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## Summer farm labor down

HARRISBURG - Pennsylvania's farm labor force continued to show a decrease in hired workers this Summer, according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service. The shift was reflected in a survey conducted during the week of July 10-16, 1977.

The total number of workers on farms in the commonwealth during the survey week was 162,000, a two per cent decline from the comparable survey week last year and 1,000 more than the survey week in 1975.

Family workers increased from 120,000 last year to 123,000 this Summer while hired workers declined from 45,000 to 39,000. This represents a three per cent increase in the family sector and a 13 per cent drop in the number of hired workers from July 1976. Field and livestock workers comprised 32,000 of the 39,000 hired farm workers this July.

The average workweek for Pennsylvania farm operators during the survey period was 42.5 hours. Other unpaid family workers averaged 34.3 hours and

hired workers averaged 39.7 hours during the survey week.

Pennsylvania farm wage rates for all methods of pay converted to an hourly rate, averaged \$2.40 per hour during the survey week, a seven cent per hour increase from last year's rate of \$2.33. Field and livestock workers averaged \$2.22, an increase of nine cents from the previous July.

Nationally, the total number of workers on farms July 10-16 was 5,045,500, a decrease of 392,600 from last July. Of that total, family

workers and operators totaled 3,186,900, a decline of 187,800. Hired workers declined from 2,063,400 in 1976 to 1,858,600 this July.

U.S. farm wage rates for all methods of pay, converted to an hourly rate averaged \$2.77 during the survey week. The average a year ago was \$2.53. Hourly workers receiving only wages averaged \$2.81 per hour compared to \$2.52 a year earlier. Field and livestock workers averaged \$2.56 an hour, up 19 cents from the previous July.

## WHAT'S NEW

### FLEX-AUGER

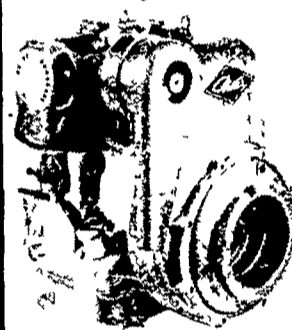
A system for conveying feed is now being offered by Brock Mfg., Inc. of Milford, Ind. The Brock Flex-Auger is a spring type auger which is centerless and made in

one continuous piece. It will move feed up, down, on the level, or around corners. Adaptable to practically all buildings, the Flex-Auger delivery system can handle up to 2400 pounds of feed per hour and deliver it in fresh, dry, clean, condition. The system is ceiling suspended and requires no floor space.

The Brock Flex-Auger adapts well to hog feeding operations by delivering feed from the bin directly to feeders in the building. The drop assembly or single units can be installed in practically any position with the level of feed controlled by adjusting the height of the drop tube. Dairy feeding is more sanitary with the Flex-Auger which delivers feed in closed tubes. The feed is handled and stored outside in weather and rodent proof bins.

Brock's Flex-Auger system is adaptable to poultry house use. Conveying tubes, mounted high out of the way, can supply feed to hoppers up to 250 feet away with one power source. The system, with a twin boot can adapt readily to multiple floor poultry houses. Accurately programmed feedings are possible over a 24-hour period with a time clock.

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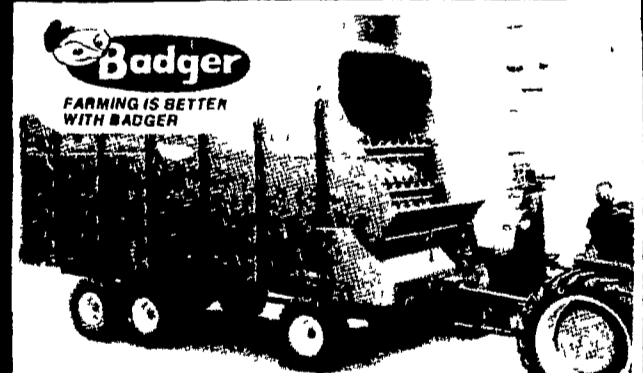


Seattle Slew, undefeated winner of racing's Triple Crown, had Agway horse feed as his training ration during the critical yearling period.

"We found that Agway feed supplied the right nutrition for the job we wanted him to do," said Dr. Jim Hill, co-owner of Slew along with Mickey and Karen Taylor. "In fact, we've got all of our two-year olds on Agway feed."

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