

Butz Assures Consumers of Good Broilers

"Millions of broilers are coming to market which are in no way associated with the finding of chemical residues in a few flocks in Mississippi. This flow into stores represents good, wholesome broilers that are an economical source of protein," Secretary of Agriculture Earl. L. Butz said recently.

"I would like to congratulate our Department of Agriculture inspectors for discovering through their monitoring system the chicken flocks in Mississippi that had a residue problem," Secretary Butz said.

Poultry inspectors in the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) are requiring the pretesting of flocks in Mississippi that have been identified as potentially having excessive

dieldrin residues. Birds from those flocks can't be processed and marketed until they receive a clean bill of health.

Secretary Butz also commended the courageous decision of the few broiler producers in Mississippi whose flocks are being destroyed because of the residue problem. "Even though their action may mean suffering huge financial losses, they have chosen to promptly destroy their flocks. This decision to give maximum protection to consumers by foregoing any salvage of birds with marginal residue levels took raw courage," the Secretary concluded.

Soybean Double-Crop Booklet Is Available

How to produce a crop of soybeans immediately following the harvesting of a small grain crop like wheat, barley, oats or rye is explained in a new publication by the Extension Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture. It is called "Double Cropping With Soybeans—Will It Pay On Your Farm?"

The illustrated publication will help farmers evaluate the economics of double cropping and how it fits into their overall crop production plans. Double cropping of small grains and soybeans is possible in large areas of many North Central states, as well as in the Southern and Coastal Plain states.

Key factors to consider in double cropping with soybeans include:

— Grain crop must be harvested early enough for the soybeans to mature ahead of frost.

— Adequate moisture must be available at planting time to germinate the soybeans and get them started.

— Many farmers use no-tillage planting methods which conserve more moisture than using a moldboard plow in preparing the seedbed.

— Weed and disease control are important factors.

The publication was written by Harold Owens, agronomist, and Buel Lanpher, a farm management specialist. It contains double cropping budgets from several states and provides a column for farmers to list their own cost and returns to determine the profitability of using the

practice on their farm. Copies of "Double Cropping With Soybeans—Will It Pay On Your Farm?" (PA-1080) will soon be available in county Extension offices, or may be purchased for 50 cents from the Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. 20402.

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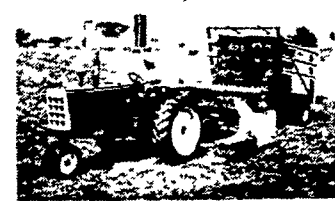
Tobacco Acreage Drops

Planting intentions of Pennsylvania farmers indicate less acreage will be devoted to seedleaf tobacco while hay and potato acreage will remain about the same, according to the Crop Reporting Service.

Commonwealth farmers intend to cut hay from 1,950,000 acres, about the same as last year. Potato acreage is expected to be 31,000, the same as last year. Pennsylvania seedleaf tobacco acreage is expected to be 13,000, down 1,000 acres from last year.

Acreage figures for potatoes and seedleaf tobacco contained in a Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture news release issued March 18 were reported incorrectly.

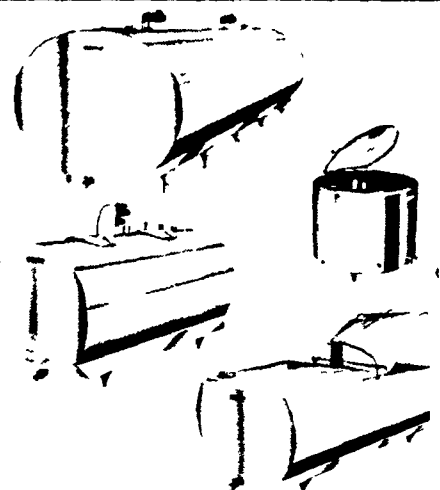
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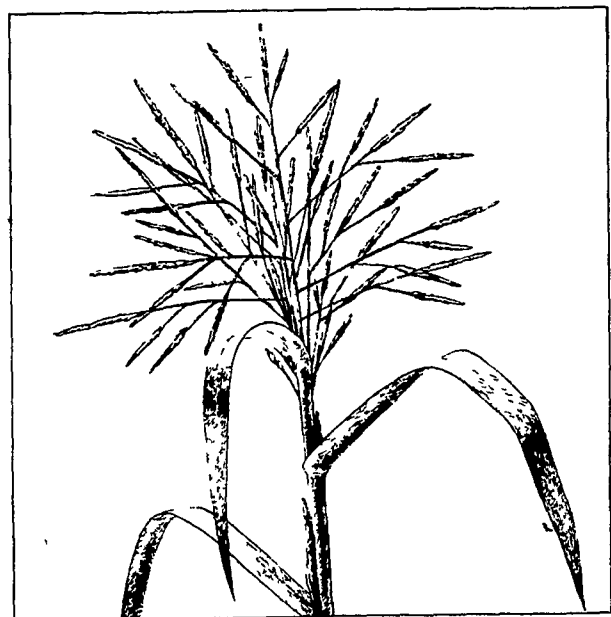
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