

# Foreign ownership of U.S. land up slightly in 1980

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Foreign investors have reported owning less than 1 percent of agricultural land in the United States as of the end of last year.

That's less than is generally thought by the

public," according to Secretary of Agriculture John R. Block.

"As of last December, foreign investors reported they owned about 7.8 million acres of U.S. agricultural

land. While that figure is up 2.2 million acres from what USDA reported the year before, about 1.8 million of that increase was due to late-filled 1979 reports being included in this year's report," Block

said.

"The actual increase during 1980 was about 414,000 acres out of a total U.S. agricultural area of about 1.25 billion acres," Block said.

Block said next year's report could once again

contain late-filed reports, thus raising this year's figure. He also said the total acreage of foreign-owned U.S. agricultural land is too small to measure the impact on agriculture at the

national level.

In Pennsylvania, records for the period of February 2, 1979 through December 31, 1980 showed 154,562 acres held by foreign owners. During that same time period,

foreign investors acquired 1,766 acres of Keystone state land.

In neighboring states, foreign land holdings and acquisitions for that same period were: New York - 211,806 acres held; 21,346 acquired; New Jersey - 19,868 acres, 3,408 acres; Delaware - 6,627 acres, 940 acres; Maryland - 22,530 acres, 12,937 acres; and West Virginia - 21,393 acres, 2,393 acres.

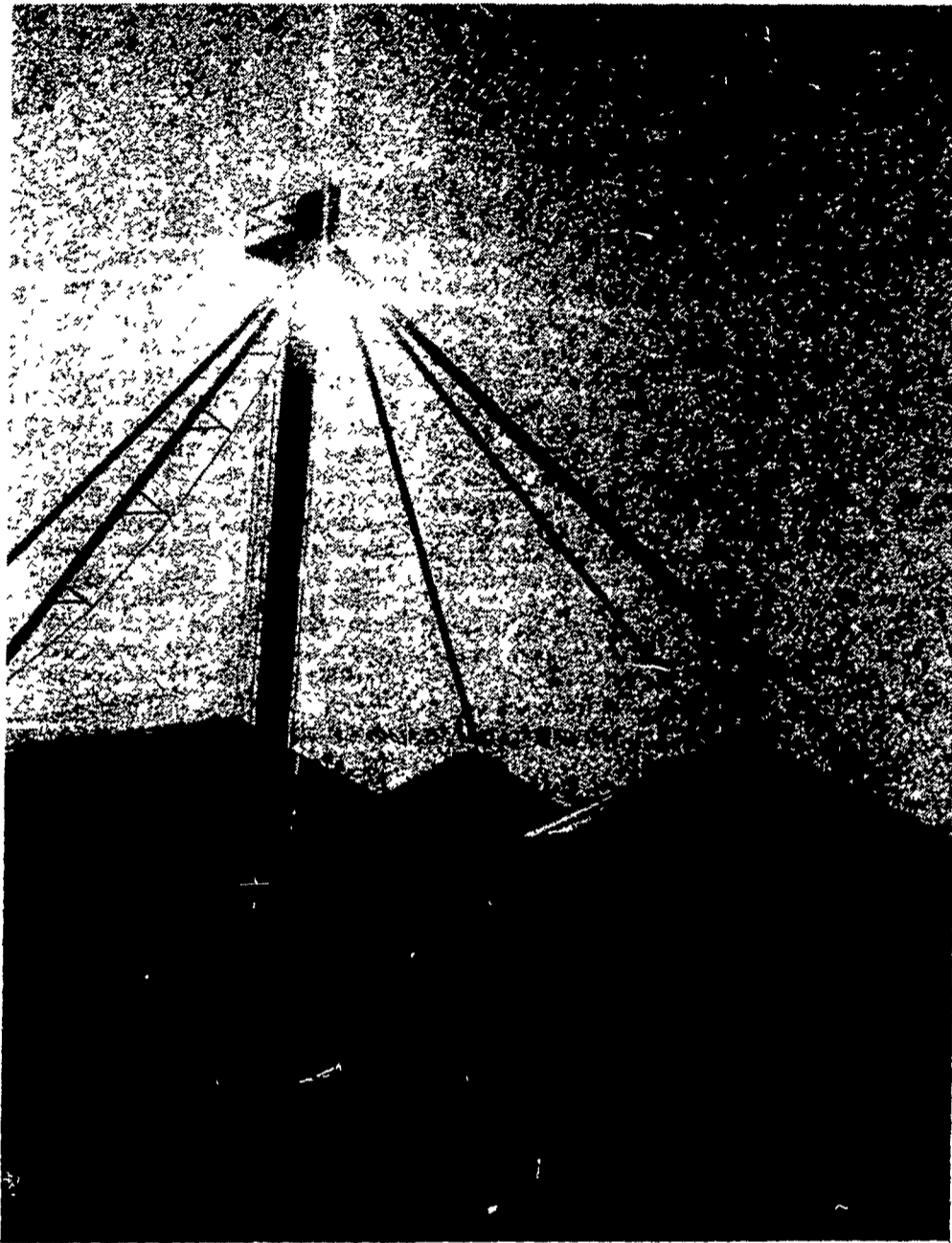
Canadians represent the foreign owners with the largest landholding acreages — 1,236,604 acres. West Germany and the Netherland Antilles are running a close race for second and third in the acreage of U.S. land held, and are the leading owners acquiring land from February, 1979 until the end of 1980. West Germany holds 380,724 acres and acquire 192,473 acres, while the Netherlands Antilles held 373,024 acres and acquired 259,924 acres. Citizens of United Kingdom have the next largest holdings, with 247,011 acres.

