

## USDA Reports Farm Exports State-by-State

Every farm region benefitted from the record exports of \$8.05 billion in fiscal 1972, Secretary of Agriculture Earl L. Butz said last week. Farm commodities exported in 1971-72 required the output of 1 out of every 5 acres harvested, or 65 million acres of U.S. cropland. These exports of farm products represented about a seventh of total farm income.

"Ten States accounted for \$4.6 billion or 57 percent of U.S. agricultural exports," Secretary Butz noted.

Pennsylvania ranks 35th among the 50 states in the value of farm exports, according to the report.

The State with the largest share of U.S. farm exports in 1971-72 was Illinois, which ac-

counted for \$758 million. Other leading States and their totals were Iowa, \$620 million; California, \$592 million; Texas, \$456 million; North Carolina, \$420 million; Indiana, \$384 million; Kansas, \$365 million; Arkansas \$352 million; Minnesota, \$347 million; and Missouri, \$317 million. Four other States, Nebraska, Ohio, North Dakota

and Mississippi, had shares in export trade valued at more than \$200 million each.

By commodities, the 1971-72 export market accounted for more than half of the U.S. production of rice and soybeans; two-fifths of the wheat, cattle hides, and tallow; and about one-third of the tobacco and cotton. The foreign outlet also took about one-fourth of the U.S. output of

dry edible beans, lemons, and nonfat dry milk. Feed grain exports were equivalent to about one-fifth of the sales by U.S. farmers.

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Dante called his work 'Comedy,' in accordance with the custom of the times, because the story ended in happiness. Appreciative readers added the "Divine"

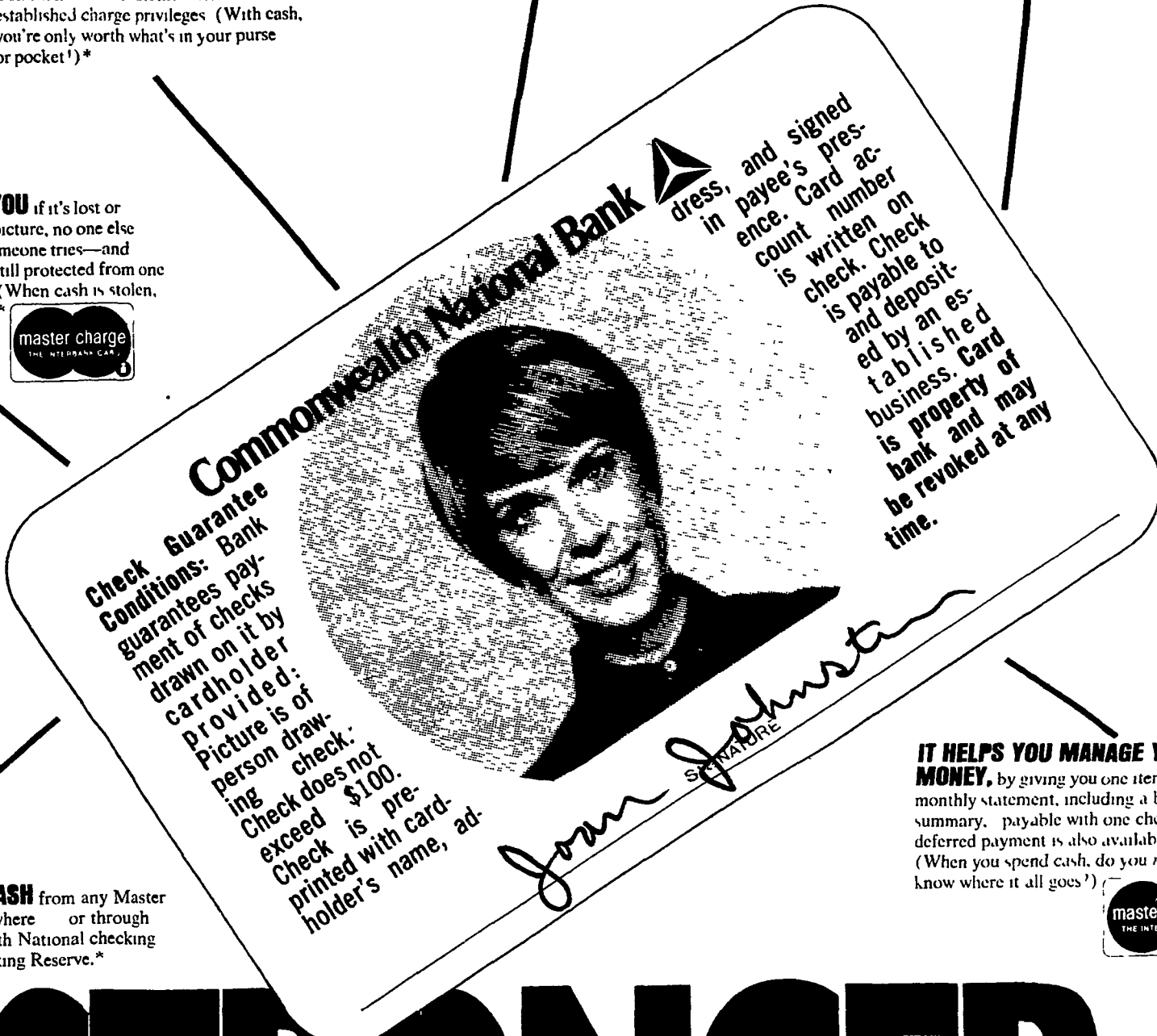
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