

Western ground water should be adequate

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Water supplies should be adequate to excellent for much of the West this summer, according to a coordinated report issued today by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Below normal runoff, however, is expected in the Pacific Northwest and northern Rockies.

Norman A. Berg, administrator of USDA's Soil Conservation Service, said

heavy March snows added to the near record snowpack in parts of Arizona, Utah, New Mexico, and Colorado. NOAA's National Weather Service warns of a snowmelt flood threat in this region.

Reservoir storage varies in the West from slightly below normal in Montana to near capacity in Arizona. Elsewhere, most lakes are near their normal April 1 levels.

Normally, snowpack level is at its deepest level about April 1.

SCS surveys snowpack and monitors snowmelt at about 1600 sites throughout the West and Alaska each month from February through May. In cooperation with NOAA's National Weather Service, U.S. Department of Commerce, these data are analyzed and monthly forecasts of runoff and water supplies are issued.

Forecasts are based on the assumption that weather during the balance of the winter and spring will be near normal. Snow ac-

cumulated during winter and spring provides about 75 percent of the western water supply during the year.



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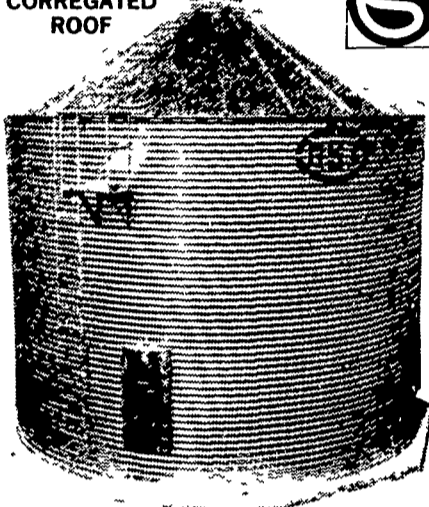
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women, who are participating in 4-H programs.

A Speakers' Committee member will bring the equipment, run the show and answer questions. Program chairpersons of organizations are invited to contact the Berks County 4-H Office, Berks County Agricultural Center, Leesport, PA. 19533, 215-378-1327 for further details.

