

# European small grain

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fertile heads per square meter (55-65 heads per square foot) at harvest.

### Insect control

-Plant winter wheat early, but

within local recommendations to insure a well-established root system for winter survival. A word of caution for winter wheat growers: too early also gives more opportunity for insect and disease

damage. Europeans say the earlier and better, but they also recognize the need for more inputs for insect and disease control and overall better management of the crop.

-Scout for insects throughout the growing season. In the fall and winter for winter wheats, aphids transmit barley yellow dwarf virus. In spring watch for cereal leaf beetles and armyworms at heading.

-Scout for early season diseases and apply chemical controls for

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# Farm loan

## agreement reached

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Although the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farmers Home Administration and the Small Business Administration agree that disaster loans to

farmers should be limited to USDA, both agencies will make loans until new legislation is enacted, according to a memorandum of understanding between the agencies.

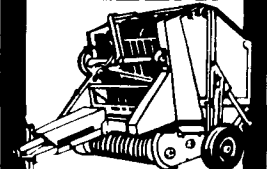
Until legislation was passed late last year reopening Small Business Administration disaster loans to eligible farmers generally, only a limited number were eligible for the loans under terms of a 1980 law. The 1983 law, PL 98-166, ended that limitation.

"Providing farmers with a choice between the two agencies not only requires both agencies to be prepared to handle a very sizable workload, but also risks possible duplication of benefits to farmers," Farmers Home Administrator Charles E. Shuman and SBA Administrator James C. Sanders, said in the memo.

"We do not believe this is an appropriate use of limited government resources. While the limited exception for the Small Business Administration to make disaster farm loans has expired, there are bills in the Congress which will once again give the primary responsibility to the Farmers Home Administration. The administration strongly supports this legislation and we anticipate its enactment in the near future."

Reports that some farmers had obtained loans from both agencies, without the agencies' knowledge, "led to the restrictions adopted by Congress in the 1980 act, Shuman said.

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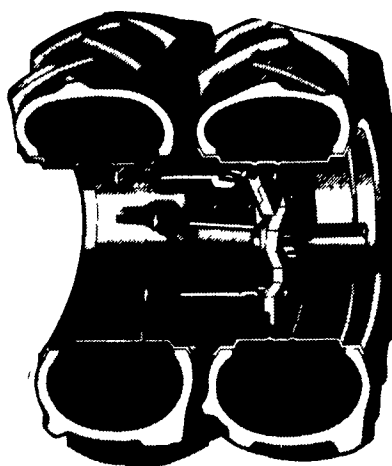
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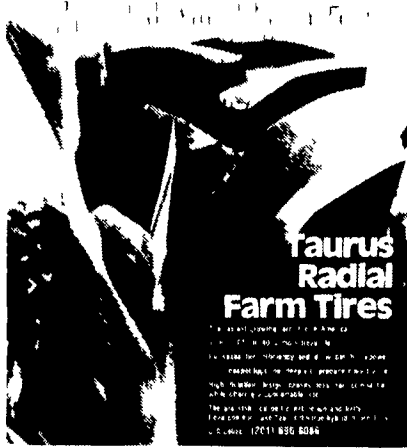


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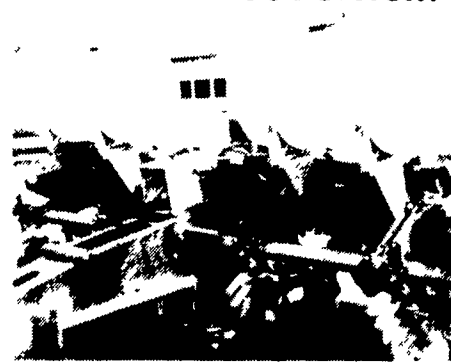
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