

How do top alfalfa producers get winning yields?

UNIVERSITY PARK — How do alfalfa producers grow top yields? The best indicators leading to high

yields and profits can be found in production practices of the top 10 producers in the Pennsylvania

Alfalfa Growers Program, points out John Baylor, Extension agronomist at Penn State.

Here is a brief summary of practices followed by these alfalfa growers during each of the three

years, 1978-80. The winners will be announced next week during the (Turn to Page A26)

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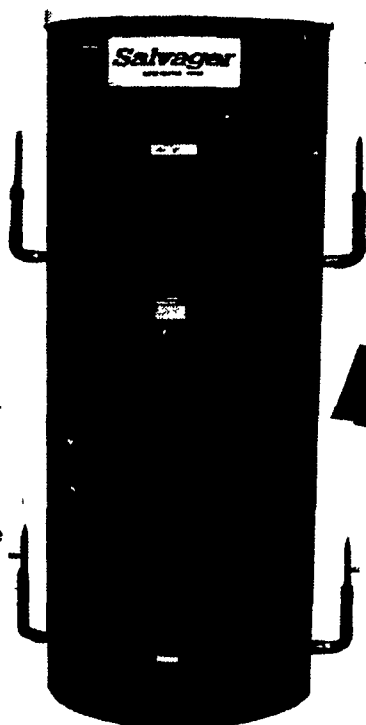
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and because of quicker adoption. Both specialization and technological progress will increase the competitive edge larger farms have over smaller ones.

All these factors will work to further isolate small farms from the mainstream of the food and fiber system. Most will be "hobby" farms in the sense that they'll be operated more to maintain a certain lifestyle or to reduce family food costs than to build into a viable business that will cover living expenses.

They'll still constitute about half of U.S. farms. But their reduced numbers and diminished importance in the food production picture will mean rural economies even more from a dependence on agriculture

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