

## Fertilizer Supply falls Short Of Demand

Fertilizer producers delivered 12 per cent more fertilizer to the U.S. market during the first four months of their fiscal year — July through October — than for the same months of 1972, also a year of excellent fall movement.

The figures released by the Fertilizer Institute are based on the industry association's monthly data service, Fertilizer Index.

The sharp increase occurred in the face of tremendous export pressures, and amid mounting production and transportation, noted Institute President Edwin M. Wheeler.

Fertilizer production also ran ahead of the 1972 four month period by 9 per cent. "But, fertilizer demand is still far ahead of supply," Wheeler emphasized, "with October inventories 39 per cent lower than the same month a year ago." End-of-month inventories have been below 1972

for each month of 1973 so far, he added.

America's fertilizer industry has pulled all stops to try to satisfy unprecedented farm demands resulting from rapid crop acreage increases, and record grain and fiber prices, Wheeler said. However, he said, it's evident that farmer's needs cannot be fully met if additional crop acreage is planted next spring as anticipated.

Production of nitrogen fertilizers showed an eight per cent rise from July through October compared to '72 while product movement to market rose an average 17 per cent. October's ending inventories on nitrogen products averaged 45 per cent below Oct., 1972.

Phosphate product movement showed a five per cent drop for the four month period compared to a year ago with a corresponding production drop of three per

cent. Still, October ending inventories were down 23 per cent. Potash products scored a 10-per-cent gain in production, and a 21-per-cent increase in disappearance. Inventories of potash were 44 per cent below October, 1972.

## Organic Farmers Schedule Meeting For Farm Show

The Pennsylvania Organic Farmer-Consumer Organization (POFCO) will meet in Room "D" at the Pennsylvania Farm Show in Harrisburg on Thursday, January 10th, from 8:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. POFCO's participation at the Show is part of its program to encourage the growing, distribution and consumption of organically-grown foods. A diversity of organic growers will participate in the program and will answer questions about the organization and its goals. Many Pennsylvania organic producers are expected to attend, including Paul Keene of Walnut Acres. Out-of-state producers will also attend, including Glenn Graber of Ohio.

A slide presentation about organic farming, contributed by Rodale Press, Inc., publishers of "Organic Gardening and Farming" magazine, will be shown. POFCO will also provide organically-grown snacks for visitors. All organic farmers, retailers, consumers and others interested in organic farming are invited.

### Before The Japanese

Sapporo, capital of the northern Japanese island of Hokkaido and site of the recent Winter Olympic Games, derives its name from the Ainu, the light-skinned, round-eyed people who lived on the island before the Japanese arrived. The city's name is a contraction of the Ainu phrase, "Sato poro petsu," meaning a large dry river.

### Coffee Fact

Americans drink 40 percent of the world's coffee, averaging about 2½ cups a day.

## Officers Picked During County ASC Convention

Out of 48 delegates named to the Lancaster County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service convention held Wednesday morning at the Farm and Home Center, a total of 34 braved the weather to attend.

The delegates voted on officers for the coming year, and renamed Fred G. Seldomridge, Gap RD1, to the position of chairman of the county ASC committee. B. Snavely Garber, Willow Street RD2, was named vice-chairman, and Paul B. Kline, 1400 Brunnerville Rd., Lititz, was named a member of

the board. Kline was also named to a 3-year term on the county committee. Robert E. Martin, New Holland RD1, will serve a one-year term as first alternate to the county committee, while John H. Nissley, Mt. Joy RD1, will serve a one-year term as second alternate.

