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could mean more profitable agricultural operations with more equitable prices to the consumer.

In the mid-1980's, "International trade of all types will have reached a new high, especially agricultural production and marketing will be widespread as the world seeks to maximize its ability to feed itself."(1)

There will be sufficient advances in technology and enough new satellites of improved design to provide sufficient data for an operational crop survey system. In addition, there will be anoperational space shuttle and a fleet of high altitude aircraft to gather specialized data.

There will be an increasing use of large-scale data banks, computational capability, and analytical techniques by all sectors of the population, brought on by massive increases in computer power and domestic satellite data transmission. Computer analysis will have progressed so that dynamic modeling of crop production using remotely sensed input will no longer be thought of as an oddity.

Through the 1980's, current techniques need to be further developed and adapted to use the powerful combination of satellite data collection and computer analysis to perform the survey of the following agricultural tasks on a global scale.

- Survey cropland to prepare statistical summaries and production forecasts for major
- Monitor pasture and cropland to detect and assess insect, disease, and stress damage.
- Survey cropland to evaluate current farming practices and classify areas on the basis of productivity.
- Survey and monitor cropland to calculate short- and long-run demand for irrigation
- Survey major crops on a global basis to inventory acreage and forecast wheat pro-
- Survey pasture and range areas to prepare statistical summaries of forage acreages, calculate supportive capacity for livestock, and assess current grazing practices.

Robeson Elementary announces pumpkin contest results

As part of the 8th annual Pumpkin Growing Contest sponsored by the Twin Valley FFA for elementary students of the Twin Valley District, FFA members judged the pumpkins of Robeson Elementary school students on September 29. Pumpkins were judged in three categories with the winners from each elementary school competing for a grand champion trophy in each category.

Winners in first grade were: Heaviest-1. Chris Zollers, 2. Rebecca Deeds, 3. (tie) Kyle and Kevin Mc-Vaugh. Best Decorated- 1. Amy Sparr, 2. Rebecca Deeds, 3. Thomas Hafer. Oddest Shape-1. Richard Haddock, 2. Alıcia Majeskı. Second grade winners

were: Heaviest-Stacy Mohr. Best Decorated-1. Wrightley Horne, 2. Stephanie Mattson, 3. Trace Oddest Shape-

Third grade winners were:

Patricia Taylor.

Heaviest-1. Joel Welsh, 2. Susie Burkhart, 3. Tom Morgan. Oddest Shape-1. Michael Tyler, 2. Tom Morgan.

Fourth grade winners were: Oddest shape-Nicole Guzowski. Best Decorated-Karen Brady.

Winners in fifth grade were: Heaviest-Beth Oddest Shaped-Morgan. Beth Morgan.

Winners in sixth grade: Best Decorated-1. Nelson Feick, 2. Jody Seifert. Oddest Shape-Wendy Richards.

The FFA chapter hopes that the contest will help to make students and teachers aware of some of the problems farmers face in producing food, as well as provide an interesting way to encourage students to learn how plants grow.

FFA members who helped judge pumpkins re: Sue Ford, Bill Quillan, Howard Griest, Lewis Kohl, Scott Haddock, and Paul Mohr.

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Sweepstakes ended

Wiegand of Kittanning R5, Pennsylvania, was one of eight U.S. farmers named a winner in International Harvester's national "Red Power Showdown Days" sweepstakes drawing.

Wiegand won a Cadet 81 lawn tractor, featuring an 8 horsepower engine, electric start and 36-inch rotary mower.

His name was drawn at a special ceremony in the IH exhibit at the Farm Progress Show, Taylorville, Ill., September 27. Grand prize winner, a farmer from Rembert, South Carolina, won a 1586 tractor, the most powerful of the company's Series 86 two-wheel drive models, featuring 161.5 pto horsepower. Other finalists

CHICAGO - Robert won two 484 utility tractors and four Cadet 81 tractors.

Wiegand was one of thousands of farmers from across the nation who signed up for the grand prize by attending a local IH dealer "Red Power Showdown Days" demonstration during the months of July and August. Regional drawings were then held to narrow the field to the eight finalists. Finalists also received an all-expense paid trip to the Farm Progress Show.





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