

Record Forest Receipts

Thirty-nine states and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico will divide a record amount of almost \$118 million as their share of over \$470 million received by the Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, from the many uses of the National Forest System lands.

This year's record receipts exceeded the previous all-time high attained last year by more than \$15 million. Receipts in fiscal year 1973 totalled \$455.2 million, with \$114 million dispersed to the states.

By law, the money must be used for public schools and public roads.

The \$117,956,035 returned to the states this year represents 25 percent of the receipts from grazing, recreation, minerals and other land-use charges as well as from the sale of timber from the 155 National Forests across the country during the fiscal year ending last June 30.

Checks from the 25 percent fund have been sent to the 39 states and Puerto Rico for disbursement to counties in which National Forests are located.

Another 10 percent of the total \$470,375,484 collected by the Forest Service during the 1974 fiscal year will be used by the agency for construction and maintenance of forest roads and trails in the National Forests. The remainder, with certain exceptions provided by law, goes into the general fund of the U.S. Treasury.

The receipts for the 1974 fiscal year raises the total of amounts returned to the states by the Forest Service since the agency was formed in 1905 to \$1.1 billion. Total Forest Service user receipts since 1905 amount to \$4.5 billion.

Largest amount received by any of the 39 states is \$41.1 million paid to Oregon, where more than 15,000,000 acres of National Forest land contribute significantly both to forest products and to recreation industries in the states. Next highest is California, with receipts of \$28.7 million.

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Barry Wissler, president (left) and Gary Eberly, vice-president of the Cloister FFA chapter in Ephrata, display the plaque which will receive another gold spur at the National Convention this coming week. Ephrata will receive a gold emblem for outstanding FFA programs and work throughout the past year.

Turkey Steaks Keep Company With T-Bones

Researchers are out to see that turkey makes good gobbling for consumers the year 'round.

Long regarded as classic fare for Thanksgiving,

Christmas, and Easter dinners, the turkey has often been overlooked for non-holiday menus.

Scientists points out that the big bird is one of the better buys for today's consumer. Tailor-made from the standpoint of protein, fat, and calories, the turkey provides one of the best high quality meat proteins on the market.

"All turkey" hot dogs, unheard of a year or so ago, are now becoming fairly common-place in many supermarkets. And fresh turkey steaks also are cropping up alongside T-bones in some meat markets.

Other products being introduced to the consumer include turkey ham, salami, pastrami, bologna, jerky, and even bacon.

Turkey products provide some distinct nutritional and economic advantages to the consumer, according to scientists.

Since turkeys have a more efficient system for converting plants into human food, their meat will always be more economical than other sources. They require fewer pounds of feed per pound of gain.

Nutrient values of turkey meat include higher protein content along with lower fat and cholesterol.

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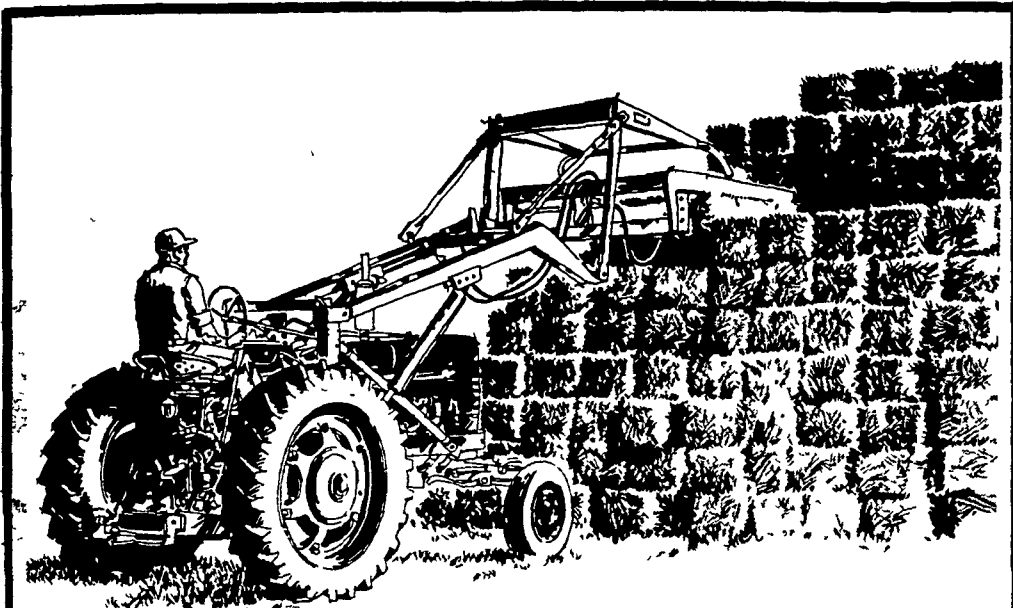
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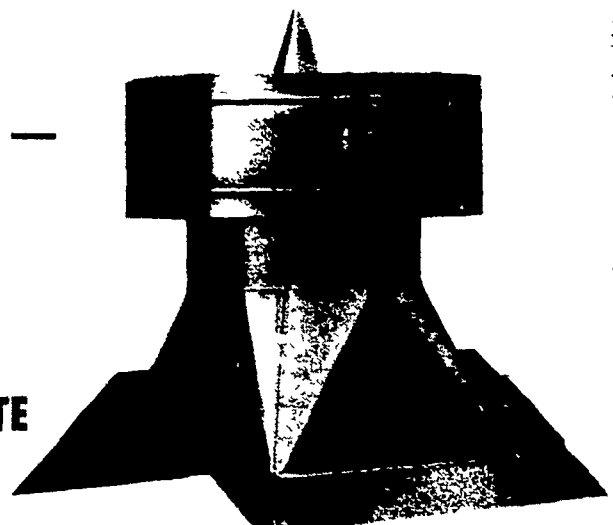
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