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American 4-H Program Attracts Wide Interest

The success of the United States 4-H program has created worldwide interest. This success is particularly significant during National 4-H Week, being celebrated October 1-7.

In the past few years, 4-H has

been adapted to more than 75 countries around the globe. International membership has passed the five-million mark.

The International Farm Youth Exchange (IFYE) program has helped to spread the 4-H story to

Denmark, Argentina, Ecuador, Germany, Honduras, Iran, Italy, Thailand, Turkey, Chile, Brazil, and other countries.

Since 1948, more than 2,500 United States young adults have spent six months to a year in Africa, Asia, Europe, South America, the Middle East, and Pacific areas.

In exchange, more than 2,800 young farm people from 70 foreign nations have lived with more than 26,000 farm families in the United States. Pennsylvania families host numerous foreign exchanges each year.

The 4-H Peace Corps program has also given an important boost to the international 4-H program. Hundreds of 4-H alumni have served in Peace Corps units around the world.

Basically, the Peace Corps teams are responsible for recruiting and training local 4-H leaders, helping to establish county-level 4-H projects, and visiting members to give technical assistance with their project work.

Other countries that have adopted 4-H follow about the same type of program as is carried out in the United States. However, some modifications

have been made. One of the interesting changes in the 4-H symbol. Many countries have adopted a symbol similar to the 4-H clover.

In Brazil, the clover contains 4-S's, which represent Saber (to know), Sentir (to feel), Servir (to serve), and Saude (health). Ecuador's 4-H clubs use the clover symbol with the letters signifying the Spanish words for faith, strength, fertility, and happiness.

In some countries, the symbol is quite different from the four-leaf clover. In Western Germany, for example, the symbol is a shield with three heads of grain growing out of a ring.

In Venezuela, the symbol is five V's set on a shield. One "V" stands for Venezuela, the others are for truth, dignity, valor, and vigor.

U.S. Ag Outlook Conference Set For Feb. 20-22

The 1973 National Agricultural Outlook Conference has been set for Feb. 20 through 22, at the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Washington, D.C.

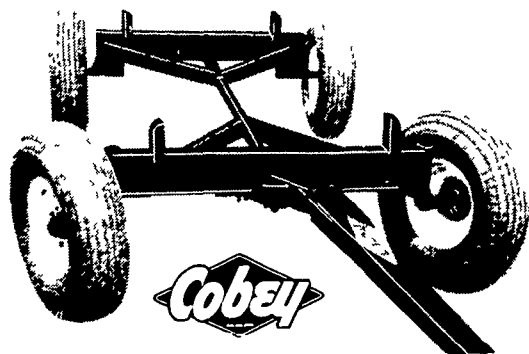
Central theme of the Conference will be "The Future Structure of Agricultural Production and Marketing."

Such topics as the long-range expansion of demand for agricultural products, input requirements of the food industry, significant trends in organization and control of the food and fiber sector of the economy, impact of environmental developments on agricultural production and marketing, and future developments in the export market will be explored in depth.

The 1973 outlook for U.S. agriculture and the general economy will receive particular attention at the Conference. Sessions on the 1973 outlook for major commodities and rural family living will make up an important part of the Conference.

The Conference, sponsored by USDA's Economic Research Service and Extension Service, will feature presentations and panel discussions by leading authorities in agriculture and business.

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A lot of feed companies conduct research in an attempt to find better feed formulas. Some will adopt university research, and others ban together for a joint effort. While many good improvements resulted from each of these types of effort, it does cause questions to arise. Those companies that rely on university research for instance. If the research comes from the same place, might the feeds be the same? Would the joint ventures have feeds similar to each other?

Well at least the companies with their own research staffs should have something different, or could their farms just be show places, used more to impress people, rather than for meaningful research? Ever wonder how many of them have mills that they can use to find out if that new formula can be made, then stored in a farmer's bin, or if it will work in automated equipment?

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