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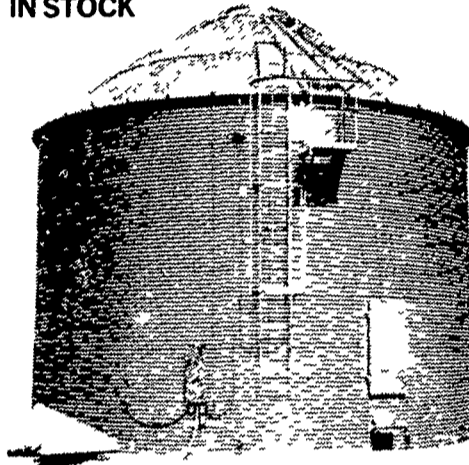
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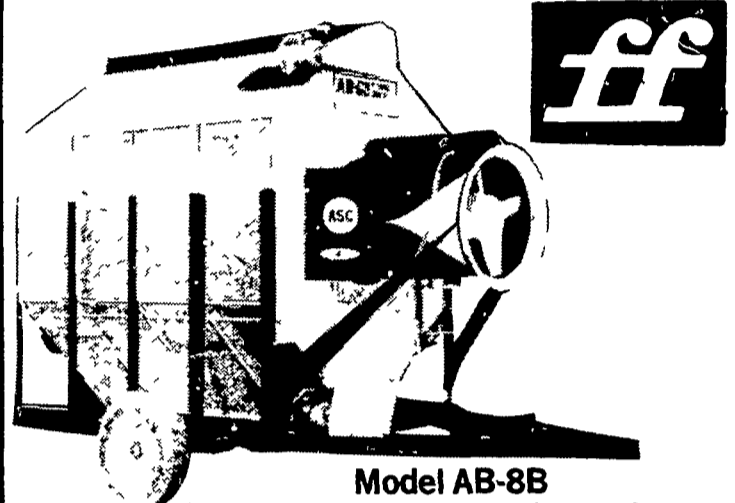
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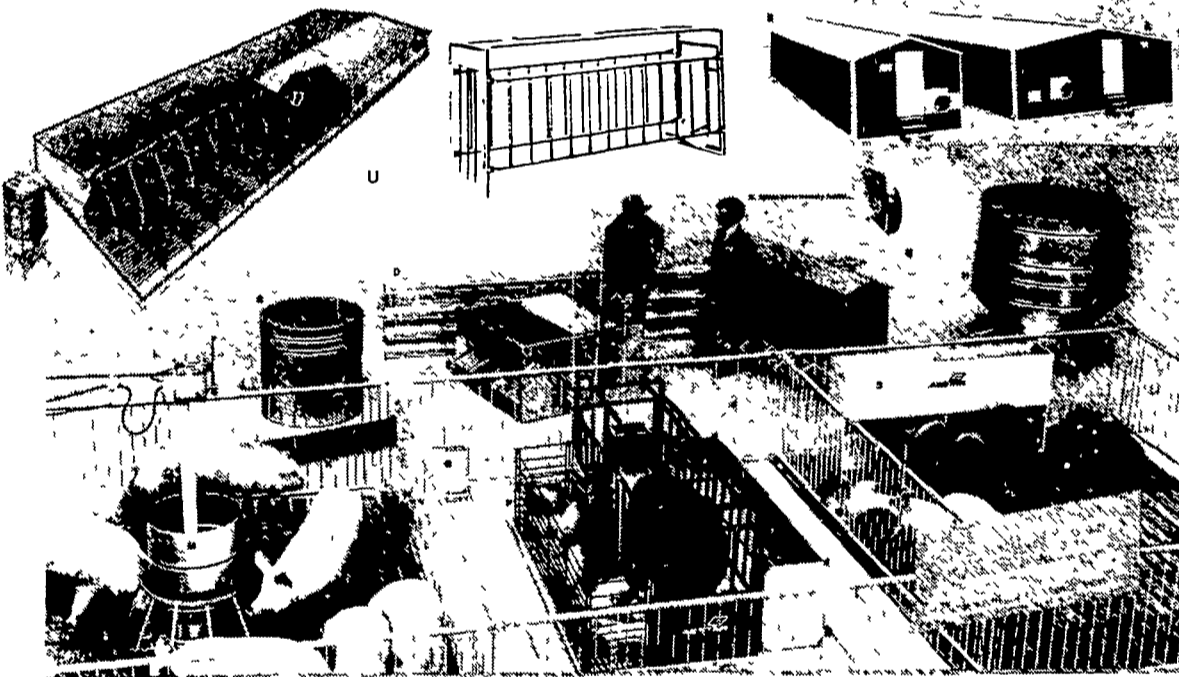
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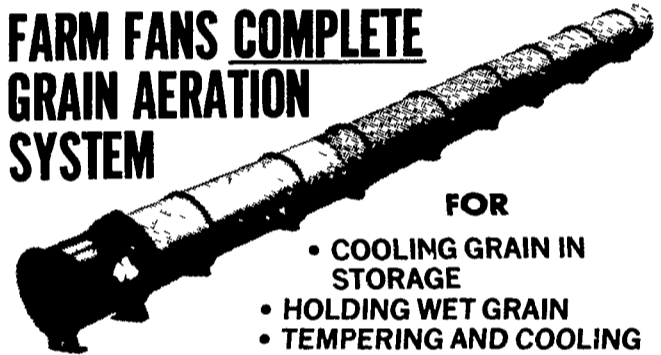
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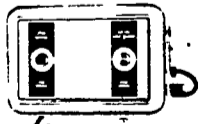
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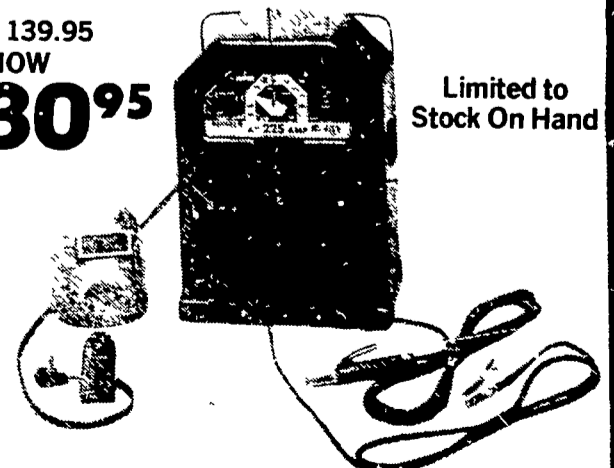
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