

## English Tour

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average was 600 acres, with the largest, a father-son operation, amounting to 3000 acres. The smallest farm represented was 320 acres.

Cash crops and small grains were the main farming enterprises represented by the tour group, with some beef, dairy, sheep and poultry, also.

While the acreage might astound most Lancaster County farmers, they would no doubt be even more astounded by the size of the machinery the U.K. farmers use. Nicholas Walshaw, part of a family which farms 1500

acres in Essex County, remarked that they did the bulk of their work with a single 45-horsepower tractor. The plant, fertilizer and spray their wheat, barley and lucerne with this tractor. They have a larger machine for plowing, but use only a two-bottom plow.

"We've got to be a little more careful," Walshaw said, "about the size of our equipment. Petrol costs more in the U.K. and we try to match the size of the machine with the size of the job. Here you have few tractors under 100 horsepower. We have few tractors over 100 horsepower."

English farmers seem to be facing the same kind of

# FARM TRENDS

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seen at 45.8 million acres, up nearly 20 pct. from last year and the highest since 1952. Yield per acre is seen at 35.2 bu. per acre, up from last year's 33.1 bu. It realized, it'll top the 33.9 bu. per acre posted in 1971.

## MILK PRODUCTION DOWN FOR 17TH STRAIGHT MONTH

U.S. milk production continues down. April output, at 10.1 billion lbs., was off 2.3 pct. from a year earlier. This also marked the 17th consecutive month that production has been below that of a corresponding month a year earlier.

Milk production per cow during April totaled 901 lbs., up from 899 lbs. in April 1973. Milk cows on farms, at 11,190,000, were down 3 pct. from a year earlier.

Sharpest declines from year ago totals were in Louisiana and Ohio, both down 8 pct. April output was off 4 pct. from a year earlier in Wisconsin, down 2 pct. in New York. But, it was up 3 pct. from a year earlier in

pressures that Americans are experiencing, only more so. "Last winter we finally began to get a good price for beef," we were told by W. S. Elkington, who farms 1000 acres in Lincolnshire. "Do you know what the Prime Minister did? He went on television to tell the people not to eat beef. He told the people to boycott beef. I bought calves for about \$130 American dollars. Now, after a year of feeding them, I can't even sell them at the same price I paid for them. We had good beef prices for ten weeks, and then the bottom fell out."

Elkington was even more empathic on the subject of inheritance taxes. He said inheritance taxes are levied at the rate of 90 percent of a property's value upon the owner's death. "That makes it difficult to pass a farm onto the next generation, don't you think?" he said.

The tour group left Brubaker's farm for Robert Rohrer's farm in Washington Boro, then to Turkey Hill Farms in

Conestoga. In the morning, they had visited Naamin King's farm in Atglen. On their tour, they'll be stopping at farms and other points of interest from New York in the north to Goldsboro, North Carolina, in the south.

## Land Judging

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Others in the top ten, listed in order, were: Gordon Herr, Solanco, 414 points; Rick Gensemer, Ephrata, 396; Jim Felpel, Ephrata, 383; Charles Coates, Solanco, 354; Randy Hummer, Ephrata, 352; Joe Overly, Solanco, and Daryl Nolt, New Holland, both with 350; and Randy Ranck, Solanco, 340.

The winning Solanco team consisted of Hohenwarter, Herr, Coates, Overly and Ranck. Scores for the top five teams were: Solanco, 1890; Ephrata, 1887; New Holland, 1615; Manheim, 1467, and Lampeter-Strasburg, 1375.

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California, up 1 pct. from a year earlier in Minnesota. The Jan. - April total, at 38.0 billion lbs., was down 2.8 pct. from a year earlier. (Milk Production).

## U.S. FERTILIZER USE UP 4 PCT. IN '73

U.S. fertilizer consumption up during year ended June 30, 1973, USDA reported last week. At 43.1 million tons, total was 4 pct. above a year earlier. Consumption of primary nutrients -- nitrogen, phosphate, potash -- totaled 17.8 million tons, compared to 17.2 million tons in 1972. Nitrogen consumption, at 8.2 million tons, was up 2 pct.; phosphate, at 5.0 million tons, was up 5 pct.; potash use, at 4.6 million tons, was up 7 pct.

Among the leading States, consumption in California (3.5 million tons) was up 3 pct. Illinois' total (2.9 million tons) was off 1 pct. Totals in Iowa (2.66 million tons) and Texas (2.56 million tons) were up 2 pct. Georgia's total (2.15 million tons) was up 8 pct. (Commercial Fertilizers).

## Solanco FFA To Hatch Pheasants

For the third year in a row, Solanco FFA in cooperation with the Southern Lancaster County Sportsman's Association will be hatching and raising pheasants.

