

OUR READERS WRITE, AND OTHER OPINIONS

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grilling and put 12 to 15 pieces in a box and set it in an out of the way place in your rooms and closets that give you a problem, the smell

disappears. Since last fall we haven't once smelled that disagreeable odor.

Salinda Weber
Mohton, PA

Acreage reduction; good insurance

Just over a month ago, American farmers took a major step to help themselves by improving the prices they receive for their products.

Farmers enrolled more than 80 percent of the total farm acreage in the Acreage Reduction Program offered by Agriculture Secretary John Block. Enrollment in the corn program exceeded 75 percent. Wheat acreage enrollment was close to 85 percent, and cotton acreage enrollment topped 90 percent.

Rather impressive numbers, indeed. But now farmers must take an even more important step in this program by reducing production by the specified amounts, which will help remedy the current oversupply of wheat and feed grains.

As the 1982 crop season progresses, farmers and policymakers should take a close look at the rather limited options available for increasing farm prices.

Farmers can participate in the ARP, which is the only game in town.

Or, they can take a gamble. Secretary Block has emphasized

that there will be no exceptions with the 1982 program. Only farmers who enroll and later certify their planted acreage will be eligible for program benefits.

Is 1982 a good year to take a long shot on the markets? Will market and world economic conditions guarantee strong prices at harvest? Can a wheat farmer lock in a price equal to the \$4.05 per bushel target price on wheat?

Farmers should also take a close look at current world production trends. Canadian farmers are being advised to plant fence to fence. In Argentina, farmers are considering planting an additional 25 million acres of wheat this year. Australian farmers may add 4 percent more to their wheat acreage in 1982.

In spite of U.S. efforts to responsibly control production, there are prospects for huge world crops again this year. That means large world harvests of wheat and feed grains weighing heavily on U.S. markets.

The Acreage Reduction Program may be the best insurance of price protection that U.S. farmers can find.

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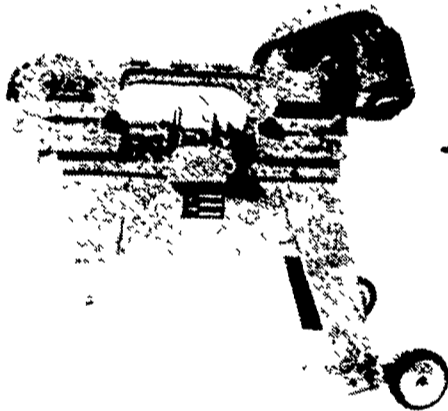
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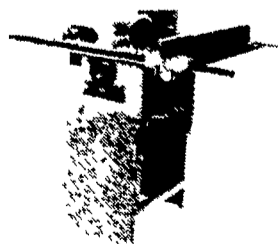


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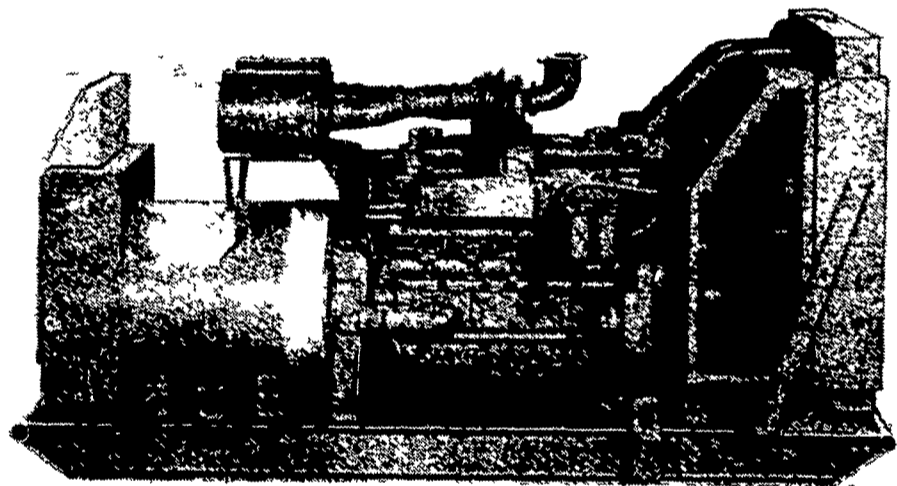


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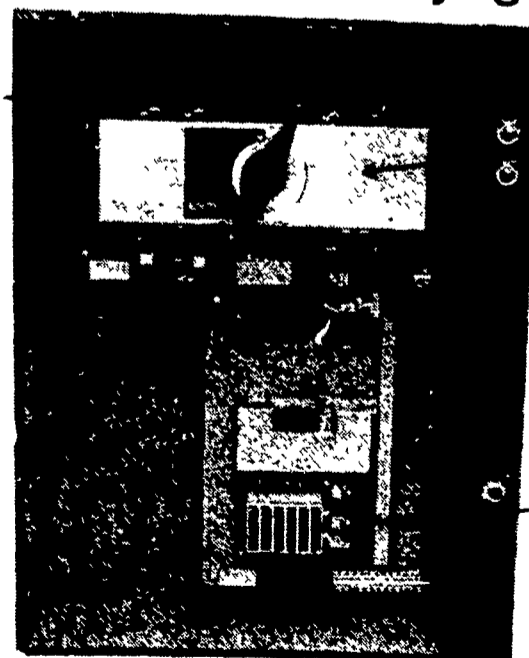
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