

Little bit of Kansas in Lancaster Co.

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CLAY TOWNSHIP — It looked like Kansas in Lancaster County on Thursday.

Whenever you get five combines, several grain trucks and carts, plus a couple of tractors pulling balers and wagons all in one area at the same time, it resembles more of a Mid-west or Western harvesting operation than East Coast agriculture.

But that was the scene on the Melvin Nolt farm near Schoeneck Thursday afternoon.

That sized harvesting crew made short work of 18 acres of wheat, including baling of the straw.

Neighbors and friends brought a rainbow of equipment colors and names to help Nolt and lessen his harvesting task while rebuilding following the severe storm damage of a couple weeks ago.

Tom Zartman started the cutting with his Gleaner L. Soon, Earl Martin added his big green Deere 6620 hillside.

Next were added a couple of Masseys of Allen Horst and Walt Augsburg. John Zimmerman was in the cab of his New Idea.

John Hoover brought a grain truck and Raymond Burkholder was helping with the baling.

As the harvesters criss-crossed the three wheat fields, others were putting the finishing touches on a new tobacco shed to replace one damaged in the storm.

Work will also begin shortly on the construction of a new barn. The Nolt barn, along with 37 steers, were lost in a fire caused by the storm.

Yes, it sure looked something like Kansas in Lancaster County. Even the weather was hot, sultry and near 90 degrees. Dust and

chaff swirled about just like on the Plains.

Except in Kansas, it's difficult to see anything on the horizon but more and more wheat.

And the county wheat looked much better than that of the drylands farther west. It was heavy and lodged only in the heavy nitrogen areas.

The windrows of straw were equally heavy. It didn't take long to make a bale.

If the wheat yield is anything like Nolt's barley harvest, he'll be well satisfied.

In a neighboring field with soybeans just now peeking through he harvested 100 bushels of barley to the acre — his best ever.



If you look closely, you can count four combines in this wheat field on the Melvin Nolt farm, Clay Township. In all, five neighbors harvested his wheat, while others drove trucks, pulled carts and baled the straw.

Summary available from rabbit conference

UNIVERSITY PARK — Rabbits cannot add but they sure do multiply, from an estimated 50,000 young produced annually in Pennsylvania in 1970 to about one-half million produced, purchased, sold, processed or used as meat or lab animals in 1980.

The agricultural extension service in Pennsylvania is now responding to about 6000 owners of rabbits in Pennsylvania each year for information requests.

Three thousand of these are youngsters, many of whom are enrolled in 4-H and FFA rabbit projects. This industry in Penn-

sylvania is now about a five million dollar industry and growing.

Anyone may purchase a summary of papers presented at the 1979 Conference on Rabbits, held at Penn State, according to Herbert C. Jordan.

The Summary includes papers on: chemistry of feed and rabbit manure as a fertilizer; managing for net income; new housing systems with controlled ventilation; how to start a commercial rabbitry; genetics and breeding; strong points and limitations of the Netherland Dwarf rabbit; preventative disease control; minicomputers;

practical nutrition; and laws of better management.

The Summary also includes a 500-point written evaluation and a registration list of 70 conferees.

This 1979 Summary may be purchased for \$3 per copy. Send a check or money order payable to The Pennsylvania State University; mail to: Ag. Conf. Coordinator, 410 J.O. Keller Building, University Park, PA 16802.

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Summary may also be purchased. These Conference Summaries both include advice on practical husbandry of the rabbit as well as scientific information.

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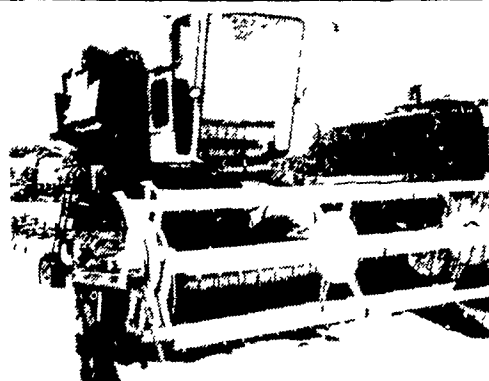
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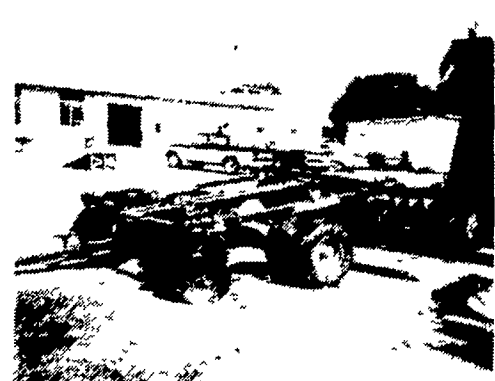
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