Any farmer finding pheasant eggs may contact members in the following township or call the Solanco Ag Dept. at 786-2151. Ext. 52: Colerain: Joe Winters, 529-2916 or Lee Ferguson 529-2251.

Eden: Jeff Glackin 786-7198 or Scott Heckel 687-6021. Little Britain: Tom Jackson 529-2418 or Charlie Coats 529-2537.

Drumore: Marshall Trimble 548-2278 or Dave Hanks 548-2493.

East Drumore: Bruce Kreider 786-2626 or Jim Kantz 548-2427.

Fulton: Jeff Rutt 548-2469 or Tom Calbreath 548-2576.

New Providence: Mark Howenwater 284-4274 or Ken Wiker 284-4505.

Bart: Glenn Reinhart 529-2846 or Harold Keene 529-2135.

After eggs are delivered to these check points, they will be taken to the incubator which is located at the farm of Robert Zander. After hatching they will be taken to another member, Joe Winters, who will feed and care for them until they're old enough to be set free.

They will be released in the area from which the eggs were found.

Feed for this project is being supplied by Anderson's Feed and Grain Service, Oxford.

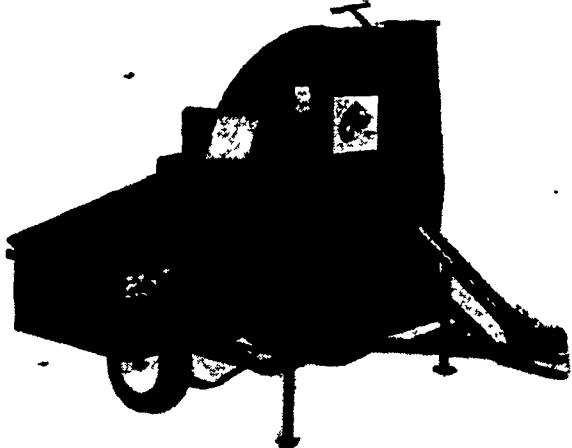
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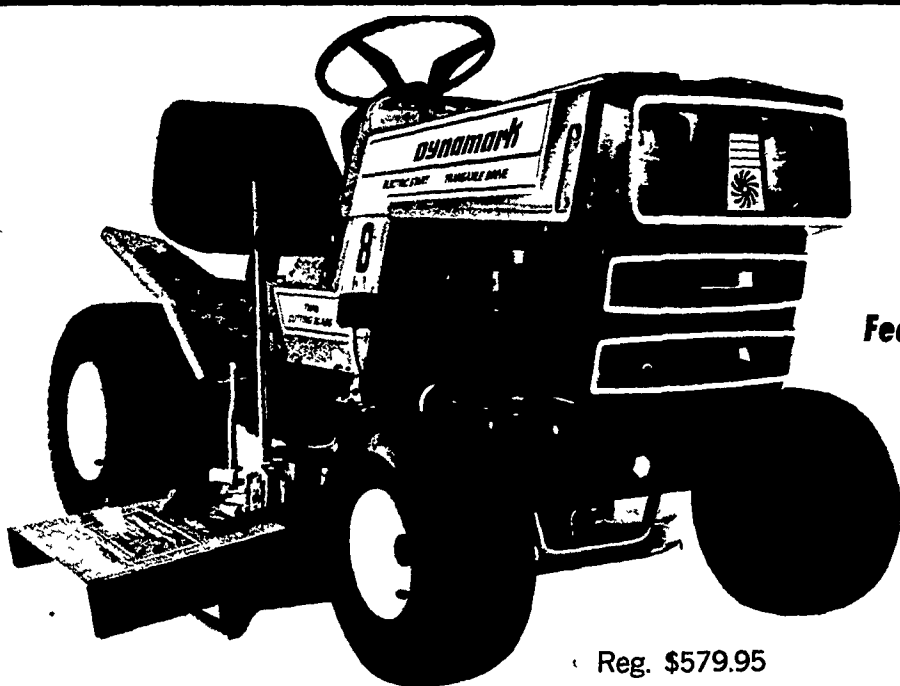
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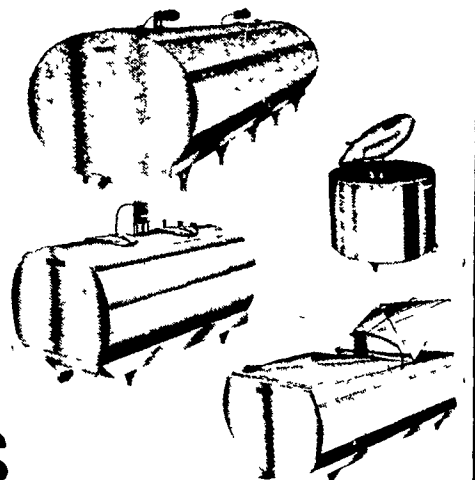
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