

# USDA extends corn-sorghum reserve rotation

**YORK** — Farmers who have corn or grain sorghum in the producer-owned grain reserve now may rotate these crops out of storage up to 60 days before replacing it with newly-harvested grain, according to Richard Deardorff, Chairman of the York County ASC Committee.

Secretary of Agriculture John R. Block said it is routine for farmers to remove old-crop reserve grain from storage and replace it with the new crop in order to maintain the quality of grain under loan.

Block said in many parts of the country, the 1981 crops of corn and grain sorghum were harvested during abnormally wet weather and stored at a higher moisture level than usual. In addition, excessive rains and high humidity and temperatures in many major grain-producing areas this year have led to a greater than usual possibility of stored grain going out of condition, he said.

The rotation period extension is a one-time change made to cope with special weather conditions and will apply only to the replacement of prior years' crops with production from 1982 crops.

Wheat and barley were not included in this decision because those commodities have not had deterioration problems.

Producers wishing to take advantage of the extended rotation period should contact their county Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service office prior to removing their crops from storage.

Deardorff also noted record or near record exports of U.S. wheat seem likely for 1982/83.

The United States will have large supplies and world wheat prospects look down 2 percent from last year, according to a report issued recently by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Economic Research Service in Washington, D.C.

The U.S. crop may total over 2.7 billion bushels, only 3 percent below 1981's record high harvest. Although the U.S. wheat crop amounts to one-sixth of the world crop, the United States provides nearly half the 100 million metric tons of wheat that flow in international trade.

Because weather reduced crop prospects in Australia and the

USSR, USDA economists estimate the world wheat crop at 445 million metric tons, off 2 percent from 1981/82. Trade, spurred by expanded use in many countries, may break the 100 million ton mark, and total world use could even outrun production, causing a slight downturn in world stocks.

Wheat exports from the United States may match last year's

record high, 1.77 million bushels (48.1 million metric tons). Due to Chinese demand, a record 15 million bushels (48.1 million metric tons). Due to Chinese demand, a record 15 million tons, Soviet wheat imports of nearly 20 million tons, and weather damage to India's crop, economists expect the strong exports of U.S. wheat to continue.

## U of Md. field day offers urban and rural topics

**COLLEGE PARK, Md.** — Crops, computers and cuisine are just a few of the offerings visitors will see at the University of Maryland's 1982 Crops and Soils Field Day, August 18.

The annual open house for farmers, urban gardeners, scientists, agri-business people and the general public is a showcase of the latest in agriculture and aquaculture research, home economics and engineering studies.

Held at the university's Wye Research and Education Center on Maryland's Eastern Shore, this year's program includes:

- ✓ Experiments with new farm and garden crop varieties;
- ✓ Studies of coping with insect pests;
- ✓ New plant breeding programs for the food of tomorrow;
- ✓ A special home economics program that describes "fad

diets", some new ideas about the sweet potato, and, seafood for "calorie conscious cuisine";

✓ Engineers' studies of raising fish and shellfish down on the farm;

✓ Bringing the computer to the rural farm operation;

✓ Scientists' efforts to squeeze a few barrels of oil from Maryland

vegetables to "extend" diesel fuel.

Farm wagons will carry visitors to exhibits around the center. The tours begin at 9 a.m. and run until noon. Other exhibits are displayed until 4 p.m.

The Crops and Soils Field Day is sponsored jointly by the University of Maryland's Agricultural Ex-

periment Station, the Cooperative Extension Service, the College of Agriculture, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the Wye Institute.

The Wye Research and Education Center is located off US 50 east, south of Queenstown.

## PP&L slates nature show

**PEQUEA** — "Miracles of Nature," a program designed to show the wonder of nature and the importance of wildlife conservation, will be conducted Saturday, Aug. 28 at the recreation area near Lake Aldred.

Carl Nolt, a local naturalist, will present a slide show that portrays the beauty of nature throughout

the year. The program will begin at 9 p.m. in the Pequea Creek Picnic Pavilion.

Lake Aldred is an eight-mile impoundment of the lower Susquehanna River that stores water for Pennsylvania Power & Light Co's Holtwood Hydroelectric Station.

## Woolies

### to meet

**KINZERS** — The Lancaster County 4-H Woolies Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday at the home of Monica Esh, Kinzers, for an ice cream party.

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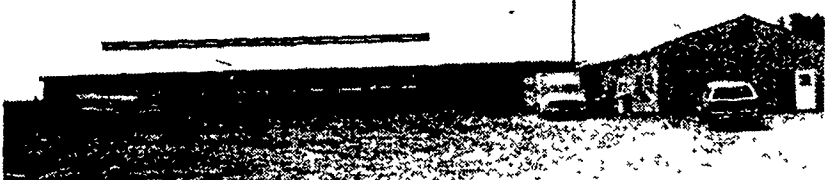
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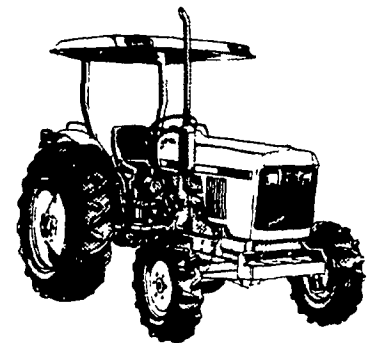


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