

Kansas firm to receive \$11.8 million for gasohol plant

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Secretary of Agriculture Bob Bergland last Friday announced that Farmers Grain and Fuel Products, Inc., Liberal, Kans., has been tentatively approved to receive a plot loan guarantee of \$11.8 million to help finance a six million gallon a year anhydrous alcohol plant.

The plant will produce alcohol suitable for blending with gasoline to make gasohol from grain sorghum. A cattle feedlot that will use all of the byproduct wet stillage generated by the distillery is an integral part of the project, Bergland said. There is also a facility for recovering byproduct carbon dioxide to sell to a neighboring meatpacking concern.

Bergland said this project is part of President Carter's renewable energy program, and that the plant can contribute significantly to achieving the President's 1981 fuel alcohol goal—500 million gallons of annual capacity.

"Obviously," Bergland said, "it would take only 83 plants of this size to achieve the President's goal. Considering other larger plants on the drawing boards or already operating, I think we are going to make it. I'm pleased that USDA has other

program resources it can contribute to the effort."

The Kansas project replaces one submitted by Midwest Solvents, Inc., but withdrawn at that firm's request several months ago.

Bergland said the loan guarantee, authorized by the 1977 Food and Agriculture

Act, will permit Farmers Grain and Fuel Products, Inc. to begin ordering plant components and construction materials within a month. The plant should begin producing marketable anhydrous alcohol in May or June of 1981.

Montgomery County 4-H ambassadors available

NORRISTOWN — Several Montgomery County 4-H'ers recently attended a 4-H Teen Ambassador Weekend in Leesport.

The purpose of the weekend was to prepare teens to tell the 4-H story to the public, such as civic and service clubs, PTA groups, and others.

Those attending the weekend were: Colleen Kinsky, Lansdale; Karen Waltermeyer, Collegeville; Jeannie Underland, Philadelphia; Heidi Schempp, Lansdale; Dana

Trumbauer, Hatboro; and Mary Pat McGann, Maple Glen.

According to County Agent Nancy Kadwill, these 4-H'ers and others are interested in sharing their 4-H

experiences and programs with area groups. If your club is interested in a program on 4-H and youth work, please call the Montgomery County 4-H Office at 215/277-0574.



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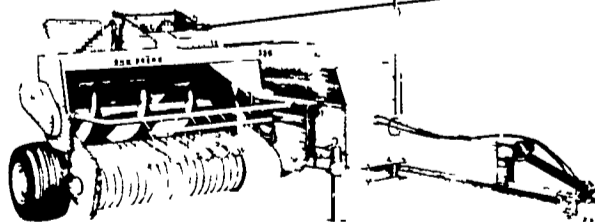


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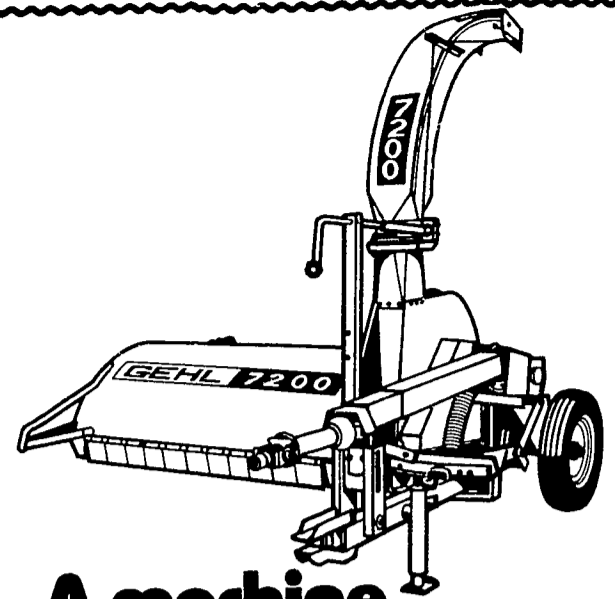
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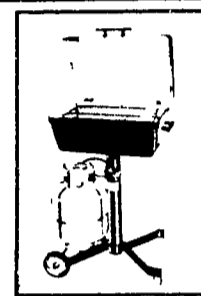


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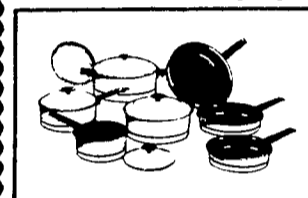
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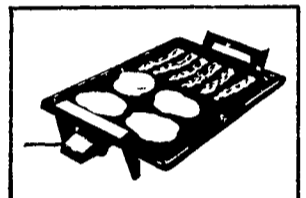
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