



Threshing scenes like this one were common on farms during the 1940's. Threshing out the grain required so much labor that it was a cooperative job. Farmers hired custom crews or joined with neighbors to form threshing gangs that moved from farm to farm. Today, just one man and a single machine, the modern combine complete the grain harvesting operation from cutting to separation.

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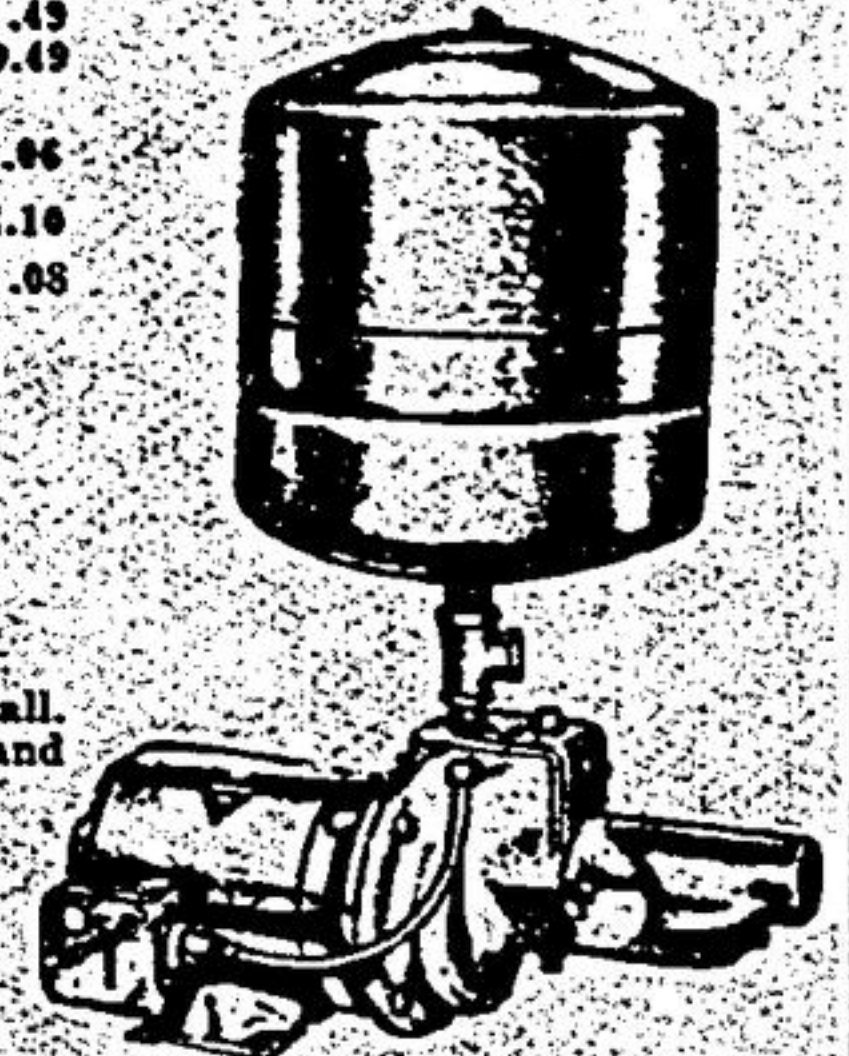


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This startling figure was revealed by Dr. George Fisher of the Regional Veterinary Laboratory, Kemptville College of Agricultural Technology, who recently conducted a mastitis survey of 11 counties in Eastern Ontario. For the survey, 111 herds were visited and 3,667 of 14,560 udder quarters tested. While survey results are not yet fully analyzed, 48 percent of the cows tested showed positive evidence of mastitis. Udder quarters had an incidence of 25.7 percent of mastitis-causing bacteria.

The mastitis survey also studied milking equipment, an important factor in mastitis control. Faulty or below-capacity equipment can produce stress on the udder resulting in injury which speeds up mastitis infection. Of the total equipment tested, 53.3 percent was found to be faulty or below capacity.

Results can be dramatic, following analysis and treatment, says Dr. Fisher. In one instance, the mastitis frequency was reduced from 68 percent to 9 percent in a short time. However, vigilance must be maintained to keep the problem in check after the control program has ended.

When the farmer finds mastitis in his herd, Dr. Fisher advises him to contact his Ontario Department of Agriculture and Food county representative or a veterinarian for more information about the mastitis control program. The United States is the world's largest exporter of agricultural products.

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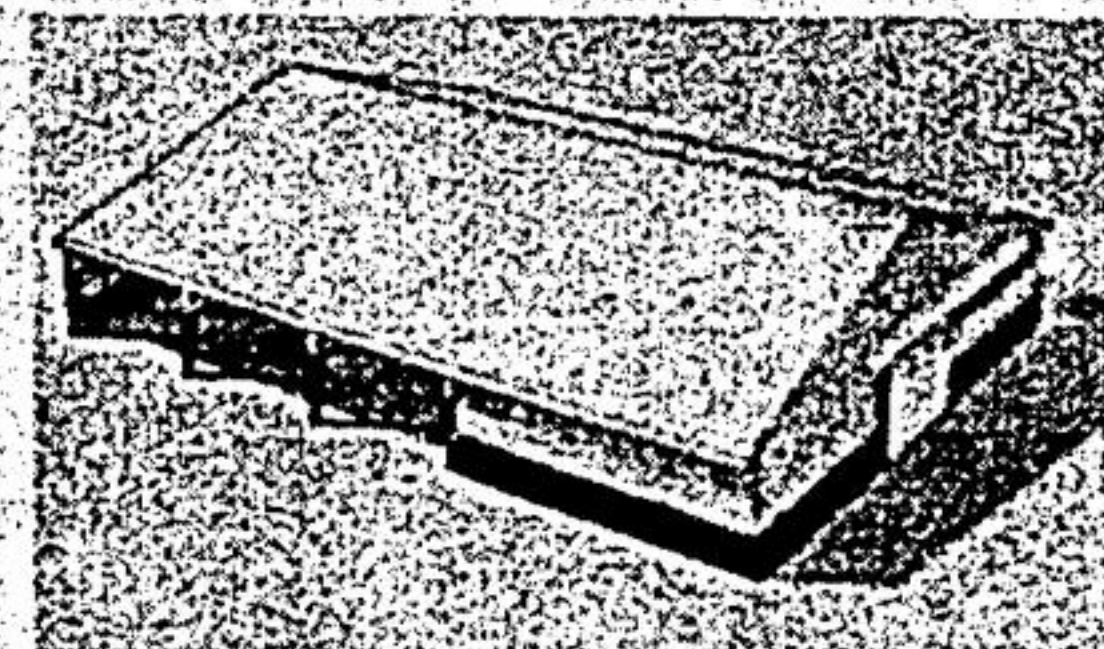
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