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92	5	3	16,612	705
86	5	3	17,381	712
38	4	3	16,800	697
Allen Claar				
Dandy	5	3	17,395	632
Star	3	3	18,804	634
JTJ Wakefield Farms				
45	6	3	19,308	670
Dale A. Baker				
Valerie	8	3	18,752	684
Chet & George Erb				
13	4	3	17,306	686
86	3	3	17,611	674
Frazier Farms				
Polly	7	3	16,497	666
Joni	5	3	14,771	613
Andy T. Mohr				
275546	6	3	16,586	604
Bernard Snider				
Kathy	5	3	18,736	778
Penny	3	3	17,273	698
Jump	3	3	19,400	788
Bell	3	3	17,179	879
Alice	3	3	17,875	697
Arrow	8	2	13,870	660
Karen	7	2	12,262	701
Robert Swartzwelder				
84	6	3	19,312	649
116	6	3	18,526	655
117	7	3	17,557	631
Larry Beach				
9	3	3	15,931	634
Ray W. Hinsh				
Connie	4	3	17,005	714
Carmel	4	3	18,058	739
Roger R. Brumbaugh				
Mary	6	3	19,142	730
Mable	5	3	19,391	789
Lois	3	3	14,259	652
Pokey	2	3	14,941	621
Clarence Reasy, Jr.				
Rita	5	3	17,164	655
James L. Steele				
Jan	6	3	18,719	699
Snake Spring Farm				
243	6	3	25,998	735
122	5	3	19,244	667
95	4	3	19,368	609
9	6	3	17,073	774
19	5	3	18,774	688

# Corn growers regard reserve opening as positive development

Washington, D.C. We are very pleased the reserve has been opened and regard this action as a positive development," stated William R. Mullins, president, National Corn Growers Association, following the announcement by Secretary of Agriculture John R. Block of the opening of a farmer-held reserve for immediate entry of 1981 crop corn.

"The National Corn Growers Association has been working quite diligently the past few weeks with Secretary Block and others in the Administration to move quickly on the reserve opening," Mullins continued. "We believe the opening of the reserve for immediate and early entry of 1981 crop corn is an essential factor in the process to put farm prices back on the road to recovery," stated Mullins.

reason for the immediate opening of the reserve. "The prospect of record 1981 corn production, extremely high interest rates, and escalating production costs due to sustained inflation have forced cash corn prices to drastically low levels. In order to arrest any further declines in corn prices, the immediate opening of a farmer-held reserve for corn is necessary, and could prove to be a pivotal factor in the recovery process of farm prices received by U.S. corn producers," Mullins said.

"We commend Secretary Block for his determination in moving forward with the reserve opening, and although the provisions outlined by USDA officials are not entirely at the levels we had hoped, the primary NCGA consideration

is that the opening itself is crucial in aiding any measure of farm price recovery," Mullins commented.

The National Corn Growers Association has actively supported the concept of the farmer-held reserve inasmuch as it supplies some measure of marketing flexibility to individual corn producers while at the same time providing adequate stocks on a continuing basis to meet domestic and world demands.

"The opening of the reserve was particularly critical at this time," Mullins concluded, "because of the low levels to which farm prices had fallen. However, the tool has only been provided and it is now up to corn farmers to make adequate use of this program."

In a letter to Secretary Block last week pressing once again for an immediate opening of the reserve, the NCGA cited the worsening economic conditions surrounding the U.S. corn industry as the

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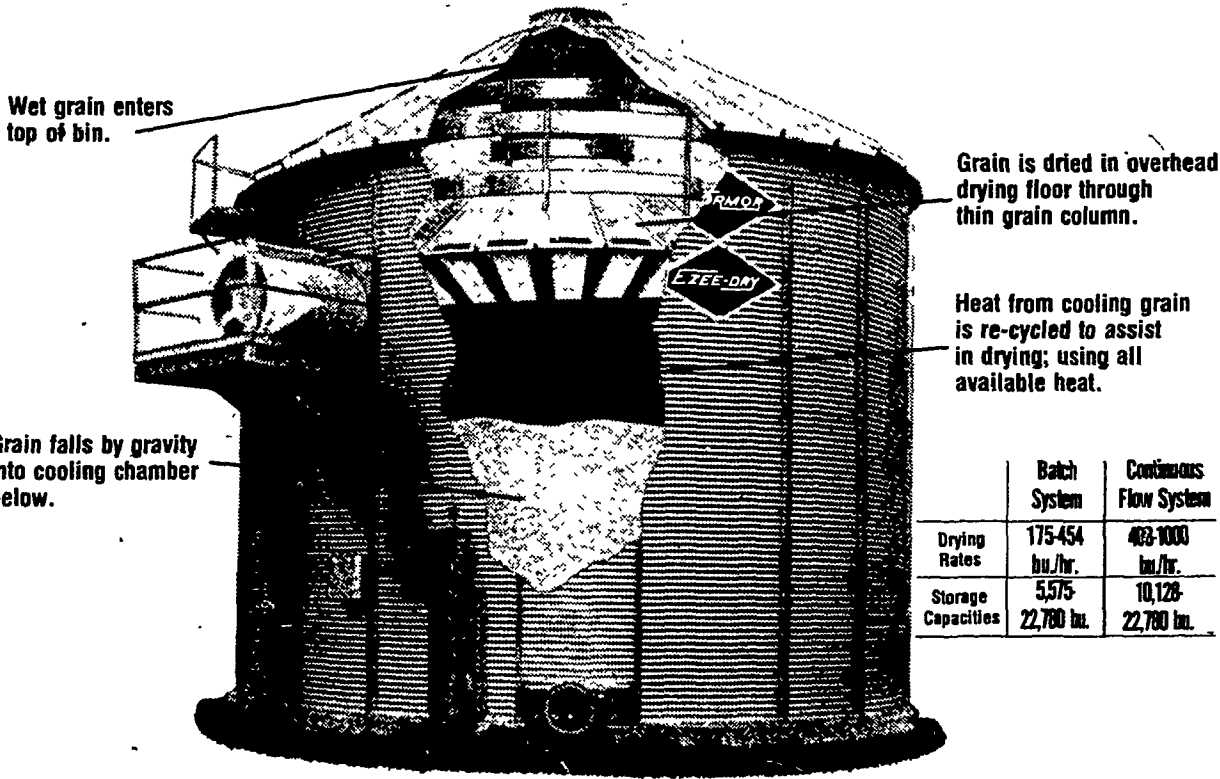
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