

## World Grain Output Seen Record High

World grain production for 1973-74 now seen record high. USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service projects world wheat output and feed grain output will both be up six percent from a year ago levels.

Main reasons for the increase: Higher outputs in U. S. and the U.S.S.R., the world's leading grain producers.

Wheat output in the USSR is seen at 80 million tons, up 16 percent from a year ago. Its feed grain output is seen at 70 million tons, up 20 percent from last year.

U.S. wheat output is seen at 42 million tons, up 11 percent from last year. Its feed grain production is seen at 188 million tons, up three percent from a year ago.

## Two Produce Dealers Declared Ineligible to Operate Business

P.C. Fruit & Produce, Inc., Reading, and "Idaho Dick" Kassatly & Co., Inc., have been declared ineligible to operate in the produce business under the Perishable Agricultural Commodities (PAC) Act the U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has announced.

Officials of the Agricultural Marketing Service said the firms failed to pay reparation awards issued by USDA and are not eligible to operate in the produce business until they satisfy the awards and gain USDA approval. They also may not be employed or affiliated with any licensed firm without USDA approval.

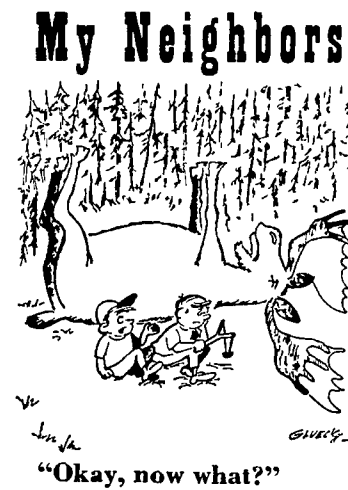
A reparation award was issued June 21 against P.C. Fruit & Produce, Inc., Reading, for failing to pay a New Hampton, N. Y., grower \$3,327 for onions and celery purchased in August 1972. The officers, directors, and stockholders of the firm are: Peter Capozello, Daniel Capozello, and Mary Tazik. P.C. Fruit did not answer the charges and USDA ordered payment of the full amount claimed.

The PACA license of "Idaho Dick" Kassatly & Co., Inc., Washington, D. C., was suspended July 5 because of the firm's failure to pay \$4,674 to an Elba, N. Y. shipper for fruits and vegetables purchased from November 1972 through February 1973. The officers,

directors and stockholders of the firm are: Richard (Idaho Dick) Kassatly, George Kassatly and Audrey Kassatly. The firm did not answer the charges and USDA ordered payment of the full amount claimed.

The PAC Act establishes a code of good business for the produce industry. It requires that interstate traders in fresh or frozen and vegetables be licensed and authorizes USDA to suspend or revoke a trader's license for violating the Act

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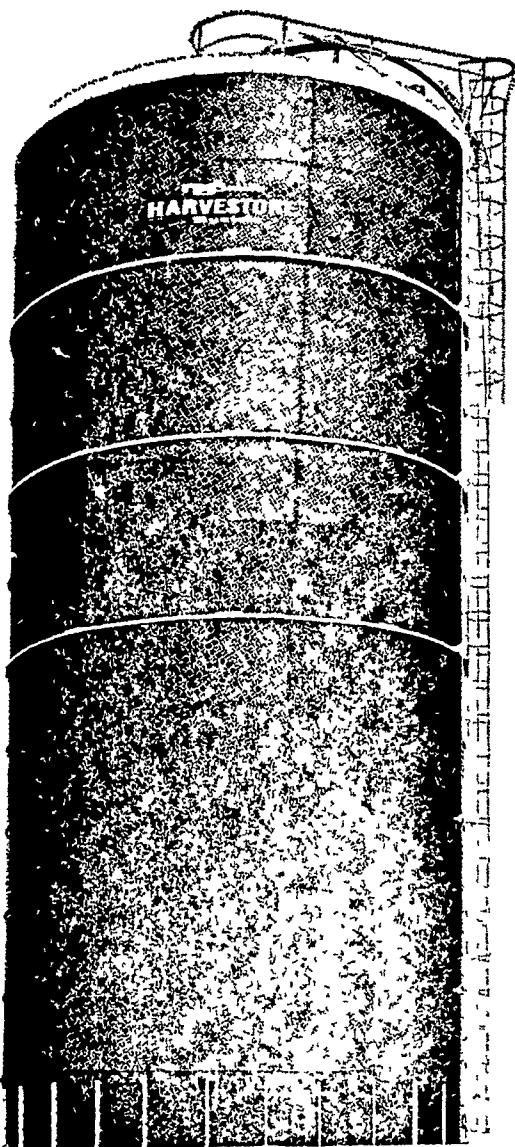
## Feed Grains: Carryover Seen Down

U. S. feed grain use seen down slightly during 1973-74, but carryover next year is still expected to be off, according to a summary of USDA's Feed Situation issued recently. The reason, record disappearance during 1972-73 that reduced this year's carryover sharply.

Though total supplies for 1972-73 hit nearly 248 million tons, continued domestic use and continued high exports pushed total disappearance to 214 million tons. This will drop current carryover to around 35 million tons.

While current feed grain production is seen at 207 million tons, supplies for 1973-74 will be only 241 million tons, down about seven million tons from a year earlier. Total 1973-74 disappearance is now seen at 212 million tons. This would drop carryover next year to 30 million tons — the lowest since 1953.

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