

Corn Drier Is Handy Piece Of Equipment

If Oregon farmers grow another record-breaking corn crop in 1960, a lot of them may top their lists of "equipment-I'd-like-to-have" with one of the new corn driers which keep the grain moving as it dries.

Dale Kirk, Oregon State College agricultural engineer, pointed out that recirculating driers, which recently appeared on the market, have several advantages over non-circulating corn driers.

By constantly moving the grain slowly through the drier, the recirculating types give more uniform drying, which is highly desirable, Kirk said.

A second advantage is that the additional wet grain placed above the columns to allow for shrinkage is dried evenly with the main batch.

The new-type driers can handle more corn at a time too. They can dry corn in columns 24-inches-or-more thick, compared to a maximum of about 16 inches in non-circulating driers. Since larger batches of corn can be loaded into the drier at one time, the farmer won't have to load it so often.

However, the new driers still need attention to be sure the corn is being distributed evenly as it recirculates.

When it comes to moisture sampling, it is easier to get a true sample with the recirculating drier.

Kirk experimented for two years with non-circulating corn driers having column thicknesses of 4,

8, 12 and 16 inches. He found these sizes all use about the same amount of fuel and electricity to amount of corn. Recirculating driers have similar fuel requirements.

Kirk says recirculating driers may use more electricity in keeping the corn moving, but he feels the advantages more than offset this slight additional cost.

Keep These Rules In Mind

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Besides knowing the technicalities of income tax calculations, it's good to keep in mind a few practical rules, too:

—Double check your arithmetic, reading of tax tables, copying of figures. These are common places for errors. The best way to catch them is to set aside your return for a few days before you review it.

—Of course you can't do that if you wait until the last minute to make out your return. The deadline for filing is midnight April 15. If you have a refund coming you will get it a lot sooner if you file early.

—Be sure you have put your name on top of the return and signed it at the bottom. Lots of taxpayers send in returns, some even calling for refunds, without names.

If you have unanswered questions or doubts about how the rules apply to you, telephone or visit your local Internal Revenue Service Office.

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KENNETH FREE, a hoseman, checks the threads on a hose connection before putting it back on the storage rack in the Klamath Falls Fire Department.



ALEN (GRAMPAW) HOUGHINS, first engineer with the Klamath Falls Fire Department, checks his turnout boots at the foot of the brass pole.



GEORGE GHELLER takes over as chef in the firehouse when it comes his turn to do the cooking for the men on duty. The well equipped kitchen is located upstairs in the Broad Street Station.