

A truckload of firewood is...well...about...

HARRISBURG — "How much firewood can I haul in my standard size automobile?"

"I have a compact station wagon, how much firewood can it carry?"

"What kind of a truck do I need for a cord of firewood?"

These are typical questions people ask when they call the Department of Environmental Resources about the department's firewood sale at the Farm Show Complex.

To help answer those questions, DER's Bureau of Forestry prepared a typical list of vehicles - pickup

trucks, station wagons, standard size sedans, vans and trailers - which shows how much fuel wood the owner can "pack into" the vehicle.

A standard rough cord of wood is a stack four feet high by four feet wide by eight feet long.

An average size pickup truck will take one unit of any size wood. This would include one-third, two fifths or one-half standard rough cord of 16, 20 or 24 inch wood.

One-half of a unit, including one-sixth, one-fifth and one-fourth of a standard rough cord, of 16 or 20 inch length wood can be crammed

into a compact station wagon while a standard size wagon and mini-pickup truck will take one-half of a unit of any size wood including the 24 inch lengths.

An average sedan can

handle about five bundles of firewood. A stake body truck will take a standard rough cord.

An open van will accommodate one unit of 16 or 20 inch size firewood, the same

as the compact station wagon, while a small trailer can handle one-half of a unit of any size wood. A small trailer will accommodate one unit of any size firewood. Firewood is still available

at the Farm Show Complex from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m., Tuesdays through Saturdays. The wood is split, is primarily oak and well seasoned for use in a fireplace or wood stove.

Interest charges waived on grain reserve

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Secretary of Agriculture Bob Bergland announced today that farmers who placed corn in the grain reserve program between October 22 and January 7 will be eligible for waiver of the first year's interest charges.

October 22 was the date that immediate entry of 1978

and 1979 crops was authorized. January 7 was the day new reserve rules became effective.

To qualify for the interest waiver, farmers affected by the new announcement must contact their county office of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service to sign a

new reserve agreement. Interest that will be waived is that which accrued beginning January 7.

Interest that accrued before January 7 will still be owed by the farmer.

Bergland said his decision was made as a matter of

equity for those farmers who earlier had placed grain in the reserve.

On January 7, as one of the moves in response to suspension of grain sales to the USSR, first-year interest on grain in the reserve program had been waived.

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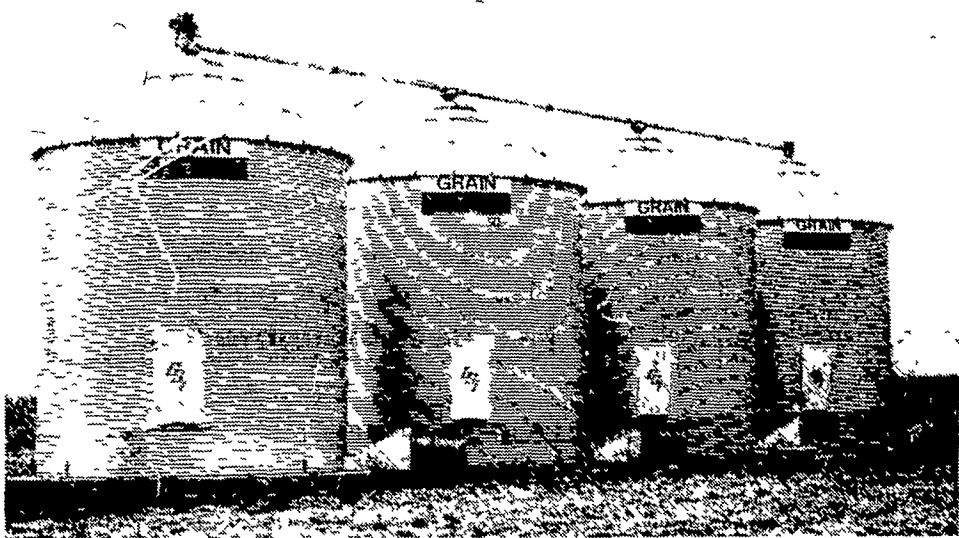
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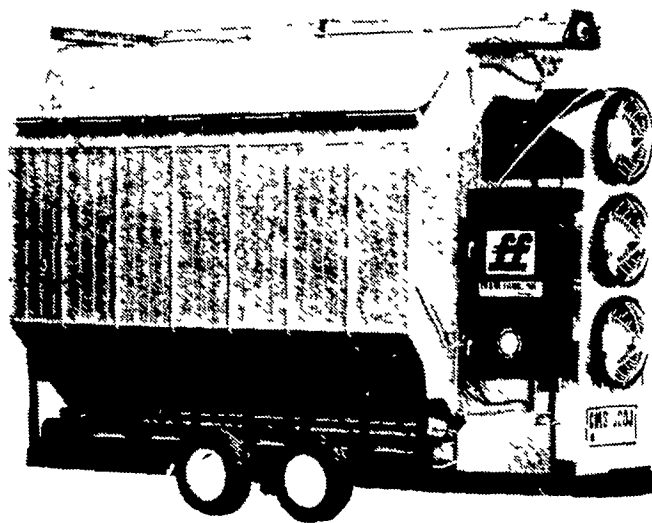


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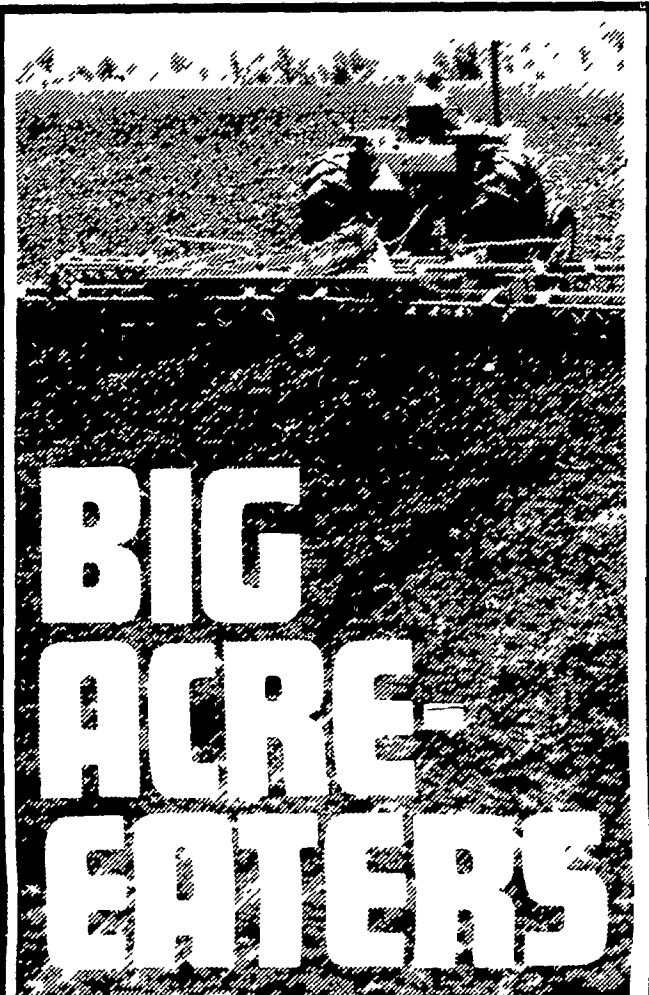
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