

Agriculture and Peasant Affairs

Ministry Report on Autumn Work Progress: A Ministry of Agriculture announcement says that the potato harvest is almost finished and 80 per cent of the sugar-beet crop has been delivered at the refineries. The maize harvest is also nearing completion on the Great Plain and the Northern Counties. But in Transdanubia the crop ripened later, and harvesting still remains to be done over a large area. Most State Farms have completed their autumn sowing operations. Producer co-operatives and individual peasants have sown their autumn barley and most autumn bread crops. Delays have, however, occurred in several counties owing to poor preparation and co-ordination of harvesting and sowing operations. Too little use has been made of machines in some places for autumn ploughing and sowing. Hardly more than half the winter wheat has been sown in Counties Borsod, Csongrad, Hajdu, Pest Baranya and Tolna. (Budapest 06.00, 1.11.57)

Appeal for Faster Autumn Work: The Praesidium of Agricultural Workers' Union (MEDOSZ), has issued an appeal to MTS, producer co-operatives and individual farmers to speed up autumn work in the fields. In some places, the appeal says, the harvest has not been started and autumn sowing operations are constantly delayed. The appeal asks producer co-operatives and individual peasants to avail themselves of the services of the MTS. (Budapest 07.00, 3.11.57)

Supplies for the Rural Population: A meeting of the SZOEVOSSZ Directorate on 30th November discussed the supply of goods to the rural population, reports 'Nepakarat'. The meeting heard that Farmers' (Trade) Co-operative shops would carry more food of certain types, particularly sweets and so-called "colonial" produce. The villagers will also get their share of industrial articles such as washing machines, motor cycles and cookers. A wider choice of clothing will be provided and the demand for fertilisers and plant protection chemicals will be fully met by the spring. (Budapest 09.00, 31.10.57)