

Corn reserve opened to 1979 non-participants

WASHINGTON, DC — Corn farmers who did not participate in the 1979 feed grain program will be allowed to place a limited quantity of corn in the farmer-owned grain reserve, according to Secretary of Agriculture Bob

Bergland.

Bergland, who took the action following the April 11 signing of authorizing legislation by President Carter, said he did so to help farmers isolate additional

corn stocks from the marketplace and strengthen market prices.

Bergland said this option for previously ineligible corn farmers will be available on a first-come, first serve basis until approximately 295 million bushels (7.5 million metric tons) of previously ineligible corn have been placed in the reserve, or May 15, whichever comes first.

Bergland said farmers who did participate in the

1979 feed grain program and who currently have corn under a regular 9-month price support loan will continue to be eligible to enter their grain into the reserve, regardless of how many bushels of previously ineligible corn go into the reserve.

Farmers who wish to take advantage of this change should contact their local county office of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service.

Program non-participants will receive the same reserve loan rate for their corn (\$2.10 per bushel) as do program participants, but will not be eligible for the waiver of first-year interest charges. Non-participants will remain ineligible for USDA's regular 9-month price support loans, Bergland said.

USDA has been purchasing corn to help support prices, following the January 4 announcement by

the president to suspend grain shipments to the Soviet Union in excess of 8 million metric tons per year. Since that announcement, the department has purchased approximately 59 million bushels (1.5 million tons) of corn and accepted into the farmer-owned grain reserve 197 million bushels (5.0 million tons) of corn.

The total quantity of corn now in the reserve is approximately 812 million bushels (20.6 million tons).

Quilt show planned

BOYERTOWN — The Boyertown Area Historical Society will hold its annual quilt show on Saturday, May 3, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, May 4, 12 Noon to 6 p.m. in the Society building at 43 S. Chestnut St., Boyertown.

The show, which features over 100 quilts, attracts hundreds of visitors. Some come to see the 19th century patchwork and applique examples. Active quilters come to see these and the modern, newly-created designs. For beginners, Society members will be busy stitching and happy to give advice to interested individuals. The quilts, old and new, are on loan from private individuals and, in most cases, have not been seen by the public prior to this show.

As an added attraction, quilts made by Mrs. Jane Blair of Spring Mill, Pa., will be on view. Mrs. Blair, a nationally-known quilter, has created incredible designs utilizing the patchwork method. Her quilts have been featured on the cover and in the pages of a nationally-distributed magazine. Visitors to the Show will be treated to a look at these special quilts.

Also on exhibit will be an unusual quilt made by Society members. It is composed of embroidered patches depicting the outline of a 1920's "flapper" girl. The patches date from the early 19th century and, when given to the Society, were partially completed. Society member, Mary Sands, embroidered those un-

finished designs, and Mrs. Rosie Mutter, Quilt Show chairman, combined them into a completed quilt top.



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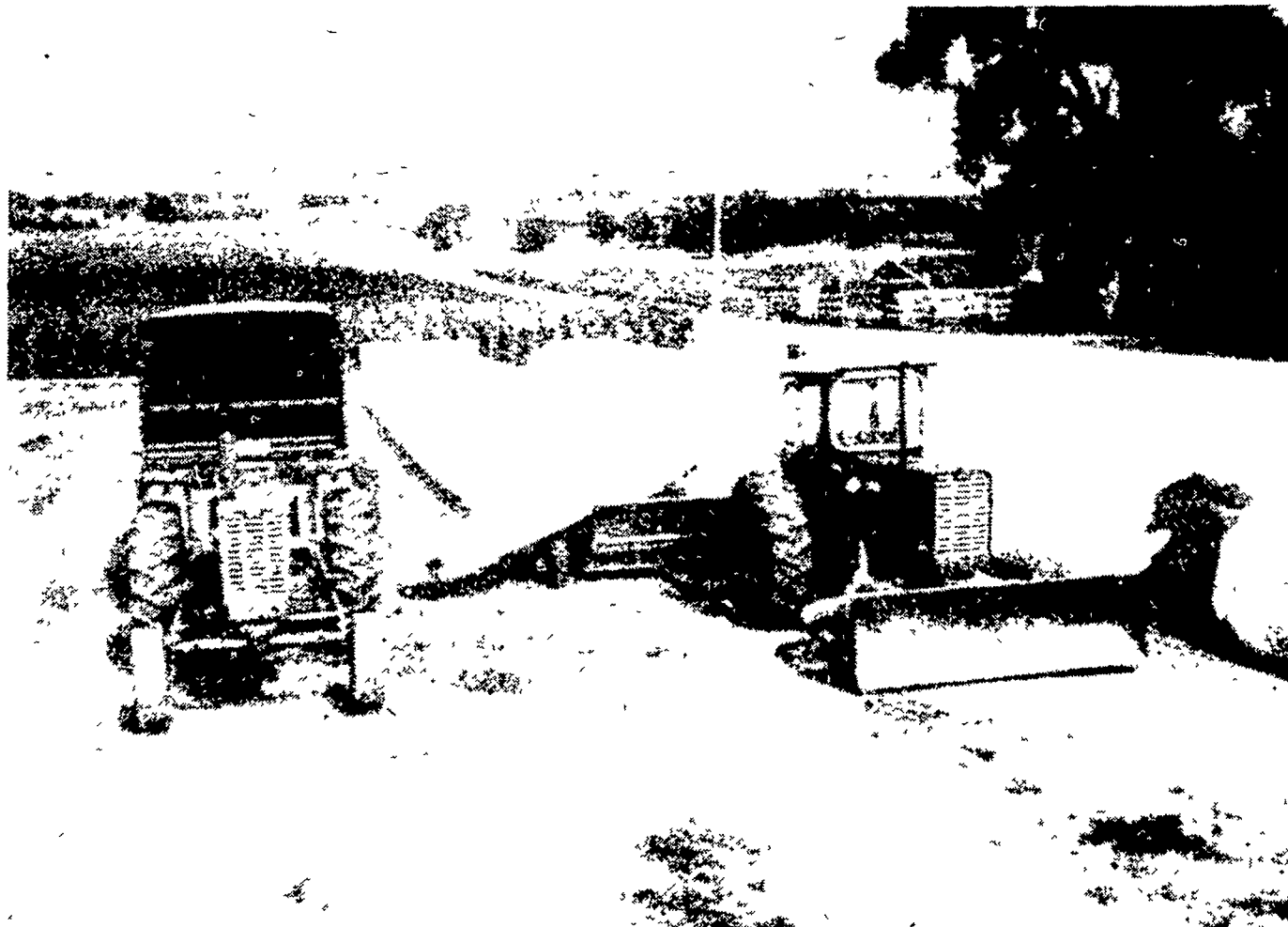


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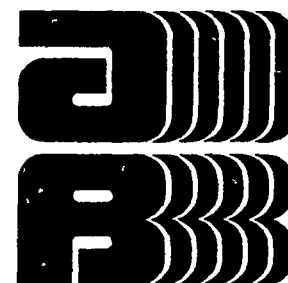
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