

## Grange offers Muncy seed

HARRISBURG — The Pennsylvania State Grange has entered into an agreement with Muncy-Chief Hybrids of Muncy, to sell Muncy brand corn, oats, wheat, barley and soybean seed through the Grange's Farm Supply Service.

The seed will be offered through Grange farm supply agents in Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Cambria, Clarion, Clearfield, Crawford, Elk, Erie, Fayette, Jefferson, Lawrence, Mercer, Potter, Venango, Warren and Washington counties. Agents will also be enlisted in the remaining Pennsylvania counties to sell the seed.

"This is a big step for the Grange's Farm Supply Service,"

State Master Charles Wismer said. "We feel that Muncy has a quality product, and we are pleased to be able to offer it to our members through the farm supply network we established in February. I think the product will go over big in our Grange counties."

The Grange's Farm Supply Service also markets baler twine, fertilizer, and farm chemicals at discount to Grange members in the 17-county area in western Pennsylvania. Members order their supplies through local agents appointed in each county.

Wismer said he expects the service to be expanded throughout the state if it is successful in western Pennsylvania.

## Milk production increases

HARRISBURG — Milk production in Pennsylvania during February, 1983 totaled 752 million pounds, up four percent from a year earlier, according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service.

The number of milk cows in the Commonwealth during February averaged 737,000 head, up 7,000 head from a year ago. Milk production per cow averaged 1,020

pounds in February, up 25 pounds from a year ago.

Milk production in the nation during February 1983 totaled 10.6 billion pounds, two percent more than February 1982. Total milk cows averaged 11.1 million head, slightly higher than a year earlier. February production per cow averaged 962 pounds, 19 pounds above a year earlier.

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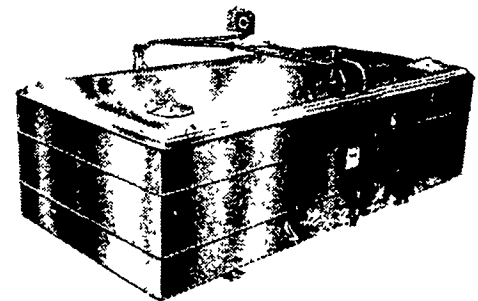
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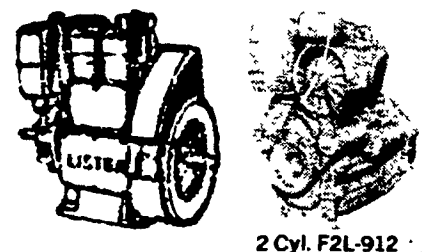
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