

Md. livestock judges home again



Members of Maryland's 4-H livestock judging team are home again after having competed in several regional and national contests. Among the competitors is H. Mitchell Day, 17, of Marriottsville, third from right, who represented his state this week as 4-H agricultural program winner at the 57th annual National 4-H Congress in Chicago. Mitchell was also honored recently by the Pennsylvania Co-op Swine Producers Association for being high individual in junior swine judging during the Keystone International Livestock Exposition. Other honors for the team include a fourth place over-all at the Keystone International and a 10th place in a 34-state field at the North American Livestock Exposition. Team members are, left to right: L. Martin Hamilton of Cooksville, assistant coach; Lynne Janney, 16, of Bloom; Ned Sayre, 17, of Churchville; H.M. ("Mickey") Day; Gary Ruby, 16, of Hampstead; and William A. Curry of Beltsville, coach. Curry is an Extension livestock specialist at the University of Maryland in College Park, and Hamilton is a 4-H and youth agent in Howard County.

Fisher appointed to Agronomy post

Souderton — Montgomery-Bucks Farm Bureau Cooperative Association, Souderton, has announced the appointment of Gery J. Fisher to the position of Agronomy Department Manager. He will be in charge of purchasing field seeds, agricultural chemicals and all fertilizer ingredients. He will be responsible for the overall operation of the liquid and dry fertilizer facilities.

Fisher is a native of Oley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fisher. He is a graduate of Delaware Valley College and holds a B.S. in horticulture. He is the past Berks County democratic committee chairman. Prior to this appointment Fisher was in charge of purchasing ag chemicals for all of Montgomery-Bucks Farm Bureau stores.

Montgomery-Bucks Farm Bureau, a feed, fertilizer and farm supply co-op serves farmers in Bucks, Montgomery, Lehigh and Berks Counties.

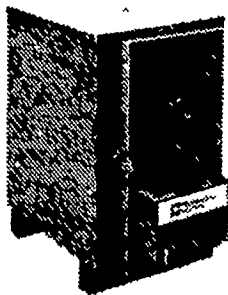
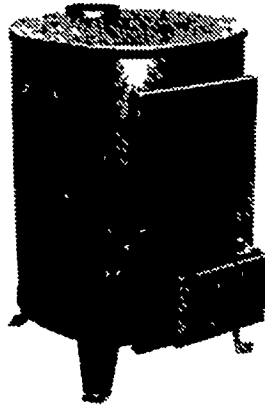
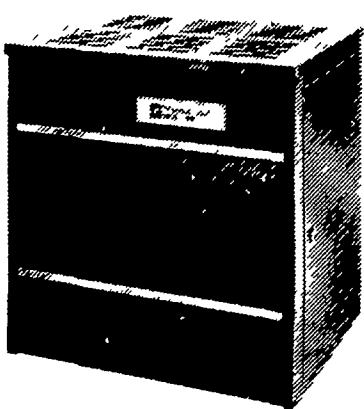


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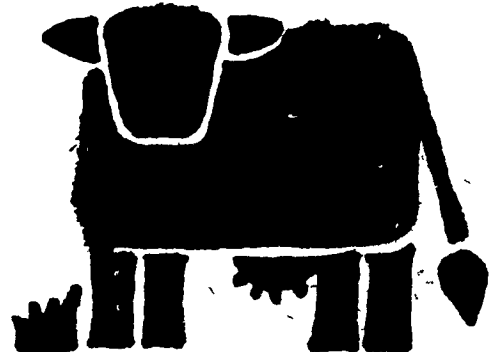
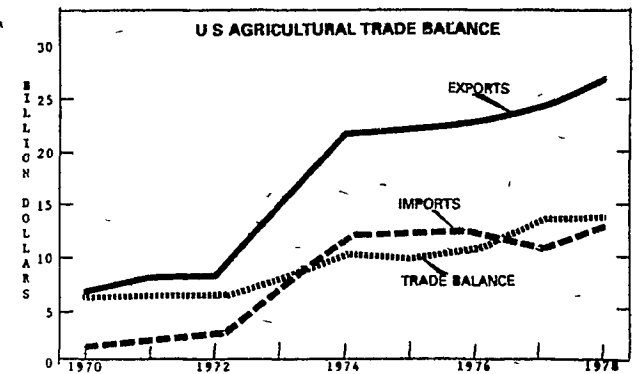
Ag exports up again in 1978

WASHINGTON, D.C. — In the fiscal year of 1978, (October 1977 to September 1978) U.S. agricultural exports now appear likely to total around \$26.6 billion, a tenth above the record value of the year 1977. The export tonnage of major bulk commodities will be up about 15 per cent, according to a report release by the USDA.

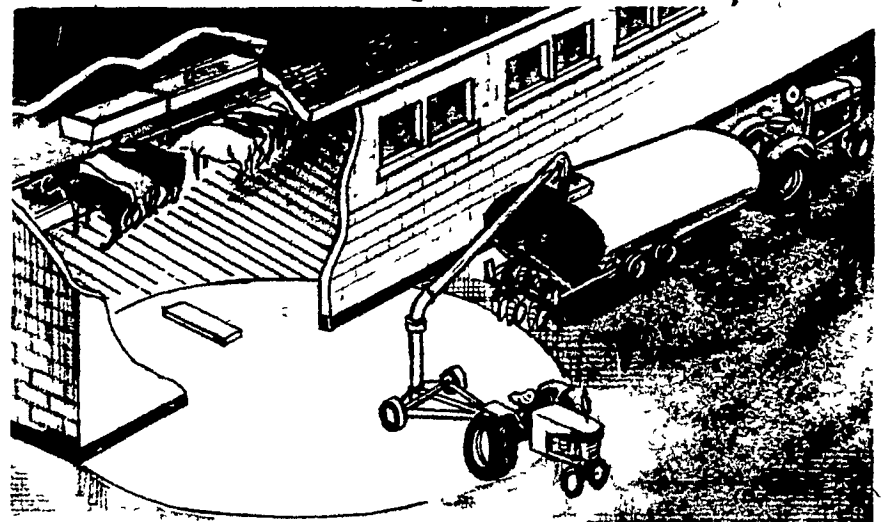
Although prices for many commodities have strengthened during the year, the export price index for fiscal year 1978 is estimated to be six per cent below 1977.

Last year, U.S. agricultural exports required the output of 107 million acres, up five million from 1976 and equivalent to 31 per cent of total U.S. harvested acreage. Food grains, chiefly wheat, accounted for 37 per cent of the export acres; oil crops ac-

counted for 30 per cent; feed grains, 24 per cent; cotton, five per cent; and all other crops, four per cent.



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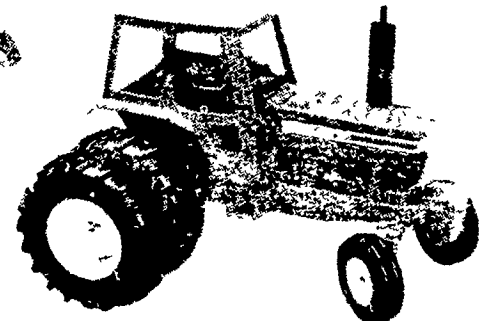
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