

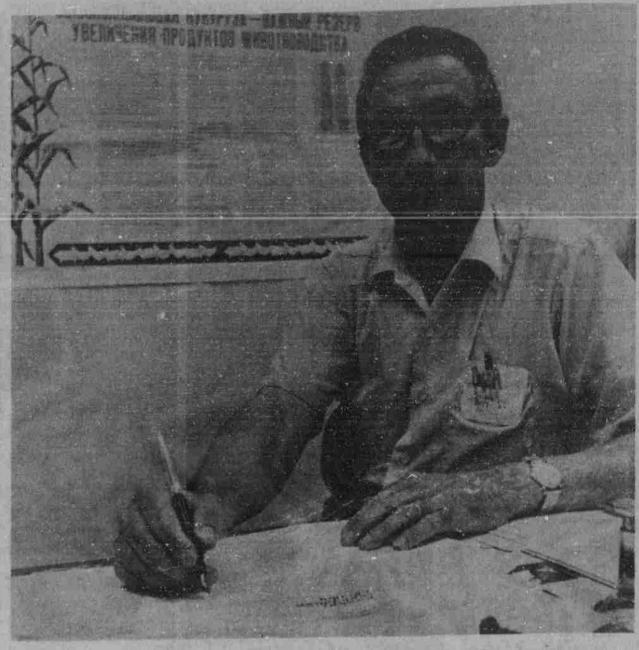
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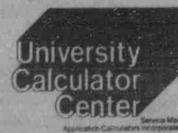
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Agronomist studies wheat in Russia

According to Duane Foote, extension agronomist on East Campus, the Russians will have a very good wheat crop this year.

Foote and two agricultural experts from Washington spent four weeks in Russia this summer observing and assessing wheat and feed grain crops there.

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Foote said he could only "generally observe" what the crops looked like because was there from June 6-July 7.

"They're good though," he said. "The crops this year will approach the excellent crop the Russians had in 1973."

According to Foote, Russian crops to tend to vary, however. He said the poor crop in 1972 forced the Russians to buy large amounts of wheat from the United States.

This year the Russians have caught up with that problem, Foote said. "I'm quite impressed with the research the Russians are carrying on. They're developing cultural practices and a variety of technology that is very impressive," he said.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Services Dept., which sponsored the trip to Russia, asked Foote if he would like to be part of the exchange program.

"It was the chance of a lifetime," Foote said.
Their report was sent to Washington for distribution around the country. Foote said he isn't planning to do anything with the information but was glad for the chance to observe a foreign culture and the way way of living there.

"It was a real experience going to a country of this nature," Foote said. "We saw their problems — machinery, shortage of fertilizer — and we could observe why some things were working and some weren't.

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