



Kathy Jones of Philadelphia, left, Amy Winklosky of Derry, Monica Hough, Philadelphia; Connie Palmer, Derry; and Glyn Boone of Derry participated in a recent tour which was part of a new FFA cultural program exchange.

Philadelphia and Derry FFA's initiate cultural exchange

PHILADELPHIA — The Philadelphia and Derry FFA Chapters participated in an activity new to the FFA: The Agri-Cultural Exchange Program.

Advisor James Tatro and six members of the

Philadelphia FFA - Hope Niblick, Lori Doman, Karen Takakjy, Monica Hough, Brian Godfrey, and Rose McCloskey - were hosted respectively, by Derry advisory Dr. Campbell, Amy Winklosky, Marlene Petro,

Bonnie Palmer, Connie Palmer, Chris Doyle, and Glenda Barnhart. During the exchange, the Philadelphia and Derry members participated in activities including visits to area farms and agri-businesses and attending Derry's annual chapter banquet.

Glyn Boone, Pennsylvania's State FFA President from Derry, conceived the idea for a chapter exchange program that would give FFA members across the state the opportunity to experience cultural and agricultural ways of life different from their own. Glyn worked closely with State

ST LOUIS, Mo. — American soybean growers plan to plant 1.7 percent fewer acres than in 1979 according to a survey released today by American Soybean Association economist Parry Dixon.

The decrease means farmers will plant 70.35 million acres of soybeans this spring. In 1979, soybean planted area totaled 71.6 million acres.

The ASA planting intentions survey represents a 1.3 percent decrease in soybean plantings from USDA's April Prospective Plantings Report that showed a .4 percent decrease from 1979.

The planting intentions have been divided into five regional areas:

A 1.8 percent decrease in the Eastern Corn Belt states of Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky, Michigan and Wisconsin.

A 1.9 percent decrease in the Western Corn Belt states of Iowa, Minnesota,

Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska and the Dakotas.

A 2.9 percent decrease in the Mid-South states of Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Texas, Oklahoma and Tennessee.

A 0.1 percent decrease in the Southeastern states of Alabama, Georgia, Florida and the Carolinas.

A 5.0 percent increase in the Mid-Atlantic states of Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and Virginia.



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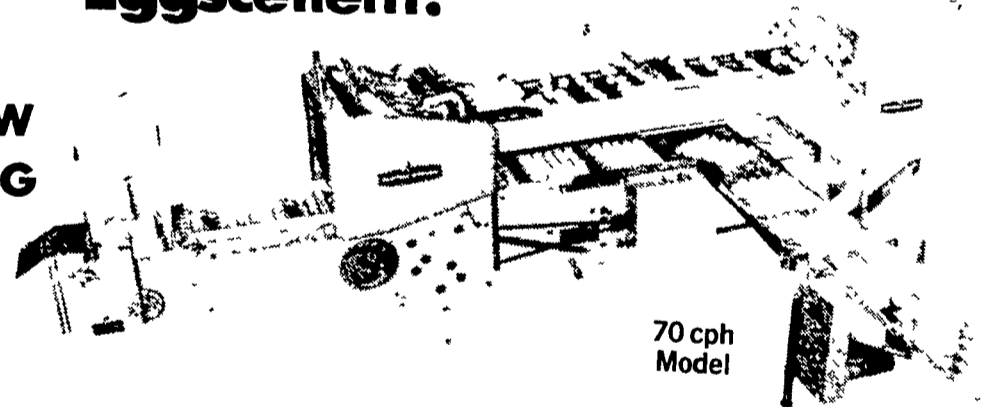
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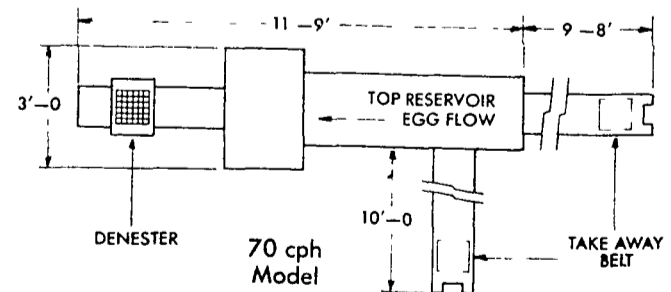
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