



Donald Hershey does more than sit at his desk, but this is where Lancaster Farming found him when it was time for a picture.

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coordinates the building with the equipment.

"We almost have to do this," says Mrs. Hershey, "because the construction for some of our equipment has to be done just so, or it is useless."

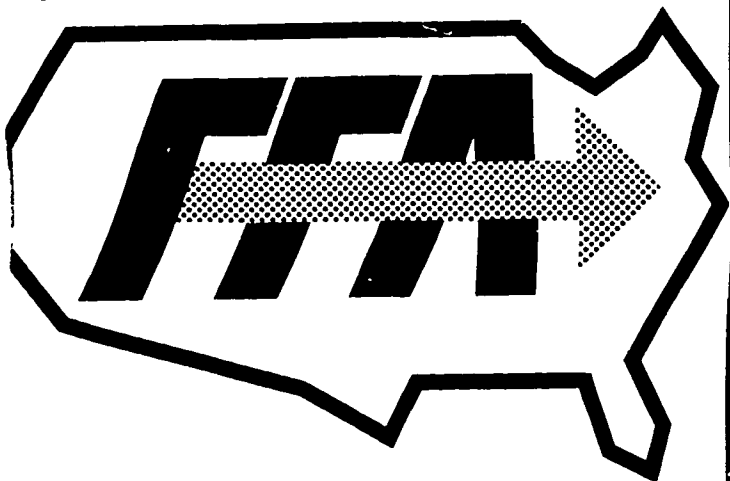
So, the Hersheys have hired a building coordinator. At present they are subcontracting and having a carpenter do their work for them, but in the future they have a projected aim of

constructing their own building.

"Oh, it seems that there is something new and exciting every day," claims Mrs. Hershey who enjoys her family's livelihood.

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"If this generalized resistance can be exploited we should be able to reduce the losses of rust to approximately 10 or 15 per cent during a severe epidemic. Varieties without generalized resistance can suffer extensive losses of 50 to 90 per cent.

"Use of these general resistant genes helps keep wheat healthy and compares to man maintaining his health through immunization against potentially harmful diseases."

This type of resistance will first have to be adapted into varieties for Minnesota production before being distributed to farmers, says Wilcoxson.

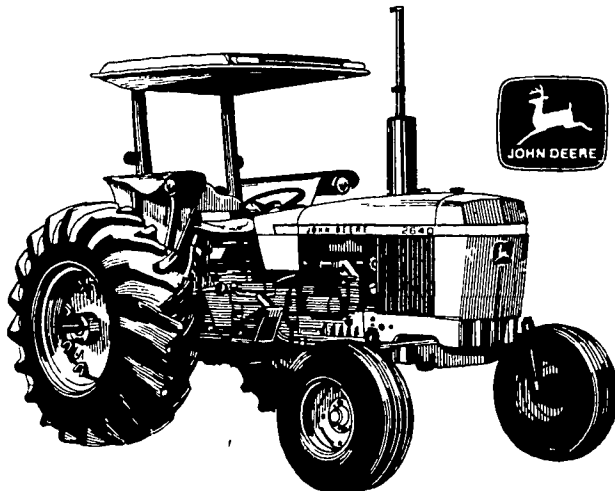
"We don't know how much general resistance our present varieties have, but 50 years' research shows some of the parents used for present varieties have exhibited significant general resistance to stem rust."

These sources of resistance can contribute to solving international wheat rust problems. Leaf rust is the most serious threat to wheat production in underdeveloped countries. "In

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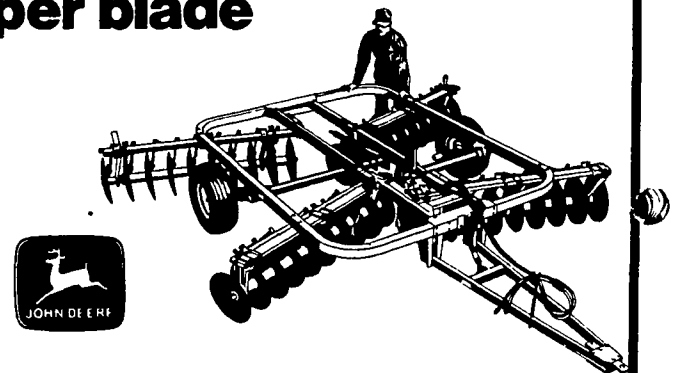
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