
Industry News



Dr. Otto Wurzburg, right, of National Starch and Chemical Corporation, presents a check for \$3,000 to Dr. Stephen S. Chang, chairman of the Food Science Department at Rutgers University, as an unrestricted grant. The firm made two such grants during 1979.

New Durkee plant

Durkee Foods division of SCM Corp. has begun construction of a new food emulsifier plant at Joliet, Illinois with PSI-Process Systems Inc. of Memphis providing engineering and other services. □

Armak capacity expanded

Armak Company has modified its process technology at its Morris, Illinois, fatty amine plant to increase nitrile produc-

tion capability by 30 million pounds, with the possibility of a further increase. Further work is planned to capture the increased capacity as hydrogenated amine derivatives.

CPC, Texaco begin study

CPC International Inc. and Texaco have begun a study as to whether the firms should be cooperative in a venture to produce 60 million gallons a year of fuel grade ethanol from corn at CPC's corn wet milling plant in Pekin, Illinois. □

Dominican firm expands

Sociedad Industrial Dominicana in Santo Domingo has purchased a hydrogenation plant with a capacity of 80 to 100 metric tons per day from Neumunz Inc. of Leonia, New Jersey. It is the second installation Neumunz has provided to the firm, the leading vegetable oil producer in the Dominican Republic. □

AAAS media fellowships available

The American Association for the Advancement of Science is seeking applicants for up to 20 fellowships available for the summer of 1980 in the AAAS Mass Media Science Fellow Program.

Fellows spend 10 summer weeks working as reporters, researchers or production assistants for electronic and print news media throughout the United States. Graduate students in the natural and social sciences receive the chance to learn about news media operations and to develop their skills in providing the public with a better understanding and appreciation of science and technology. Outstanding undergraduates and postdoctoral students also will be considered.

Application materials are available from the Mass Media Science Fellows Program, AAAS, 8th Floor, 1776 Massachusetts Ave. N.W., Washington, DC 20036. Deadline for submission of completed applications is Feb. 15, 1980. □

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ARGENTINA: RECORD PRODUCTION

Argentina is forecast to have its second consecutive year of record oilseed production, 7.8 million tons, in a report from Joseph F. Somers, the U.S. acting agricultural attache in Buenos Aires. The 1979 production is estimated at 6.7 million tons.

Increased soybean plantings are the major factor in the increase, Somers said, with farmers "encouraged by good soybean yields (2.1 tons per hectare) and the profitability of double-cropping soybeans and wheat."

Increases in sunflowerseed acreage reflect farmer's discontent with relatively poor cotton yields this past year, as well as a shift of some acreage from sorghum. Flaxseed prices at planting time were approximately 2½ times above

year-ago levels, prompting more flaxseed acreage, Somers said, and soybeans displaced peanuts in some areas.

Argentine oilseed exports also should reach record levels, Somers said in his report on the 1980/81 marketing year, which includes crops harvested starting this spring.

Total oilseed exports for 1980/81 are forecast at 3.7 million tons, compared to an estimated 2.94 million tons for 1979/80. Vegetable oil 1980/81 exports are forecast at 654,000 tons compared to the 1979/80 estimate of 612,000 tons. Oilseed meal exports for the same periods are 1.7 million tons and 1.4 million tons, respectively.

While soybeans should pace the export increase, sunflowerseed and flaxseed exports should rise with the elimination of a 10% export tax. Vegetable oil exports will be