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## Seeds for New Crops Available

Seed should be available this spring for several new varieties of crops developed and released by the Agricultural Experiment Station at The Pennsylvania State University. The varieties are available from commercial seed producers.

Pa 2944 is a new double cross field corn hybrid that is superior in yield and standability to an older and similar hybrid, Pa 290. Pa 2944 has good resistance to yellow leaf blight. It has been tested for several years in other states in the Northeast as well as in Pennsylvania according to Dr. Melvin W. Johnson, Experiment Station corn breeder.

Over a period of four years Pa 2944 averaged 124 bushels of shelled corn per acre compared to 110 bushels for Pa 212 and 114 bushels for Pa 290. Seed supplies for this year will be limited.

Pa 8403 is a new three-way field corn hybrid that grows shorter and matures earlier than Pa 8703. Containing normal cytoplasm, Pa 8403 has good resistance to yellow leaf blight and to both northern and southern corn leaf blights.

Over three years of testing, Pa 8403 averaged 164 bushels of shelled corn per acre compared with 161 bushels for Pa 8703. Seed supplies will be limited in 1973, says Dr. Johnson.

Pa 870SL field corn hybrid, also new, is a modified version of Pa 870S, an outstanding single cross hybrid. Pa 870SL resembles Pa

870S in height and general plant characteristics. In three years of testing, Pa 870SL averaged 177 bushels of shelled corn per acre compared to 169 bushels for Pa 870S. In addition, Pa 870SL resists the common corn leaf blights. Seed supplies will be limited this spring.

Pa 604 field corn hybrid is superior to the older hybrid Pa 602A in grain yield and equal to

Pa 602A in silage yield. It is about the same height as Pa 602A and somewhat better in stalk strength. Pa 604 is competitive with other hybrids adapted to a medium long growing season.

Dr. Guy W. McKee, secretary for the Experiment Station Seed Committee, also announces that limited amounts of Pennstar Kentucky bluegrass seed will be available for planting this year. Seed of another new turfgrass variety, Pennfine perennial ryegrass, will be available in 1973.

Adequate seed supplies should also be available for Pennfield spring oats and Pennscott red-clover—both recommended varieties.

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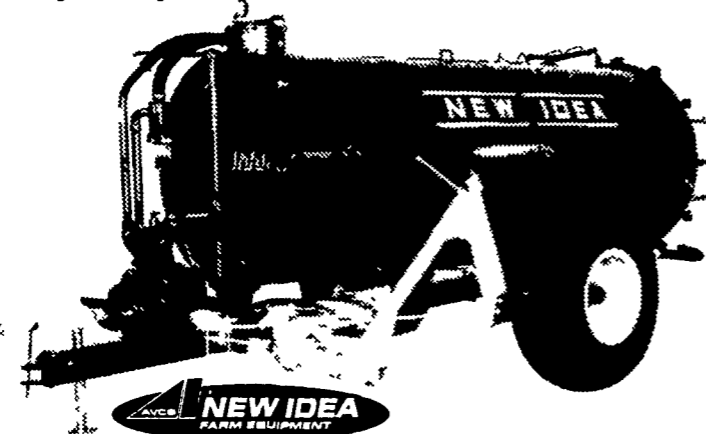
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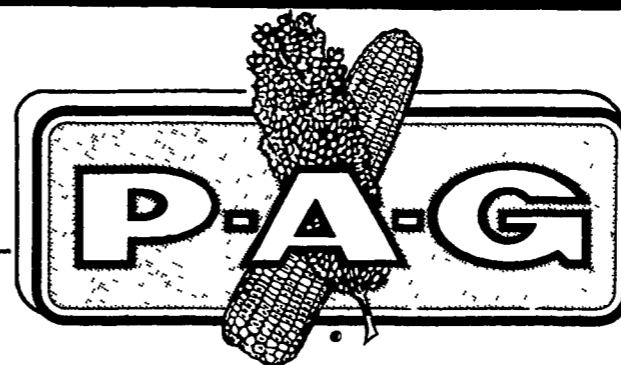
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