

# Tractors Can Be Safe

CHICAGO—Farm tractors are potentially hazardous yet most tractor accident fatalities can be prevented, according to the National Safety Council.

The Safety Council estimates that there are from 800 to 1,000 deaths resulting annually from tractor accidents. In addition, thousands are injured and millions of dollars are lost in property damage, medical costs, time off work, lost earning power and insurance costs.

"Most of these losses could be prevented," stated the Safety Council, "by competent operation of tractors, use of protective equipment and proper maintenance."

More than half of all tractor accident fatalities involve overturns, the Council reports. These fatalities occur unnecessarily, because the equipment to protect the driver in a roll-over is available for new tractors and many older models.

"The National Safety Council is convinced that more than 90 percent of the roll-over fa-

talities could be prevented through the use of roll-over protective cabs and frames," said Leon Urben, manager of the Council's Farm Safety Department.

"The problem," said the Council official, "is that many farmers and ranchers are reluctant to invest in roll-over protection systems for their equipment. The Safety Council, however, believes that the use of ROPS is essential to preventing unnecessary tractor accident injuries and fatalities."

Tractor operation can be safe if operators are alert to potential accident hazards. The Safety Council offers the following 10 tips for safer operation of the tractor on the farm or ranch:

—Stay clear of ditches, embankments, holes, etc., to avoid upset.

—Don't permit others to ride — keep children off and away.

—Cut speed when turning, crossing slopes, on rough,

slick or muddy surfaces.

—Watch where you're going at row ends, on roads, near trees, etc.; always watch for and avoid obstacles, and be sure everyone is clear before moving.

—Stay off hills and slopes too steep for safe operation.

—Don't overload — engage clutch slowly with heavy load to avoid backward tip.

—Hitch loads only to drawbar (if drawbar is on 3-point hitch, set it no higher than fixed drawbar) — use front weights to balance tractor.

—Keep PTO shields in place. —shut off PTO before unclogging, adjusting or servicing equipment.

—Set wheels wide as practical for job for better stability.

—When stopped, put tractor out of gear, firmly set brakes and/or use park lock—remove key.

# Quarryville Bank Will Add Second Drive-In Window

Farmers National Bank of Quarryville will add a second drive-in window at its building.

For opening September 1, the \$11,000 facility is on order from Diebold, Inc. of York. It is to be served by a full-time teller during peak business hours.

Farmers National, anticipating the need for a second window, had the underground electronic and foundational preparations made during construction of the bank's new building, which was dedicated September 8, 1971.

"We are pleased to say that, since the opening of our new building and its drive-up window, customers have shown real en-

thusiasm for this kind of banking," said Robert K. Bruce, the bank's executive vice president and chief executive officer.

"Now, we can fulfill — even more — their desires for such a service.

The existing drive-in window is open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Friday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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Both the hybrid and the line were developed by USDA's Agricultural Research Service (ARS) and Kansas State University's Agricultural Experiment Station, Manhattan.

KS 692 is a red-seeded sorghum which matures later than RS 610, but earlier than RS 702. It is tolerant to chinch bugs and resists milo disease and lodging.

KS 55 is the male parent of KS 692. It is a line that contributes to lodging resistance, milo disease resistance, chinch bug tolerance and short stalk stature.

Seed of KS 692 and KS 55 may be obtained from Carl B. Overley, Associate Agronomist, Agronomy Department, Waters Hall, Manhattan, Kan 66506. ARS has no seed for distribution.

## Farm Labor Force Down; Hourly Wage Rate Up

The nation's farm labor force shrank by nearly 20,000 workers during the past year.

A recent survey showed a total of 3,481,900 farm workers in the United States. Of this number, 2,738,300 were farm operators or unpaid family workers and the others were hired workers.

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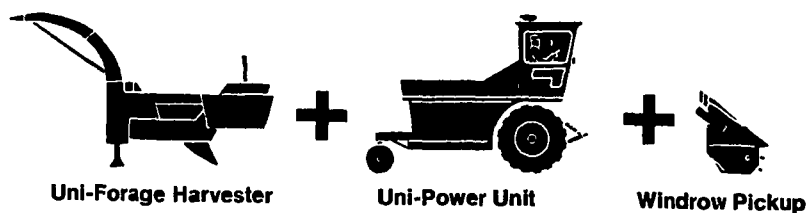
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