



Concrete walls, blackened stanchions and broken windows were all that remained of the Warren Bucher dairy barn, Reistville, after a fire last

Thursday. All the cows were driven out of the barn before they were harmed by the \$70,000 blaze.

# Neighbors Clean Up After Bucher Fire

"It was about 4:30 in the afternoon and we were just ready to milk. We'd only washed down two of the cows. I glanced up and saw a puff of smoke coming from the hay hole. I knew we were burning. I told my helper to let the cows out, I went to call the fire company and by the time I got back to the barn it was really going."

That's how Warren Bucher described the start of the fire last Thursday that consumed the dairy barn on his Reistville, Lebanon County, farm. "We didn't lose a single cow. We didn't even lose the dog, a six-month-old pup, although we thought we did at the time. After the fire, we found him hiding in some bushes."

Bucher praised the young man who works as his part-time helper, saying he kept a cool head and did everything right. "Without him, I know we'd have lost some cows," Bucher commented. "My wife was a big help, too, in getting the calves out."

The blaze leveled the barn, destroyed several tons of hay and straw, and ruined several pieces of machinery stored on the upper level.

After the flames died down, all that was left were the blackened, skeletal stanchions that had once housed the 34 Guernseys in Bucher's milking string.

On Wednesday morning of this week, some 130 volunteers showed up to help Bucher rid his farm of the

debris left from the fire. They were done by noon, and Bucher expressed his thanks to all who helped.

The herd is being housed at a neighboring farm, and will be dispersed on April 10 at the Guernsey Sales Pavilion in Lancaster.

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Settings for broiler chicks were 1,895,000 - 9 percent below the previous week and 7 percent above the comparable period a year ago. In shipments of broiler-type chicks during the past 10 weeks averaged zero compared with 3,000 a year ago. Outshipments averaged 233,000 during the past 10 weeks, 12 percent above a year earlier.

Placements in the 21 States were 59,581,000 - 1 percent above the previous week but 7 percent the same week a year earlier. Average placements during the past 10 weeks were 7 percent less than a year ago.

Settings were 72,538,000 - 2 percent above the previous week but 6 percent below a year earlier. The current 3-week total of eggs set is 7 percent below the comparable period a year ago.

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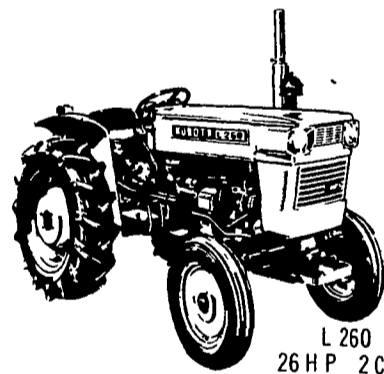
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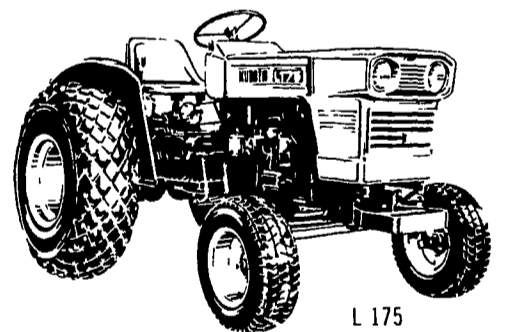
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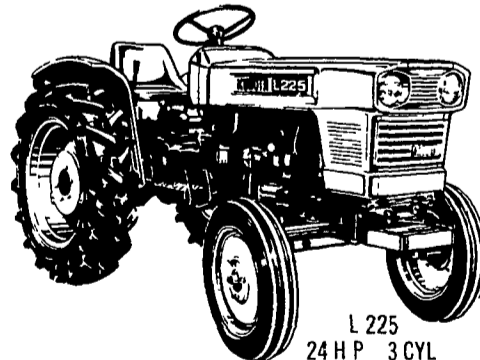
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