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ABSTRACT

The farm service center, which provides fertilizer for nearby farms, has been a feature of the cultural land-

examines the farm service center industry of the county from the standpoint of geographical changes through time and

considers the impact of the centers on the landscape. Information was primarily obtained by interviewing managerial personnel at the 28 farm centers and completing a standardized questionnaire. Some of the information collected has been recorded on maps and photographs.

area, perceived by management as delimited by a circle with a 10-mile radius outward from the center, was confirmed as generally accurate by examination of the fertilizer application pattern of two sample centers. After steady growth

doubled during the 1960s. This rapid growth during the decade was followed by the economic failure and abandonment