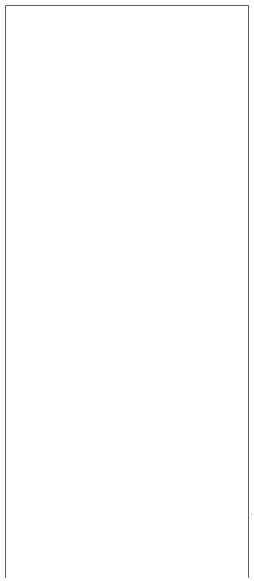


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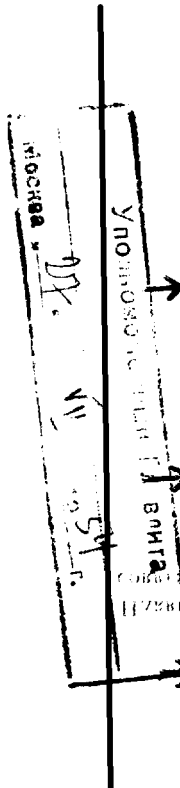
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Moscow: It's harvest time in the Ukraine and in Russia's Central Black Earth belt and <sup>A</sup>rich grain crop is being gathered in after a cold, wet spring and a record-breaking hot June and July.

Wheat has, for the most part, been already combined in the central and even the northern Ukraine. But the harvest is still in progress in the Black Earth belt and all through the region grain is being trucked to elevators and the straw is being stacked in the fields.

In many towns and villages along the paved Moscow-Kharkov highway sections of pavement have been roped off and the golden grain has been dumped out to dry. ~~Peasants~~ Peasants cart it in in the morning, in great sacks, let it dry all day, then sweep it up at evening and bring it back to the farm.

Almost all the harvest is gathered mechanically, mostly with combines although reapers and binders are still to be seen as well as stationary threshers. Peasant women flailing the grain with wooden, leather-throated flails can be seen in peasant courtyards.



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- 1-Combine, harvesting wheat Central Black Earth region, south of Orel.
  - 2-Ditto.
  - 3-Ditto. Farmers with carts to carry grain off.
  - 4-Straw stacked like sentinels, high in threshed field, N.Ukraine.
  - 5-Straw being hauled off to the barns, N.Ukraine.
  - 6-Corn field, N.Ukraine, with the windmill and buildings of good-looking State farm in background. Corn in the third week of July is only about ~~hip-high~~ hip-high in this region but is a lower-growing variety than Iowa corn and has already begun to tassel.
  - 7-Collective farm herd, N.Ukraine, being driven back at night. Herd is 75 percent this spring's calves.
  - 8-Grain spread out on pavement of Black Earth village to dry.
  - 9-Sunflower field, N.Ukraine. Windmill in distance. Sunflowers are a principal Russian source of vegetable oil, as important to Russian economy as the peanut is to American.



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