

Heating fuel use charted with degree-days count

If you want to start keeping track of degree days, here's how you can do it. First, add the low temperature reading for the day to the high and divide the total by two to get an average. Then subtract that average from 65 degrees. The number you arrive at is the degree days. To get the total degree days for the month, simply add up all the degree days for each day in that month. The high and low temperatures for the day are usually printed in your local newspapers. When temperatures go down, degree

days - and your heating bills - go up. As an example, last month, with so many consecutive cold days, there were 1,100 degree days compared to 918 degrees days for January 1975. This means higher fuel use for heating.

An easier way to get the same information is to call your local office of the National Weather Service and they'll give the degree days to you free of charge.

Armed with the month's total you can then compare it with the total for same month the previous year.

Beef Grades

The changing of the Federal beef grades scheduled for February 23 is attracting considerable rhetoric from both producer and consumer. To the average housewife and family I doubt if it will make much difference in the supply or quality of available meat; most consumers have been shying away from fat meat in recent years; the proposed grades will not require as much fat or finish (marbling) and should please most consumers. The producer will be able to make grade with less grain or feed costs; no doubt more forage crops will be used to produce beef in the future; however, grain can still be used locally to bring cattle to the desired grades. At this point, I'm not sure just who will benefit the most from this proposed change; perhaps it should be given a trial period before severe evaluation.

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I've seen boys on my baseball team go into slumps and never come out of them, and I've seen others snap right out and come back better than ever. I guess more players lick themselves than are ever licked by an opposing team. The first thing any man has to know is how to handle himself.

Price index gained

HARRISBURG - The index of Prices Received by Pennsylvania farmers as of Jan. 15 was two percent higher than the previous month and 13 percent above a year ago, according to the Crop Reporting Service.

Lower prices received for hogs, steers and heifers, sheep, milk, turkeys, and broilers were more than offset by higher prices received for most other commodities.

The Purchasing Power of prices received - computed by dividing the index of prices received by the index of prices paid by farmers -

was one percent above December and eight percent higher than a year ago.

Nationally, the index of prices received declined slightly from a month ago but was eight percent higher than a year earlier. Contributing most to the decline were lower prices for cattle, eggs, apples and lemons. Higher prices for potatoes, corn and soybeans were partially offsetting.

The Purchasing Power at the U.S. level declined two percent from December but was two percent higher than a year ago.

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Walker sets \$100 limit

LANCASTER - Robert S. "Bob" Walker, candidate for the Republican nomination to Congress from the 16th District, announced he will accept no contribution in excess of \$100.00 for the April primary election.

Walker made the announcement in remarks delivered to campaign volunteers at his Park City campaign headquarters. Citing the awesome power wielded by special interest groups such as labor unions and big oil companies with vast financial resources Walker said:

"It's influence they've bought contributing big money to congressional candidates. The result is that special interests are powerful enough to keep Congress from doing its job of protecting the public interest."

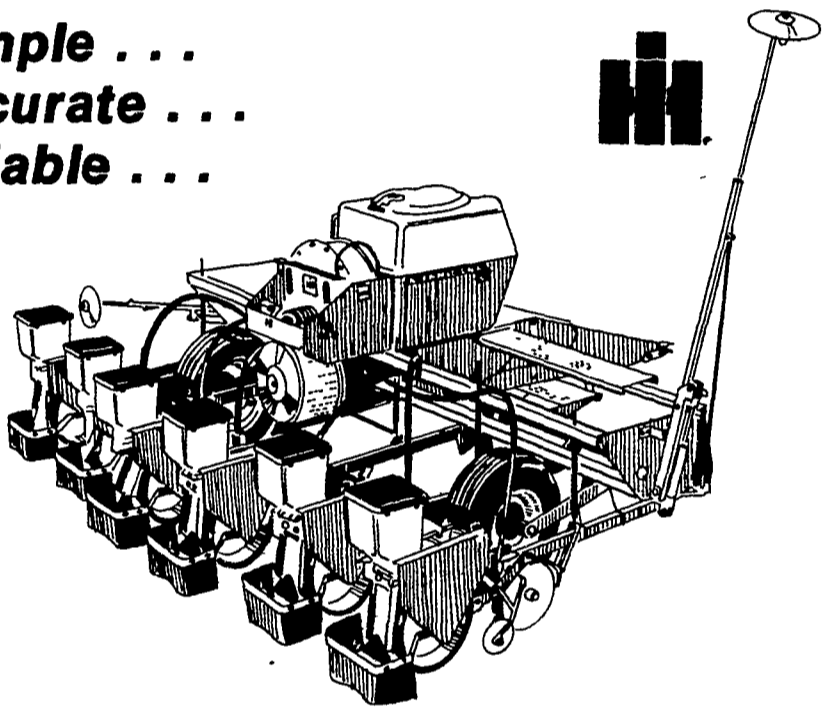
"The only way to assure that the back is broken on special interest power is to cut off their ability to buy influence and that's why our campaign will accept no contribution from any individual or organization of more than one hundred dollars."



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