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Cocoa butter substitutes offered

Unilever United States Inc. has announced formation of a new subsidiary, Lodders-Croklaan Inc., in the United States to market cocoa butter equivalents and fractionated cocoa butter replacers.

The new firm will market the products to be produced by Unilever firms in The Netherlands, Great Britain and Canada. A new \$25-million fractionation plant in The Netherlands to produce the cocoa butter equivalents and replacers is due to be operational this fall. □

2,500 tpd soy plant announced

The Boone Valley Co-op of Eagle Grove, Iowa, and Crown Iron Works of Minneapolis, Minnesota, have announced a contract for a 2,500-tons-per-day soybean processing plant in Eagle Grove, raising the Co-op's total soy processing capacity in Eagle Grove to 4,000 tons per day.

Crown Iron will provide the plant; the extraction equipment will be built in Minneapolis to be delivered in early 1981. Start-up of the plant is scheduled for October 1981.

Boone Valley Co-op, a federation of 190 local cooperatives in Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin, has purchased a coal-fired power plant from a local utility firm to generate steam and electricity for the two processing plants. □

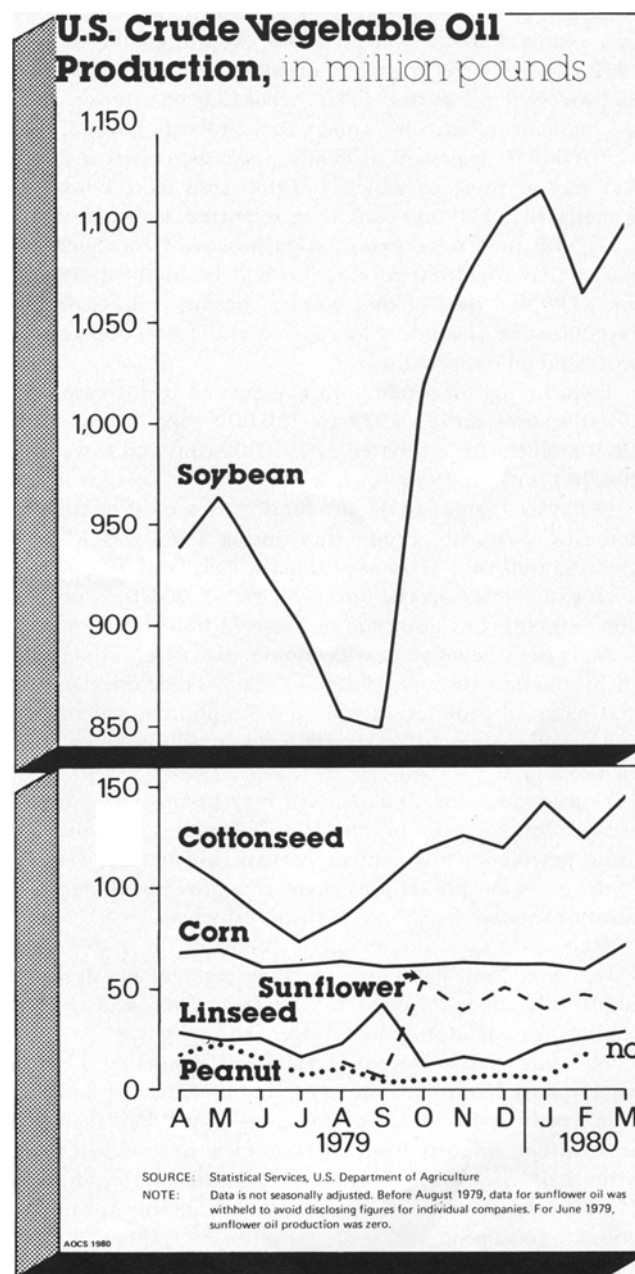
Kraft, Dart merger proposed

A proposed merger of Kraft Inc. and Dart Industries Inc. was announced in early June. The tentative name for the new firm is Dart & Kraft Inc.

Kraft is primarily a food firm whereas Dart produces consumer goods marketed under such names as Tupperware, West Bend and Duracell. Kraft has been seeking ways to diversify. □

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Babcock Gardner Ltd. has moved into new offices at 1111 N. Fifth St., Stroudsburg, PA 18360. The mixer manufacturer is a subsidiary of Babcock International Ltd. of Great



Britain....EMI DISC Corp. has signed a contract with Dong Bang Oil and Flour Mills Co. Ltd. to supply processing equipment to the firm's Jinhae facilities for producing partially hydrogenated, winterized soybean salad oil. □