



Son and father, R. Gregory and Robert M. Manners of Ringoes, Hunterdon County, N.J., devote much of their time to crops farming these days.

## Tractor puller

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March Board of Trade futures, so we follow that in the WSJ. We dry the corn at less than 160 degrees F. and store it apart from our regular corn on the farm until they call for portions or all of it.

"Regardless of delivery date, and even afterward, we can phone Staley any day and take the current futures level plus premium. If we wait until March 1, we automatically get that day's price plus premium."

Staley also pays for seed and lets growers choose the variety. The Manners made 102 bushels an acre with Trojan WTXS115, despite rain that stressed early plantings, washed out fertilizer and herbicides, and packed the ground until footprints never showed.

"For comparison, yields were similar from four



Dryer setting of 220 degrees F for regular corn must be reset below 160 degrees when R. Gregory Manners dries waxy corn.

regular varieties of Trojan corn in the same 105-120 day maturity range," says Gregory. "The best one, T1120 (a 112-day hybrid), was filled to the ear tip with deep kernels for yield and small cobs for fast drydown. That's what we need."

After filling their silo and silage pit, the Manners sell their regular corn to Staley, or the Agway feed mill at Bordentown, N.J., or for export in Philadelphia.

They put up 28,000 bales of hay, an increase of 3000 over last year.

"That rain hurt the corn but helped the alfalfa," Gregory says.

On their first sizeable try, they also harvested more than 40 bushels per acre of soybeans, for export at Philadelphia.

"Our best variety yielded near 50 bushels. On my Uncle Ken Manners' 200 acres near Terraceland the

same blend, Pfizer Genetics CB390, produced one plant with 87 filled pods, but before he thought to save it his pet goat ate the plant."

The Manners bought a floating cutter bar so their White 8600 combine can handle both corn and soybeans. Corn harvest begins in late September as an equipment and procedure shakedown. Ear moisture of 32 per cent is somewhat

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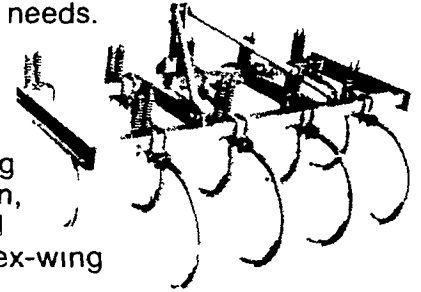
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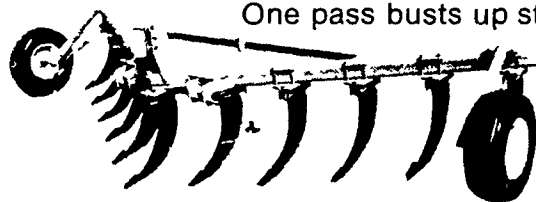
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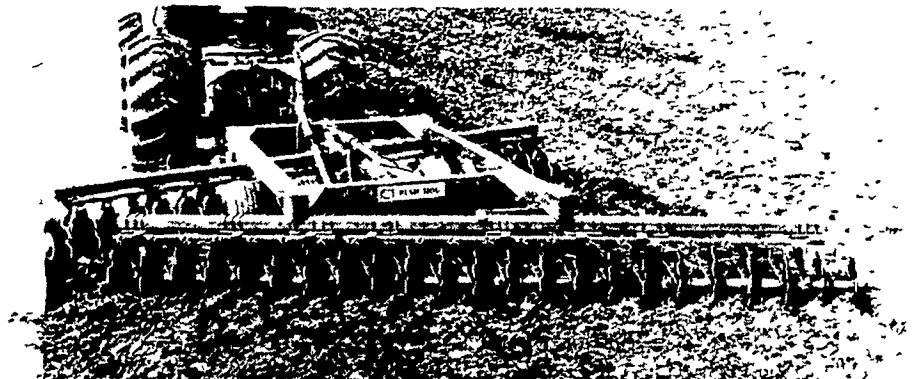
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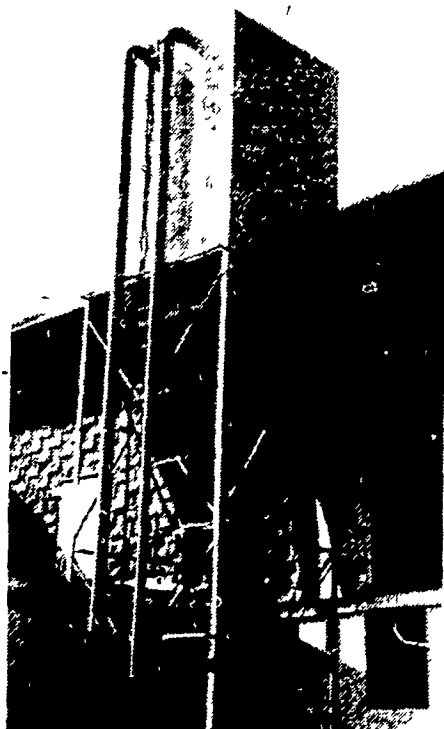
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