

## **Pesticide outlook favorable**

The pesticide outlook can season. Manufacturers have be summed up in one word: upped their charges to

panded acreage, but prices have leveled off, too, ac-cording to USDA percent last year. cording to

should range 10-15 percent prices than last year, over 1975. Also helping are increased carryover supplies, estimated at 13 percent of the previous year's output, 1975, when price tags on 10 versus only 8 percent in early 1975.

Last January and February, a survey of 25 and firms that produce about two-thirds of all U.S. farm pesticides revealed that production problems caused by the energy crisis and raw material shortages in 1974 and early 1975 had all but disappeared.

Fewer than 10 percent of the firms reported problems - compared with 72 percent in 1974. Most blamed inadequate capacities rather than lack of raw mat-rials. The price picture shows little change from last

favorable. Not only are supplies compared with the past 2 ample for this year's ex-years. And retail list prices

economists. Production of all reported that growers are pesticides for use in 1976 paying somewhat lower especially for herbicides. For most producers, that's welcome relief from 1973major pesticide products shot up more than 50 percent.

On the demand side,

farmers will probably use 5-10 percent more pesticides than last year. As of April 1, cotton growers planned to up their acreage by 16 percent, a move that should increase demand for cotton herbicides and insecticides by a similar amount. More modest increases expected for corn, sorghum, and wheat will also stimulate pesticide sales.

Prospects look good for next year as well. Manufacturers revealed plans to expand production capacity by 10-15 percent this year and 5-10 percent in 1977.

## **Employees honored**

**NEW HOLLAND - Sperry** New Holland will honor three employees who have completed 25 years of service with the company this month.

Those being honored are: Paul Futer, Jr., 430 Brimmer Avenue, New Holland, senior offset

operator; Ben S. Taylor, 2811 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta, Ga., sales representative; and Charles Kline, R1 Reinholds, project engineer.

Each will be awarded an inscribed watch or clock by the company to commemorate the anniversary.

