

Four-Fifths Of U. S. Used In Agriculture

Around four-fifths of all land in the United States is devoted to some kind of agricultural activity, according to Ralph Sasser, Assistant County farm agent for the State College Extension Service.

Sasser says one-fourth of the land is used for crops, while more than half is permanent pasture and grazing land. If all timber and woodland is added to this, it constitutes nine-tenths of our total land area. Roads, streets, parks, and building sites account for the other tenth.

These facts and others were taken from a recent study of major land uses in the United States. The study was undertaken by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, in cooperation

with the Land Grant Colleges and the U. S. Departments of Commerce and Interior.

While there have been notable shifts in the use of land in many localities and regions, the total acreages devoted to cropland and other major land uses have remained relatively stable since 1920. Acreages of cropland and improved pasture have increased generally in the West and in the lower Mississippi Valley but, in many parts of the Northeast and the Southwest, acreages of cropland have decreased.

It is estimated that around 20 million acres of cropland in various parts of the country are idle each year because of wet weather, drought, lack of capital, soil erosion, low fertility, or other reasons. Much of this idle land could be improved by erosion control, cover crops, clearing of brush, drainage, or irrigation, according to Sasser.

With a total tillable land area of

about 509 million acres, the United States ranked high among the nations of the world with the largest acreage of arable land. All of Europe, except for that part which lies in the Soviet Union, contains only about four-fifths as much tillable land as the United States. The Soviet Union is reported to have about 500 million acres of tillable land.

CATHOLIC SERVICES

Every Sunday (except first Sunday of every month, when first Mass is in Palace Theatre, Windsor, at 8 A. M.), the Most Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is celebrated at 8 and 11 A. M., each including sermon, Holy Communion, followed by Rosary in honor of Mary, Help of Christians, and for the Conversion of all non-Catholics, Sunday School, with Confessions for half hour before Services in St. Ann's Catholic Church, Edenton, stated Father Francis J. McCourt, pastor, who invites everybody to all services and to the Information Forum held in the rectory library every Wednesday 7:30 P. M., to 8:30, followed by choir practice to 9:15 in church. Week-days including every first Friday and first Saturday of the month at 7 A. M., Mass, Communion, Rosary.

Permanent Pastures Improved With 2, 4-D

Recent research indicates that two-thirds of a pound per acre of the amine salt formation of 2, 4-D is the right amount to use on controlling most weeds in permanent pasture.

Ralph Sasser, Perquimans County farm agent for the State College Extension Service, says use of the chemical weed killer actually results in a better stand of grasses without apparent damage to white clover or lespedeza.

Sasser, citing the results of tests over the past three years, said that 2, 4-D is beneficial to pastures provided it is used on "established grass and legume stands and that the rate of application does not exceed two-thirds of a pound per acre." Heavier applications injure the legumes.

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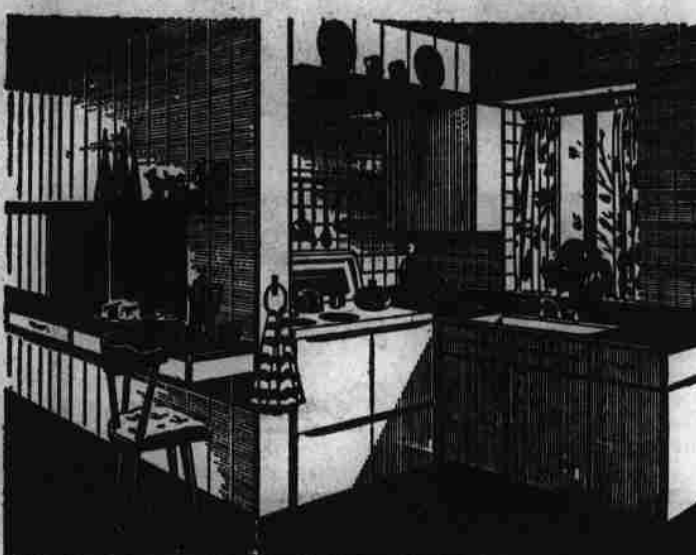
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Miscellaneous expenses	\$1,245.37
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