

Ag structure study finished, new ag act to begin

WASHINGTON, D.C. — At the direction of Chairman Talmadge, the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry has begun the preliminary work of developing new general farm legislation that must be enacted next year to replace the Food and Agriculture Act of 1977.

The starting point of this effort is a Committee study of the forces and influences that have shaped and affected the structure of American agriculture as it

exists today. The study in part is a response to Secretary Bergland's initiation of a national dialogue on farm structure.

But it also is intended as a legislative resource book on farm structure, both generally and with specific reference to major commodities, by the best authorities on agricultural policy in the United States.

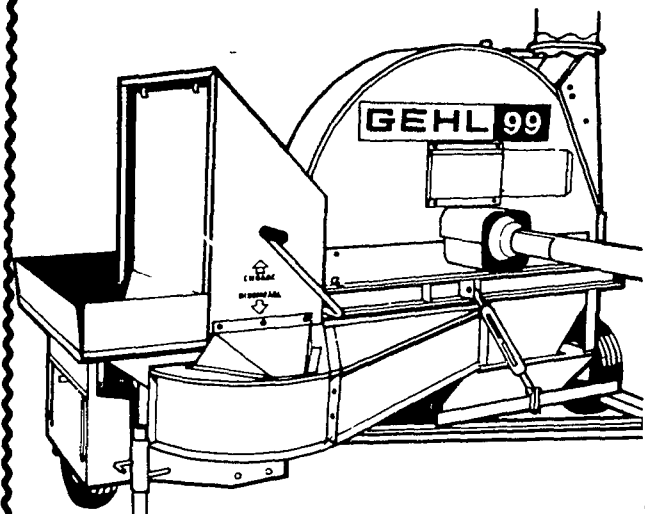
The product of the study is included in the report, *Farm Structure, A Historical Perspective on Changes in*

the Number and Size of Farms.

It is hoped that the study and the report will provide basic background information for the 1981 farm bill. As Chairman Talmadge states in the foreword: "This publication marks the beginning of the committee's task of writing that bill."

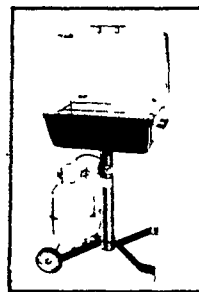
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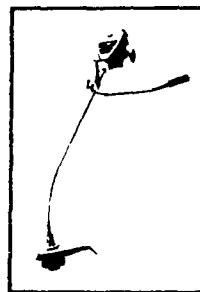


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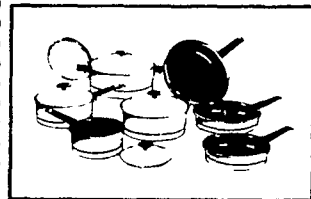
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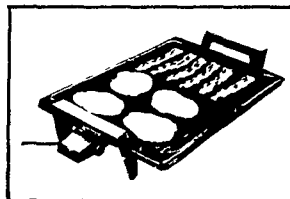
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