

Moscow In Maryland: Soviets Tour Ag Facilities

COLLEGE PARK, MD. — Officials from the University of Maryland and the Maryland Department of Agriculture welcomed a delegation from Moscow's Timiryazev Agricultural Academy during a reception last week at the university's College Park campus.

Hosted by Dr. Raymond J. Miller, vice chancellor for agriculture and natural resources, the reception kicked off the first U.S. visit of officials from the Soviet

Union's oldest and leading agricultural teaching university.

The 12-day visit is the result of a cooperative agreement signed between Timiryazev Academy and the University of Maryland last spring -- the first between the Russian academic institution and an American university.

"The purpose of the visit," said Miller, "is to give agricultural educators, researchers, and administrators from both countries a chance to interact and exchange

ideas for our mutual benefit."

Dr. Anatoly V. Poshataev, Timiryazev's vice rector for international relations, said that the Soviets hope to discuss a variety of agricultural problems and issues, such as no-till crop production, new management techniques and technologies, and the effect of plant stress on photosynthesis.

Dr. Poshataev shared the gratitude of 10 Soviet agriculture students who spent last summer living and working on Maryland

farms, and expressed the hope that the Soviet Union can provide the same positive experience for Maryland agriculture students this summer.

"We hope and expect that the relationship between our two establishments will strengthen the ties between our two countries," Poshataev said.

In addition to meeting with several university department chairs at College Park, the Soviet officials will visit the headquarters of

the Maryland Department of Agriculture, co-host of the visit, and tour the Maryland Agricultural Experiment Station's Wye Research and Education Center and various Eastern U.S. poultry facilities.

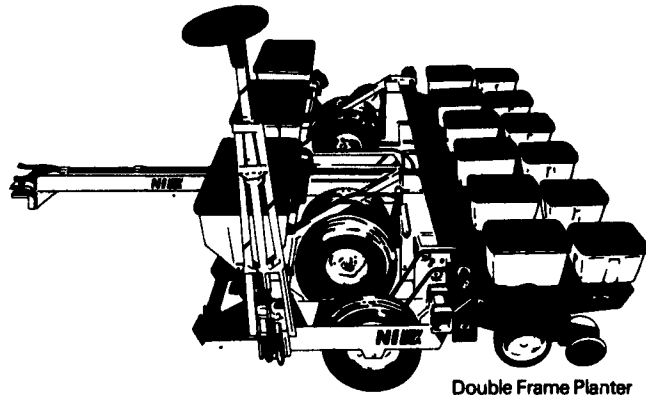


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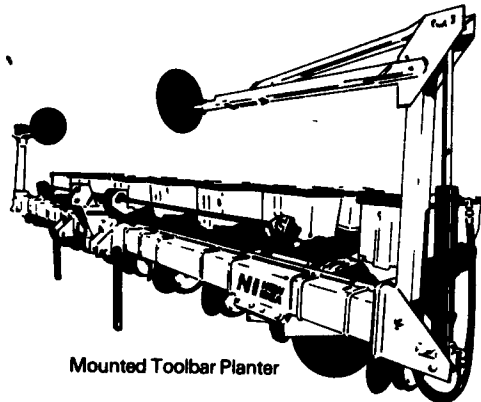
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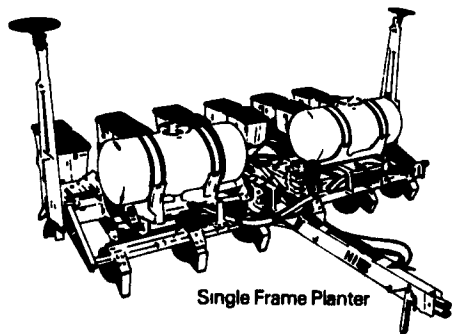
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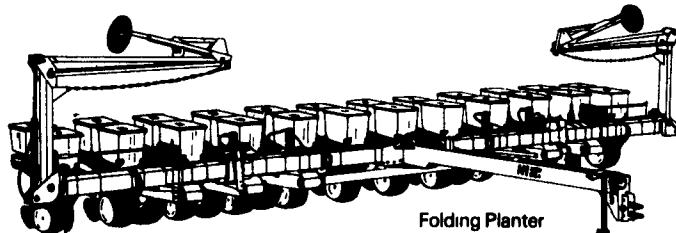


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