early in the harvest involved

Unquestionably, there have

been frequent - and locally

painful - shortages of combines,

fuel to run combines, rail cars,

elevator space and manpower,

especially in Sumner, Reno, Barber and Kingman counties.

harvest being halted by shor-

tages, or the talk of shortages, were a factor in triggering ex-

treme price fluctuations at the

trading centers. The export price of wheat has varied by as much

as 30 cents in the space of one

day, compared with a spread in

more normal years of three to

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four cents.

But there were no reports of the

At the same time, the shor-

more talk than shortage.

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Kan. Wheat **Crop Called Biggest Ever**

The 1973 Kansas wheat harvest reached the half-way point this weekend with general agreement the crop would reach or even surpass a predicted record of 374 million bushels

million bushels.
With a little over 175 million bushels harvested, it was not clear whether the protein count would be equal to some past years. New estimates of the size and quality of the crop were due this week.

Ray Hancock, head of the Kansas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service's statistical division, said it now looks like the 374 million bushel estimate "was right on the target."

Some sources predict the next estimate will exceed the 374 million bushels. Up to 50 bushel per acre yields have been reported in some areas.

The protein count has been reported at around 12, but traditionally higher quality wheat of northern and northwest Kansas may increase the count as harvesting moves north next

Most grain elevators are handling the crush at the halfway point, Hancock said, although elevator space and rail car worries are greater this year due to the larger volume of wheat. A spot check of farmers, co-op

managers, elevator operators and others, however, indicated that talk of various shortages

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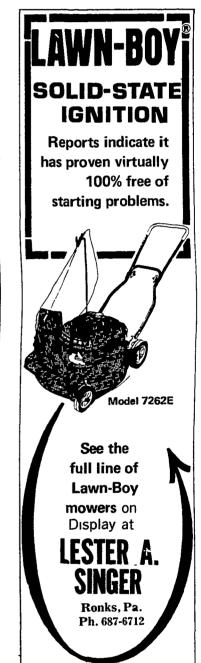
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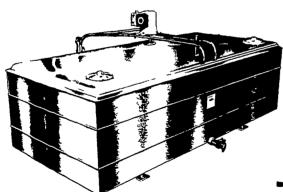
has disadvantages which you're apt to discover the time you fail to watch your step."



Canadian Trade Minister Alastair Gillespie announced last week that Canada was imposing controls on exports of soybeans, flax, rapeseed, cottonseed and

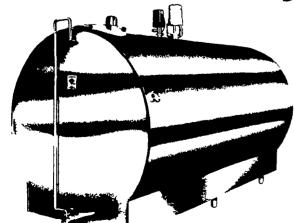
He said the action is necessary "in view of the uncertainty" arising from a U.S. embargo on exports of soybeans, cottonseeds and their byproducts announced on Wednesday.

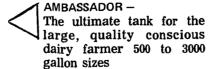
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