

Association opposes soybean reserves

ST. LOUIS, Mo. - The American Soybean Association opposes establishment of a government soybean reserve program.

U.S. Department of Agriculture officials continue to consider such a program, as revealed in a statement by its chief economist at the USDA

Agricultural Outlook Conference last week. Howard Hjort stated that the USDA may begin a farmer-held soybean reserve in 1979/80 if the basic supply and demand situation provides justification.

ASA President Allan Aves has expressed concern to Secretary of Agriculture Bob Bergland, emphasizing that

even though American soybean producers will harvest a record 2.2 billion bushel soybean crop this year, there is no indication that there will be excessive carryover stocks in 1980.

"World demand for U.S. soybeans has reached record levels for the second straight year," said Aves.

"There presently is no indication that demand will not continue to rise in the coming year."

Aves pointed out the carryover predicted for September 1, 1980 is only equal to about a two-month supply based on USDA demand projection—not an excessive amount con-

sidering the variability of world food production.

The actual September 1, 1979 carryover is about 70 million bushel less than was projected a year ago.

The American Soybean Association favors a free market for soybeans which its members believe, in the long-run, will provide American soybean farmers with the greatest opportunity for a profitable market for their crop.

Instead of a farmer-owned soybean reserve program for the 1979/80 marketing year, ASA supports continuing the 1978 soybean loan and purchase level of \$4.50 per bushel.

Nominations needed for Teacher-of-the-Year

LANCASTER - Nominations are being accepted for the seventh national "Conservation Teacher-of-the-Year" awards program according to Aaron Z. Stauffer, Chairman of the Lancaster County Conservation District.

The competition is open to all full-time teachers working at the kindergarten through high school level who have developed an outstanding program of environmental education.

The National Conservation Teacher of the Year will receive \$1000 in cash and an expense paid trip to San Francisco, California for the 1981 Annual Convention of the National Association of Conservation Districts. The national second place winner receives a \$500 cash award

and the first place regional winner will be given \$200.

Co-sponsored by NACD and the Allis Chalmers Corporation, the purpose of the awards program is to encourage the development of creative learning experiences in conservation for young people.

"Any teacher in a public or private school in our conservation district who puts emphasis on environmental conservation as a regular part of the instructional program is eligible for nomination," said Mr. Stauffer.

Interested teachers can obtain additional information forms from the Lancaster County Conservation District, Farm & Home Center, Lancaster.

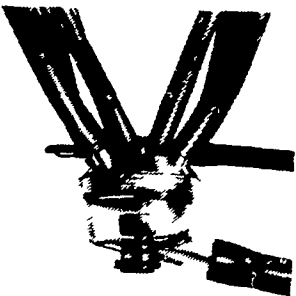
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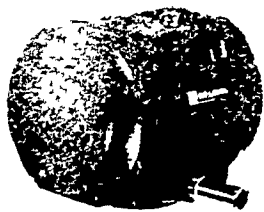
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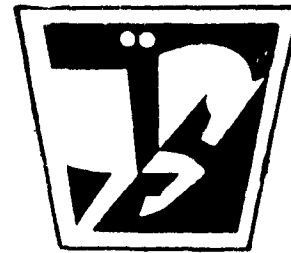
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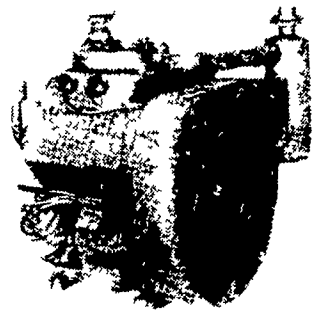
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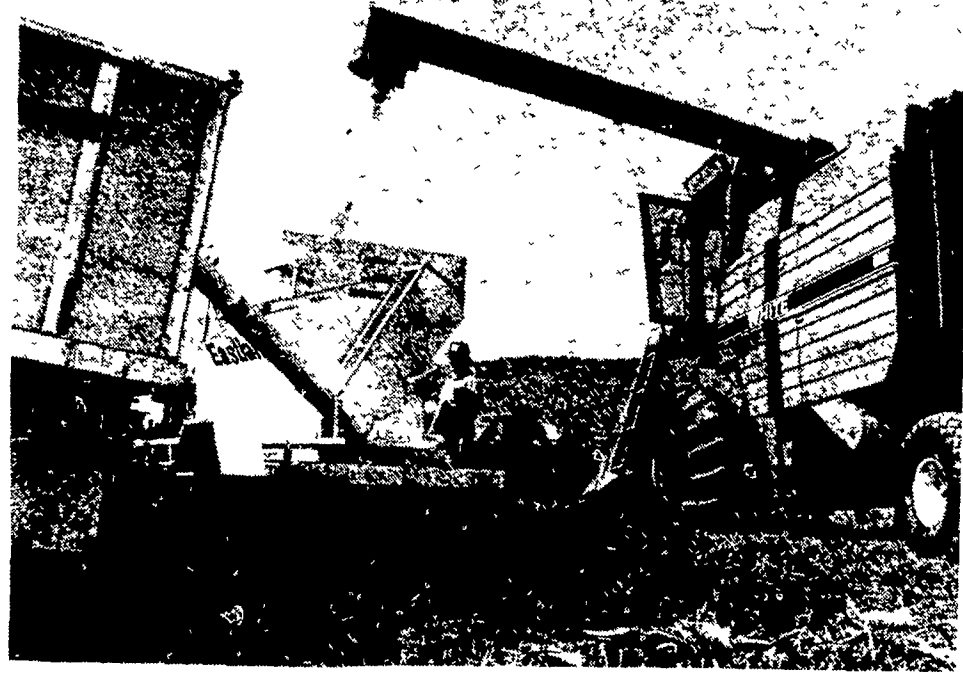
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