

USDA Alters Wheat Export Payment Plan

The U. S. Department of Agriculture last week announced that it is changing its wheat export payment program to meet the wheat supply and price situation created by unexpectedly large purchases of U.S. wheat made so far in the 1972-73 marketing year by the USSR and other customers.

The U.S. Wheat export payment program has been extremely helpful in facilitating large sales of U.S. wheat in world markets. These sales have permitted farmers to secure a larger portion of their income from the market, and have reduced treasury outlays by

facilitating the sale of CCC-owned wheat at higher prices. The sales may also reduce the cost of next year's wheat program.

The Department said it may no longer be able to hold U.S. export prices at world market levels that have prevailed so far in the marketing year if domestic prices increase further. The action is being taken to maintain ample supplies of wheat at reasonable prices for domestic consumers, while assuring that the needs of traditional export buyers are also met.

To bring about a transition from the old export payment

program to the new, the Department said that the following actions are being taken:

A dual export payment system is being adopted, effective at 3:31 p.m., Friday, August 25 and will remain in effect until 3:30 p.m. September 1, 1972, at which time it will expire.

Export sales made prior to 3:31 p.m. August 24 will be eligible for payment rates based upon earlier prevailing world market prices.

Sales made after 3:31 p.m. August 24 will be eligible for payments under a new schedule of rates that may reflect a somewhat higher world market price

Farm Women Calendar

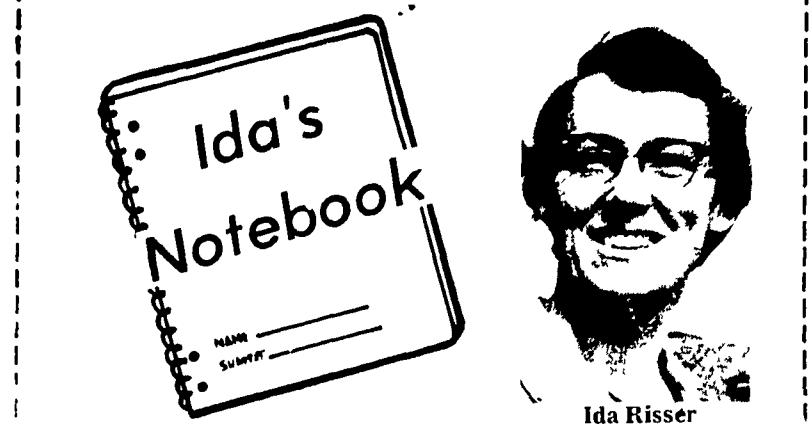
Saturday, September 9
1:30 p.m. — Farm Women Society 1, home of Mrs. Paul Kurtz, Litz RD4
6:30 p.m. — Farm Women Society 25, Anniversary banquet, Highville Fire Company.
Farm Women Society 19, home of Mrs. Lloyd Rohrer, Litz RD4.

Monday, September 11
6 p.m. — Farm Women Society 6, entertain patients, Harrisburg State Hospital.

Thursday, September 14
Farm Women Society 14 meeting, Red Caboose Lodge.

Saturday, September 16
1:30 p.m. — Farm Women Society 12 meeting.

Buying more now and gaining less? America's dieting population eats more, not less, than those not on diets. Dieters spend most of their income on a selection of nutrition-packed dairy products, meat and produce, in order to stay slim than non-dieters, according to Stephen J. Slage, Jr., a New York food chain executive.



Ida Risser

This summer our family has visited several State Parks in other counties. It is an inexpensive way to spend a day away from the farm, provided of course that you don't drive the long distance to Somerset County as we did.

Similar accommodations are available at most of these areas and include camping, boating, swimming and picnicing. However, we do favor a few that have larger beaches and nicer buildings.

Even adults can have fun building sand castles and following nature trails. We saw chipmunks and also hoof marks along a stream but not the deer that made them.

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The other morning the police awakened me by knocking on the front door and asking if we owned a pony. I said "No", and they asked if our meadow could be used over the weekend to keep the animal.

