

Farm Safety Week Will Be July 22 to 28

HARRISBURG — Loss of 42 lives in accidents involving farm workers and members of Pennsylvania farm families during the first six months of this year is "far too many" when most of the accidents could have been avoided. State Secretary of Agriculture William L. Henning declared today.

As Pennsylvania chairman for observance of Farm Safety Week, July 22-28, he issued the following statement:

"Human failure is associated with nearly every farm accident. Loss of life and limb are the harvest gathered after the seeds of carelessness have been sown."

Only 69 Last Year

"For the first half of this year the Pennsylvania Rural Safety Council reports 42 fatalities among farm people, far too many compared with the total of 69 for the entire year of 1955. Scores of others have been permanently or temporarily disabled. Costs in medical care and time lost from food production are terrifically high."

"This year's death toll included six farm boys killed in highway accidents just a few days before their graduation from high school."

"Tractor accidents caused the death of 20 people ranging from 10 to 73 years of age. The other 22 farm fatalities came through falls, drownings, fires, hay mowers, electrically charged wires, logging, a baby choking on a wood screw, an older person choking on orange peel, and so on. A Centre County youth diving a horse and buggy was killed when the rig was struck by a car."

Results of Haste

"Not always do accidents 'just happen.' Most are the result of haste, fatigue, indifference, carelessness, or lack of clear thinking when 'taking a chance.'"

"Industry trains its workers in safety practices. Farm people must train themselves and keep in mind — 365 days of the year — that safety pays in all

Pennsylvania Farm Crops

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was about average.

Spring Planting Delayed

Planting of spring crops was delayed by wet ground which caused some decline in the acreage of oats. The crop is estimated at 27,195,000 bushels which is 6,111,000 under last year. Yield is set at 35 bushels per acre, seven bushels under 1955, but the same as average. The crop is being grown on 777,000 acres, 16,000 less than in 1955.

This year's tobacco crop, growing on the same number of acres as in 1955, is expected to reach 47,200,000 pounds, about one and one-half million more than in 1955, but better than two million under average, due to a smaller acreage.

Other Pennsylvania field crops are estimated as follows, with 1955 figures in parentheses:

Barley, 9,500,000 bushels, averaging 38 bushels per acre from 250,000 acres (9,065,000 bushels, 37 per acre from 245,000 acres); rye, 624,000 bushels, averaging 24 bushels per acre from 26,000 acres (484,000 bushels, averaging 22 bushels per acre from 22,000 acres); all hay, 3,716,000 tons, averaging 160 tons per acre from 2,325,000 acres (3,306,000 tons, averaging 148 tons per acre from 2,235,000 acres)

ways. Safety is the cheapest investment in the world, but it can be made to pay the biggest dividends. Farm Safety Week is our annual reminder that safety practices will make farm life safer, happier and better."

Lahaska Farms Guernsey Scores

A new record placing seventh in fat production among the 10 highest of the Guernsey breed in her class has just been completed by the registered cow, Quarry Valley's Phil's Amber, a junior four year-old, owned

by William C. Clark, Quarry Valley Farm, Lahaska, Pa.

"Phil's Amber" produced 15,123 lbs. of milk and 768 lbs. of fat in 365 days on two times daily milking and was bred to meet calving requirements.

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Class Leader records, one for 14,140 pounds of milk and 834 pounds of fat, made as a five year-old, in the 365-2X division and met calving requirements and the other for 14,107 pounds of milk and 756 pounds of fat, made as a junior four year-old, in the 365-2X division and met calving require-



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