

ST. LOUIS — Regardless of the size of the 1987 corn crop, John Marten, Farm Journal staff economist, says this year will be similar to 1986 in terms of reserves and storage.

Marten, a featured speaker for the National Corn Growers Association's Corn Classic, July 19-21, Minneapolis, MN, will address attendees during a tour of the Northrup King Research Center, Stanton, MN.

He will provide an outlook analysis of future corn prices and their effects on livestock and soybean prices, as well as his predictions of land price and interest rate trends.

Two groups, leaving the Hyatt Regency in Minneapolis, at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, July 21, will have an opportunity to see firsthand some of the industry's newest advances in biotechnology at the research center.

At the 412-acre facility, visitors will talk with plant breeders about agronomic research, herbicide tolerance and production methods while touring research trials of field corn, sorghum, alfalfa, sunflowers and soybeans. The field trials will include Northrup King, Stauffer Seeds and Prime hybrids and varieties. For those who prefer to visit Northrup King's flower trials, a horticulturist will discuss gardening.

Stops on the tour of the bioscience labs will include: plant pathology, entomology, molecular genetics and tissue culture, as well as visits to the quality assurance lab and several of the 13 computer-controlled greenhouses. Tour guides will be staff agronomists who can answer questions corn growers may have.

In 1985, Northrup King Co. underwent a multimillion dollar expansion to accommodate the

company's growing biotechnology needs. The enhanced facility allows scientists to more quickly develop improved hybrids and varieties which are economical for farmers.

For Corn Classic registration and hotel information write National Corn Growers Association, 1000 Executive Parkway, Suite 224, St. Louis, MO 63141 or call 314/275-9915.

Armstrong Issues

Warning On Implement Rims

NEW YORK, NY — Armstrong Tire Company has noted that, despite warnings from the Rubber Manufacturer's Association, some tire dealers have mistakenly tried applying domestically produced implement tires to certain European wheels with unique diameter and width.

Fred Fuest, manager, Consumer Affairs at Armstrong, New Haven, Conn., explained that attempts to mount domestically produced tires on these wheels may cause the tire beads to break, possibly resulting in serious injury or death.

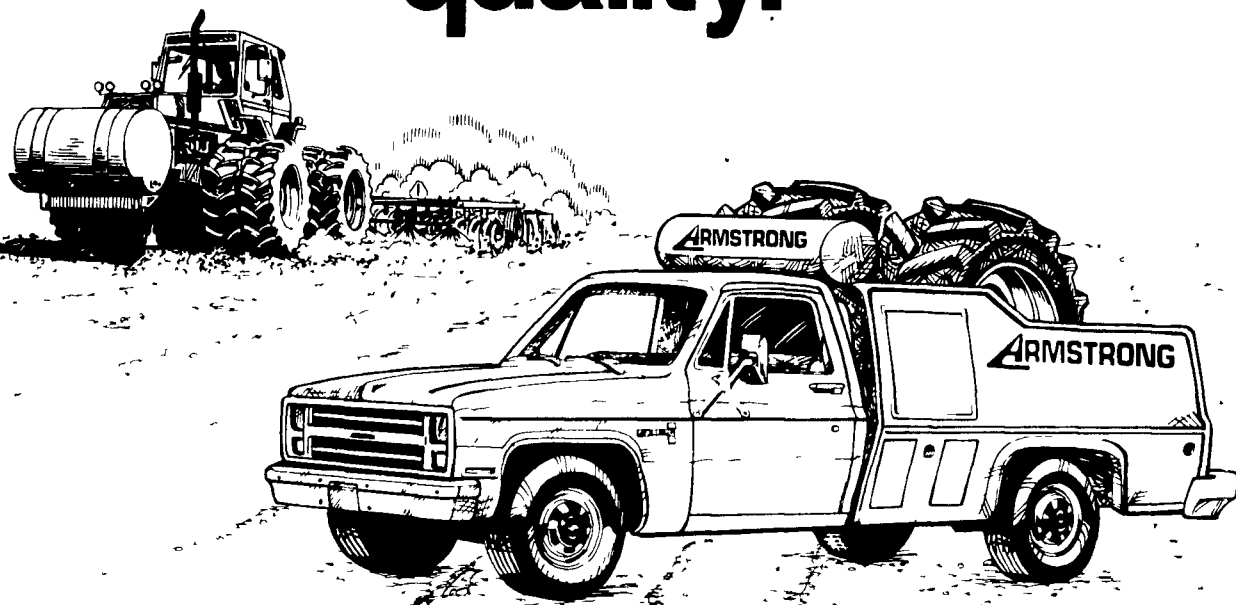
"The rims in question are 15.3 inches in diameter and nine inches wide," explained Mr. Fuest. "Rims manufactured in 1981 and earlier are marked 15 inches but they're actually 15.3 inches. Later wheels are marked 15.3 inches. The best way to avoid this situation is the nine inch rim width. The domestic wheel industry does not manufacture a nine inch rim width for farm implements."

The European tire sizes that may be mounted on these rims are: 10.0/75-15.3; 10.5/80-15.3; 11.5/80-15.3; 12.5/80-15.3.

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