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Advances in Agronomy, Vol. IX

A. G. NORMAN, ed. xi + 308 pages. Academic Press Inc., 125 East 23rd St., New York 10, N. Y. 1957. \$8.00. Reviewed by M. S. ANDERSON, Agricultural Research Service, USDA, Beltsville, Md.

"Advances in Agronomy" is a series of books designed to review progress in agronomic research and practice at intervals of approximately one year. The chapters are by different authors, and subject matter within the broad field of agronomy is diverse.

Volume IX consists of nine chapters by authors outstanding in their fields. Soil scientists will be particularly interested in the discussion of brown forest soils (Braunerde) in the U. S. and in Europe. Soil profiles from different countries are described and chemical data are given. The current American concept of this group of soils is narrow, and usage of the term is somewhat different in Europe.

Two crops, cotton and lespedeza, receive specific attention in this book. Trends of crop production in the old cotton belt changed greatly during the period 1930 to 1950. Cotton acreage

within the area has been diminished by about 40%, while pasture and hayland acreage has increased nearly 60%.

Lepedeza for hay and for seed is produced in the southeastern quarter of the U. S. A great increase in acreage followed introduction of Korean lespedeza in the late 1920's.

The chapter on statistics should be of interest to many students of the natural sciences. The philosophy of experimental design, as presented, will appeal to many who are familiar with general features of agronomic statistics. Some of the more interesting items, such as fractional replications and box designs, deal with ideas that have been presented in recent journal articles, but have not yet appeared in text books. This is another good book on agronomic topics that many will want to read.

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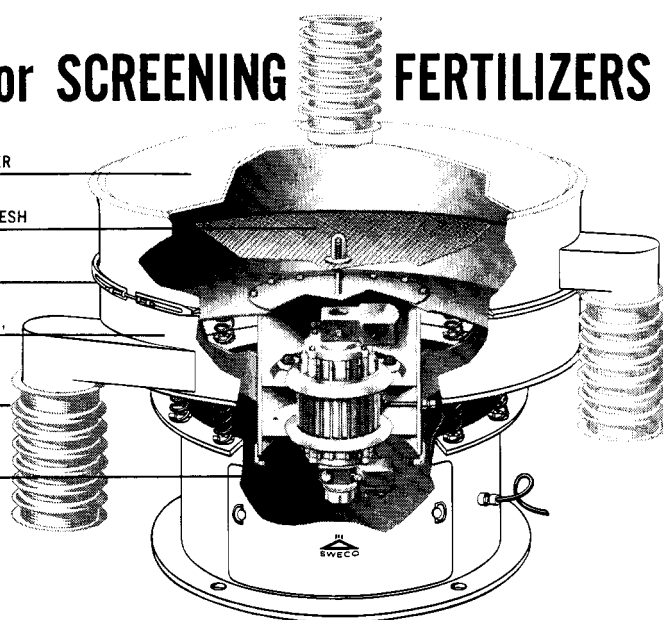
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