Foreign Soybean Market Urged

A general lackluster market for soy oil throughout Western Europe last year shows U. S. growers need foreign market development activities to boost sales of this soybean product, according to Hilyard Simpkins, Allentown, Mid-Atlantic Soybean Association president.

In the Western European countries, soy oil consumption increased from 1,313 tons to 1,438 tons in 1972. Because of changes in government regulations, Spain and Portugal accounted for the biggest jump in consumption but in at least six countries total use declined last year.

"Soy oil continues to be a profit headache. If U. S. growers want to continue to expand markets, educational and marketing effort on soy oil must increase.

In Spain, a government approved promotion program for vegetable seed oils produced a 60 percent jump in total use of soy oil. The Spanish people now use 12.4 pounds of soy oil per person compared to 7.8 pounds in 1971. Regulations in Portugal now permit soybeans to be identified on oil package labels.

U.S. growers started the first soy oil marketing program for Western Europe earlier this year in Italy The largest Italian soybean processing company is cooperating in the plan. With the help of U S. growers, more programs will be developed to boost sales of this soybean product."

U.S soybean growers conduct this program through the American Soybean Association (ASA) in cooperation with the Italian soybean processor and the USDA Foreign Agricultural Service ASA directs foreign market development, production research and government relations programs for soybean producers.

+ + +**Poisonous Relatives** Cashew nuts are related to poison ivy and poison sumac and can cause serious skin irritations on persons susceptible

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Recaps Summer Activities The Twin Valley FFA met recently in the vo-ag classroom with Terry Murray, president, conducting the meeting. The

regular opening ceremony was used. The report of the secretary was read and approved. The treasurer's report was given and filed for annual audit, followed by reports given by officers.

Larry Stoltzfus gave a report on the State FFA band in which he participated during FFA Activities Week at Penn State. He encouraged other FFA members to participate. Lloyd Simmers gave a report on the Kutztown Fair in which nine members participated. Robert Stoltzfus gave a report on the Berks County Hog Show and Sale in which he and his brother Melvin participated.

Fred Mast gave a report on the Southeastern District Dairy Show held at the Farm Show Building in which he and Terry Murray participated. These members went to the Pennsylvania Junior Dairy Show in Harrisburg this week.

Terry Murray gave a report on the Wilson Exhibit which was at Kutztown and Reading Fairs. At Kutztown, the exhibit took fifth place out of a class of 15, and at Reading the exhibit placed third out of a class of eight.

Richard Kurtz gave a brief report on the chicken Bar-B-Q held at Kurtz Fishing Lakes. Terry Murray gave recommendations on the pumpkin contest which will be held October 19 in the High School gym and on the hoagie sale planned for September 29.

Other topics discussed at the meeting were the FFA float for the Halloween Parade and the honey bee projects started by five members.

A game of basketball and refreshments followed the meeting.

> Lloyd Simmers **Chapter Reporter**

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