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Keeners were part of a group from all over the country that participated in the conference.

### Keeners Attend No-Till Conference In Hawaii

Mr. & Mrs. Harlan Keener of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, were among more than 200 farm couples who attended the second annual National No-Tillage Conference in Honolulu, Hawaii, last week,

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The conference focused on methods of no-tillage farming, and included tours of no-tillage plots planted especially for the conference so that farmers could view no-till crops at the growing stage. In addition, the group toured selected livestock farms accompanied by University of Hawaii extension authorities, and attended special "shirt sleeve" seminars on farm management techniques, goal setting and agri-estate planning.

The farm couples few to Hawaii in giant 747 jumbo jets, and stayed at the Hilton Hawaiian Village hotel, on Waikiki Beach. The conference included a mid-week flight to the garden island of Kauai, where the farm group toured the research facilities of Metcalf Farms and

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viewed the no-till plots there. A new no-till planter was

flown to the island specifically to plant the notill plots and also to conduct planting demonstrations during the conference, giving farmers a first-hand view of no-till planting procedures as well as the results of 20 separate farm chemical comparisons in the plots.

The conference received such a reception from farm couples that World Wide Farm Forums--which is affiliated with No-Till Farmer and Farm Wife News magazines--has scheduled a second similar conference in Honolulu the week of March 24-31. If any farm couples from this area are interested in attending the March conference, the Keeners say they will be glad to provide information and an evaluation to the first conference.

## Crop Stocks Rise 11%

Stocks of corn, wheat, oats, and barley stored in Pennsylvania on January 1 totaled 81.6 million bushels, according to the Crop Reporting Service. This was 11 percent more than the January 1, 1973 stocks of these same grains, and includes grains stored on farms and off farms.

Corn in all storage positions totaled 62.7 million bushels, 19 percent more than a year ago. On-farm stocks were up 17 percent; off-farm stocks were up 52 percent.

Wheat stocks in all positions totaled 5.3 million bushels, 24 percent less than a year ago. On-farm stocks were down 28 percent, while off-farm stocks declined 22 percent.

Stocks of oats were 10.8 million bushels, 4 percent above a year ago. On-farm

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stocks were up 4 percent with off-farm stocks up 2 percent.

Total stocks of barley were 2.8 million bushels, 27 percent less than a year ago. Onfarm stocks were 21 percent lower, and off-farm stocks were down 57 percent. Other grain stocks stored in Pennsylvania on January 1, 1974 were: soybeans, 1.8 million bushels; sorghum -38,000 bushels; and rye with 134,000 bushels. Comparable January 1, 1973, stocks for these grains are not available.

U. S. January 1 stocks of all grains except sorghum and soybeans were below a year ago. Stocks of the four feed grains (corn, oats, barley and sorghum) totaled 161.1 million tons, 7 percent less than holdings on January 1, 1973.

Stocks of all wheat were

down one-third from a year earlier while Durum supplies were down 27 percent. Soybean stocks were up sharply with 35 percent larger holdings than a year

Corn in all storage positions on January 1, 1974, totaled 4,485 million bushels, down 8 percent from the 4,831 million bushels a year earlier. -

Sorghum grain in storage January 1, 1974, totaled 648 million bushels, 4 percent above a year earlier.

Oats stocks on January 1. 1974, totaled 634 million bushels, 18 percent less than a year earlier.

Barley stored in all positions on January 1 totaled 323 million bushels, 11 percent less than a year earli**e**r.

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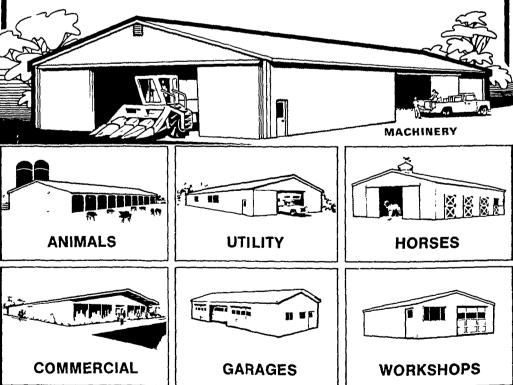
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