I suggested several other families in the neighborhood who did own a pony and they were contacted. The owner was found and everyone was happy except my children who blamed me for not keeping the animal long enough for them to ride it.

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August seems to be our month for breaks. This year, after a busy summer of helping his father, Philip broke his arm.

No, not in the line of duty but fooling around with his big brother. Guess they must share the blame for the accident. Mother wasn't even told about

the fall until the next day when the pain was very bad.

At least he can still write his school papers as it is his left arm. His younger sister has trudged along all summer, when he did the calves and pigs, and now can be a big help to him. Although, I'll bet he manages to drive tractor and do a lot of other work with his cast on.

Green Oranges O.K.

Orange growers from California and Arizona are sending a special alert to shoppers to explain about the green-tinged oranges now on the market, says June Wilke, Chester County Extension home economist.

If you haven't seen a special sign above the orange counter in the produce section of stores where you shop, you might have hesitated to buy them thinking they weren't fully ripe.

Miss Wilke explains the greenish-tinge this way. While most of the country was suffering from record cold weather, severe rain and floods, the western part of the country was experiencing an unusually warm spring. These unusual climatic conditions caused the Valencia oranges grown in California and Arizona to color early — before they were fully ripe. Then as the fruit ripened and became sweet and flavorful, it began to turn green again on the outside. This is an unusual phenomenon of nature called "regreening." It is caused by warm ground temperatures which actually cause chlorophyll — the green substance — to return to the skins.

Oranges are never picked until fully ripe inside, regardless of exterior color. With conditions such as this year's, the longer they remain on the tree, the greener they become. So actually, instead of being unripe, these green-tinged oranges are fully ripe.

Horse's Height

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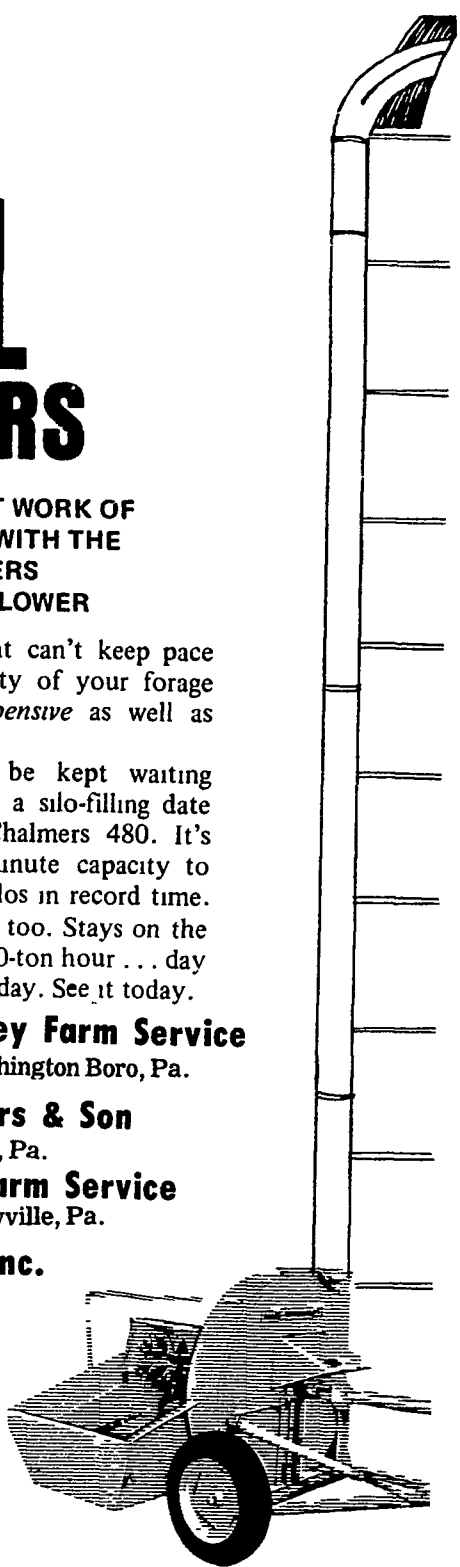
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