announcement was made as a result of a study of 1971-72 program operations which revealed that a few producers with farms having both poorquality and quality cropland have offered the poor-quality for setaside and accepted deductions from their farm payments. The deductions were not enough to offset the monetary advantage gained by producing crops on the quality acreage rather than setting it aside from production.

New Floating Storage System Halts Oil Spills

A new antipollution transfer and storage pumping system to prevent oil from spilling, rather than containing or collecting damaging spills after they occur, has been announced by Ocean Science and Engineering, Inc, Long Beach, Calif.

The system can be dropped from a cargo plane or helicopter or delivered by another ship and deploys immediately, according to William H. Glennon, president.

'OSE's portable pump is then lowered into the stricken vessel's tanks and connected to the rubber-nylon container floating along-side," he continued. "Using multiple pumps, up to 20,000 tons or more of oil per day can be pumped from a distressed tanker. In many cases, too, prompt lightening of a grounded ship enables it to be freed before wave action ruptures the hull, resulting in a major uncontrolled oil spill," Glennon added.

In both 1971 and 1972, quality of representative.

The great majority of par- set-aside has been emphasized, ticipants in the set-aside with a requirement that set-aside programs have offered quality acreage be representative of set-aside acreages in both 1971 cropland acreage on a parand 1972, and the increased ticipating farm. Deductions of deduction rates for 1973 will set-aside payments are made in affect relatively few producers. cases where set-aside land is not

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