# Farm exports totaled \$27.3 billion

U.S. farm exports totaled \$27.3 billion in fiscal vear 1978, which ended last Sept.

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The 10, major exporting states, which had overseas previous year, according to sales of \$16.5 billion, were, in a U.S. Department of Agriculture report released order: Illinois, Iowa, Texas,

California, Minnesota, Indiana, Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri and Ohio. Soybeans, feedgrains, wheat, cotton and tobacco comprised 71 per cent of the

total U.S. agricultural export value in fiscal 1978.

Exports increased for almost every commodity group, including sunflower seeds, up 93 per cent, followed by peanuts and peanut oil, 40 per cent; and wheat and wheat products, 35 per cent. Exports of dairy products, vegetables and preparations and lard and tallow declined.

The top 10 exporting states accounted for over 60 per cent of the U.S. agricultural exports.

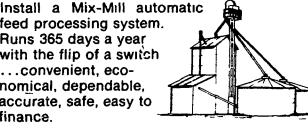
A year earlier, the top 10 states also accounted for 60 per cent (or \$14.3 billion) of the \$24.0 billion farm export total for fiscal 1977.

The report, issued by USDA's Economics, Statistics and Cooperatives Service, shows some changes among the listing of states. While Illinois and Iowa still hold their No. 1 and No. 2 rankings, the rest of the list has changed. Texas, in fourth position a year earlier, has moved to third, while California dropped from third to fourth.

The report also noted that the five top export commodities accounted for 71 per cent of the total last year. This list includes soybeans (\$6.4 billion), feed grains (\$5.98 billion), wheat (\$4.1 billion), cotton (\$1.7 billion), and tobacco (\$1.1 billion). A year ago, the top five export commodities accounted for 64 per cent of the total and included feed grains (\$5.34 billion), soybeans (\$4.3 billion), wheat (\$3.0 billion), cotton (\$1.54 billion) and tobacco (\$1.1 billion).



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## Christine Erb named IFYE

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LANCASTER The Lancaster County Cooperative Extension of Penn State, in cooperation with the National 4-H Foundation is pleased to announce the 1979 International Four-H Youth

Exchangee, Christine Erb, daughter of Wilbur and Amelia Erb, Mount Joy R1, Pa.

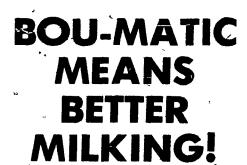
Chris was recently selected as one of two delegates to represent Pennsylvania. She is scheduled for a June 17 departure for Seattle, Washington. After a brief orientation, Chris will continue on to Japan. Her stay in the Orient will be six months. As an IFYE, Chris will live in the homes of Japanese families. Upon her return Chris will be available to present programs of her experience.

Chris is currently employed on her father's farm, working in the 50,000 layer poultry house. She was a nine year 4-H member. having been actively involved in the Elizabethtown-Donegal Community Club, Red Rose Baby Beef and Lamb Club, Mount Joy Sewing and Cake Decorating Clubs and was co-president of the County Council. Chris was a member of the 4-H Consumerama Judging Team and served as an advisor to 1974 4-H Leadership School held at Penn State.

The purpose of the IFYE program is to promote better understanding between people while learning another way of life. Each participating county provides \$1500 of the \$3950 two-way exchange. The Lancaster County IFYE Committee raises funds for

the IFYE program.
The 1977 delegate was Nancy (Henkel) Meyers who traveled to Belgium and in 1976 Raylene Harbold visited Trinidad-Tobago.

If a person would like a personal part in sponsoring this worthy project, contributions can be made payable to Lancaster County IFYE Fund and may be sent to J. David Lapp, Treasurer, 392 Myer Terrace, Leola, Pa. 17540. If one would like any further information, they can contact any committee member or the Lancaster County Cooperative Extension Service, 1383 Arcadia Road, Room 1, Farm and Home Center, Lancaster (Phone 717 394-6851).



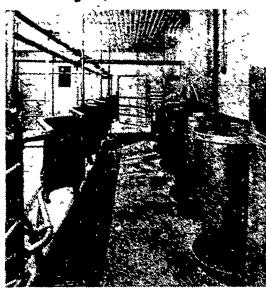




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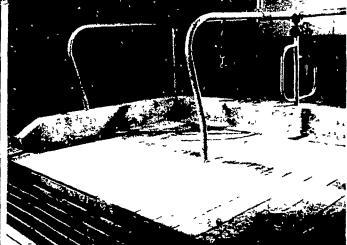


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