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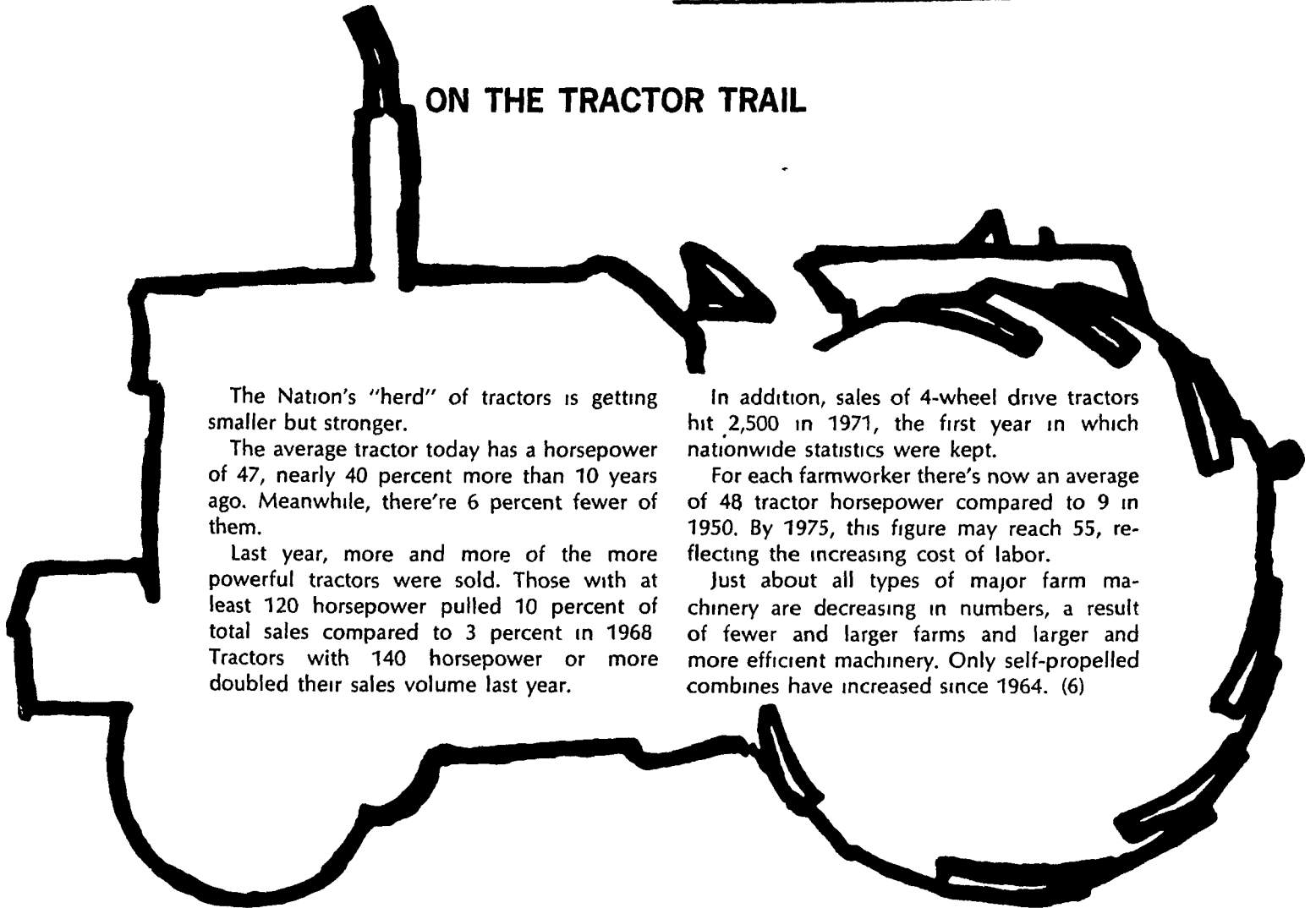
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Last year, more and more of the more powerful tractors were sold. Those with at least 120 horsepower pulled 10 percent of total sales compared to 3 percent in 1968. Tractors with 140 horsepower or more doubled their sales volume last year.

In addition, sales of 4-wheel drive tractors hit 2,500 in 1971, the first year in which nationwide statistics were kept.

For each farmworker there's now an average of 48 tractor horsepower compared to 9 in 1950. By 1975, this figure may reach 55, reflecting the increasing cost of labor.

Just about all types of major farm machinery are decreasing in numbers, a result of fewer and larger farms and larger and more efficient machinery. Only self-propelled combines have increased since 1964. (6)

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Beef cow numbers produced the only increase, by eight percent, to 108,000 during the past 12 months.

The totals as of June 1, 1972, are hogs and pigs, 560,000 (breeding stock, 76,000); market calves, 786,000; lambs, 111,000. The 1972 lamb crop in Pennsylvania is a record low.

The estimated wool crop for all of 1972 in the Keystone state is 1,007,000 pounds. The weight is for raw fleece, before it is processed. The average weight per fleece in Pennsylvania is 7.3 pounds, more than a pound off the U.S. average.

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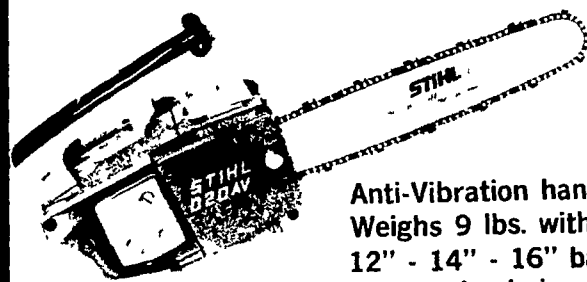
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