Current legislation requires all foreign owners of U.S. agricultural land to report those holdings to USDA. They also are required to report acquisitions, dispositions, leases and land-use changes.

Foreign owners who fail to report their holdings and acquisitions or who are late in reporting face possible fines. Block said as of last December, USDA has assessed 1,950 penalties for late filings, amounting to about \$250,000.

Block said while the law does provide penalties for late reporting and non-reporting, it does not provide for an investigations office to detect those who choose not to report.

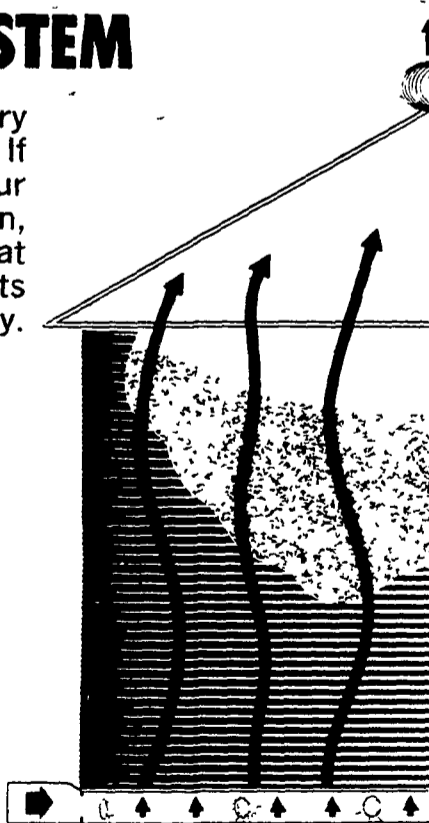
The yearly foreign land ownership study has been sent to the Congress for evaluation, as required by law. Highlights of the report are available from ESS Publications, room 0054-S, USDA, Washington, D.C., 20250. Ask for publication ESS-9.



## TAKE THE HOT AIR OUT OF YOUR GRAIN DRYING PROCESS WITH THIS NEW SCIENCE-ENGINEERED NATURAL-DRY SYSTEM

Now days, you can't afford to heat dry grain from the field. It cost's to much. If you do it yourself or if you have your feed miller do it for you. In addition, research shows high-temperature heat drying can burn out valuable nutrients from the grain. Reduce feed quality. Lower production.

That's why more and more farmers have turned to the Harvestall Chillcuring System from Advanced Ag Systems. These drying systems use mother nature's moving-air method to dry the grain in the bin. You simply use our computer test figures to determine the amount of air you must force up through the grain.



It's all computerized and farm tested so you can safely store your grain on the farm at harvest time. Then feed your own grain to livestock. Or sell at a more favorable price. No need to buy expensive fuel. No need to wait in line at the grain elevator. No need to sell grain at low harvest time prices.

To take the hot air out of your grain drying process. Install this science-engineered natural-dry system. For a computer print-out that shows how much air you must move through your size grain bin write to: Advanced Ag Systems, RD 2, Box 174, Elverson, PA 19520. Or Call (215) 886-9118.

### YOUR REPRESENTATIVES

**KEN SAUDER**  
Brownstown, PA 17508  
Phone: (717) 656-6519

**MILFORD MAST**  
Elverson, PA 19520  
Phone: (215) 286-9118

**PAUL DETWEILER**  
Newville, PA  
Phone: (717) 776-3288



**Advanced Ag Systems**



**SADDLE UP!**  
To Better Equipment...  
Find It In  
Lancaster Farming's  
CLASSIFIEDS!