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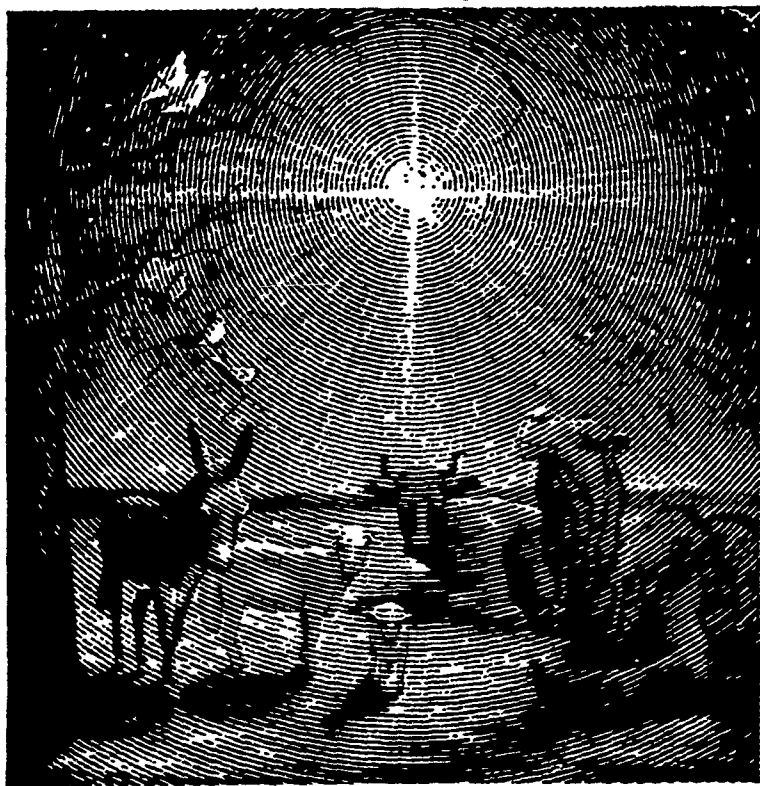
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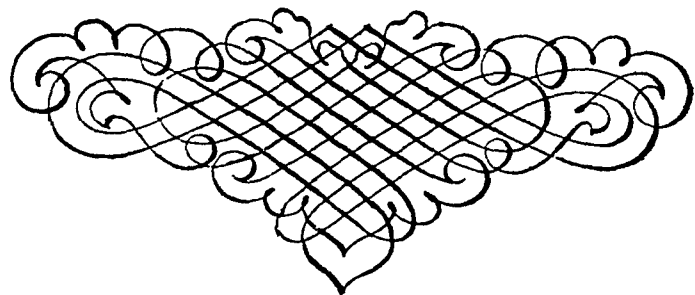
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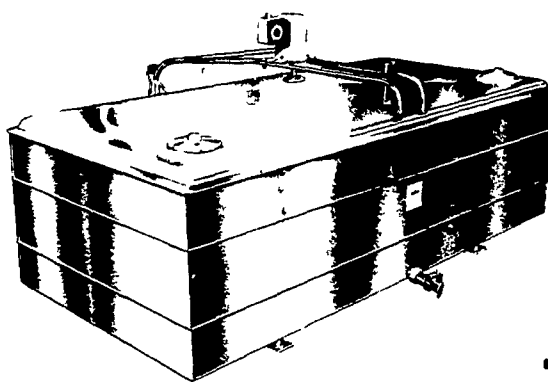


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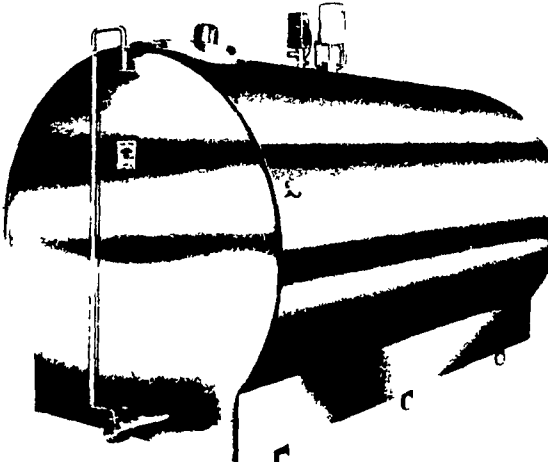


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