



Hydraulic wheel-mounted harrow cart has been developed by Fuerst Brothers, Inc.

Fuerst cites harrow cart

OREGON, Ill. — Fuerst Brothers, Inc., has developed a new hydraulic wheel-mounted Harrow Cart designed for easy transportation of the Fuerst Flexible Tine Harrow.

Designed, built and field tested by farmer/users the Fuerst Harrow Cart is available in 16 to 34 ft. widths with several new features.

It's constructed with high-carbon tubular steel with wings which hinge at front and rear eliminating troublesome wing chains when cornering and transporting. The new model also features larger outrigger wheels adjustable for desired spacing, a

longer tongue for tighter turns and a chain in slot for easier folding of wings for transport.

The Fuerst "Hercules" Harrow, with its "Spreading-Action" tine is the only tine harrow on the market that has been proven by years of university tests, black light studies and actual in-the-field service to give "near perfect" one pass incorporation of herbicides behind a disc or cultivator and shed trash even in the most severe conditions.

Film stresses conservation

BERNVILLE — Conservation - from seed to feed is a half hour film on the subject of agricultural conservation. Production started March of 1983. It will be completed and available for distribution this month.

According to producer-director Rodney E. Garrett, the film will attempt to focus on the technology available to farmers which will enable them to practice conservation. The film addresses itself not only to the conservation of soil and water but to fuel saving, labor saving and the efficiency of producing, harvesting and storing the crops.

Peter C. Myers, farmer and Chief, Soil Conservation Service, USDA will appear in the film making comments on what will motivate the farmer to change over from conventional tillage to conservation tillage methods.

Myers will also comment on a host of conservation equipment, tractors, fertilizer, computers, post emergence herbicides and much more.

"This film is not commercial in format. I selected Myers for commentary because his philosophy coincides with what the film is saying. That is namely that farmers will change over to conservation practices providing it is cost effective. We do have a real



Peter C. Myers, Chief of Soil Conservation Service is on location at a Maryland farm for filming.

problem with soil loss in this country but you can't point the finger at the farmer. We did not have the technology years ago that we have now," explained Garrett.

The film is being sponsored by C.B. Hooper & Son, Dickey-john, Goodyear, Great Plains, Howard Rotovator, ICI Americas, IHC, Jacques Seed, Krause, Martin Limestone, Steiger, Valmont and

Versatile.

The film will be available in 16 mm and video tape to all farm organizations, schools and universities, agri-businesses and banks at a nominal rental fee. The film can also be purchased.

For further information write Garrett Films International, Attention Christa Garrett, Box 253, Rt. 3, Bernville, Pa. 19506.

Ag financial stress continues

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Farm Credit System experienced slow demand for loans and increased loan stress for the 12 months ended Sept. 30, 1983, according to the Farm Credit Administration, the independent Federal Agency responsible for regulating, supervising, and examining the system's borrower-owned banks and associations.

The combined net income of the Farm Credit Banks for the first six months of 1983 was \$347.5 million, down from \$587.3 million for the first half of 1982. The planned decline in earnings for the first six months of the year reflects efforts of the Farm Credit Banks to reduce net interest margins and loan fees to help troubled borrowers.

The amount of loans made by the Federal Land Banks for the 12 months ended Sept. 30, 1983, decreased 43.7 percent, compared to the previous 12 months, from \$8.9 billion to \$5.0 billion. Production Credit Association loans made were down 7.9 percent, from \$33.5 billion to \$30.8 billion.

The amount of Federal Land Bank loans outstanding on Sept. 30, 1983, stood at \$51.1 billion, up 2.2 percent from the \$50.6 billion outstanding a year earlier. The number of loans outstanding, however, declined 0.4 percent from 667,036 to 664,676.

On Sept. 30, 1983, Production Credit Associations had \$20.4 billion in loans outstanding, down 9.1 percent from the \$22.5 billion on the books a year earlier. They had 353,326 members with loans outstanding on Sept. 30, 1983, 6.7 fewer than the 378,783 a year earlier.

The long term nature of Federal Land Bank mortgage loans results in an increase in outstandings despite declines in loans made, and the short term nature of Production Credit Association loans is more quickly reflected in

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