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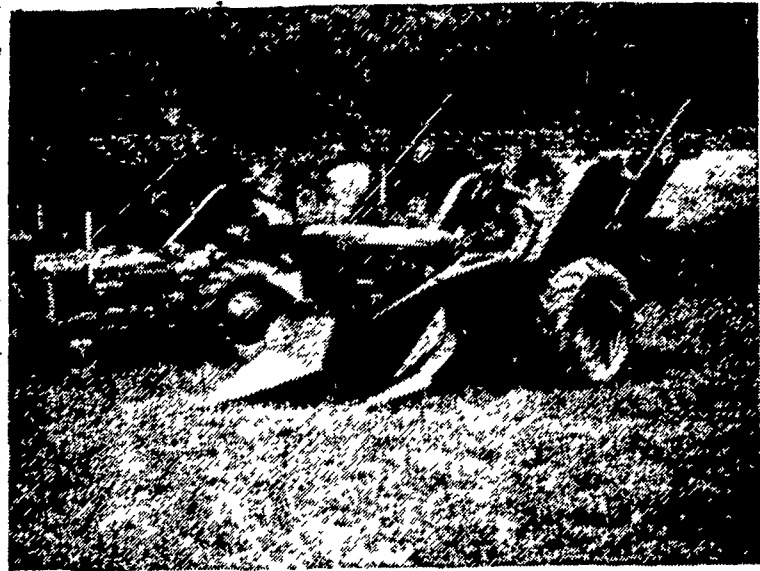
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small grain fields are heavy with weeds, and one southern Lancaster County farmer reported no end of trouble in combining wheat that was heavily infested with weeds following continued down-pours.

Leaf hoppers are more abundant at the moment, Mr Sloat warns, and after the second cutting of alfalfa, spray should be applied, using methoaxlor — 1½ quarts per acre in solution. "Continue regular spraying on potatoes and tomatoes," he tells. Potato vines are very green, spuds are not sizing up. They are probably running 10 days behind normal, due to adverse weather.

Early varieties of peaches and apples are being harvested now, and quality in Lancaster County looks very good, he adds.

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Announcing New Developments In Ford Corn Pickers



A group of Lancaster County Ford tractor dealers inspected the new adaptation of the Ford one row and two row mounted corn pickers on competitive make tractors.

The Ford one row mounted picker will now fit the Oliver "55", Ferguson "35", Massey-Harris "50", and the John Deere "50", "60" and "70", tractors. The Ford two row picker will now fit the Allis-Chalmers "W-D", "W-D-45".

Pictured above is the new Ford Corn Picker, which is now available. Those dealers present included Isaac Sauder, New Holland; Allen Matz, Denver; Paul Mount, Quarryville; Chet Haverstick, Lester Haverstick and Clair Poff, Lancaster; and Mr. Kimple of Elizabethtown.

These dealers are sure the many farmers in their area will be glad to know that they can adapt these pickers to their present tractors, since figures from state and national corn picking contests proved the ability of the Ford mounted pickers to save up to as much as 9.92% of yield more than other pickers.

The two row mounted picker saved 4.40% of yield over the average of all competitive makes used in the contests.

Of course the ever popular pull-type picker is still in the Ford corn picker line
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Farm Price Index Decline Said Checked

HARRISBURG — A downward trend in prices received by Pennsylvania farmers that extended from December to June finally has been checked, according to Federal-State surveys announced today by the State Department of Agriculture.

While prices received for crops took a slump during the month ended July 15th, higher prices for the larger volume movement of dairy and poultry products resulted in an advance of seven point in the overall index, the survey revealed.

At 235 per cent of the 1910-14 base average, the Pennsylvania July 15 index is the highest since last January. Nationally, lower prices received by farmers for fruit, meat animals and commercial vegetables were responsible for a one-point decline compared with a two-point advance during the month ended June 15, the Department said.

For Pennsylvania crops, the index registered a 6-point decline, attributed to sharply lower prices for barley and wheat, the survey showed. Corn, oats, rye and buckwheat prices were steady while new crop apples contributed to a 25 per cent per bushel decline.

New crop potatoes started to move by mid-July, but sales were too few to establish a price level, it was said.

Livestock and livestock products registered a 10-point advance as wholesale milk, chicken and egg average prices were up from a month earlier. Wholesale milk averaged \$4.45 per hundred lbs. up 25 cents from June and 10 cents above the July 1955 average. Milk cows advanced \$10 to average \$195 per head.

Chickens averaged 1.2 cents higher per pound liveweight than on June 15, but at 21.8 cents were 4.7 cents below mid-July a year ago.

Crowd at Brandywine Field Day



White fences, black cattle — and a good-sized crowd made an excellent field day of the Brandywine Angus Breeders, Inc., at Ivy Farms, Malvern, Pa., last Saturday afternoon. (Lancaster Farming Staff Photo).

Weather Still Hinders Farm Work, Harvest

HARRISBURG — Adverse weather conditions continued to handicap Pennsylvania farmers in harvesting grain and hay crops during the week ended Monday, the State Department of Agriculture reported today. Showers during the week retarded field work in most areas, particularly in the northern and western counties, Federal-State surveys showed.

Difficulty in maintaining spray programs was experienced by most farmers. Continued sunshine is needed for the drying and ripening of grains, the coloring of fruit and tomatoes and the curing of hay, the Department said. Soil moisture ranged from plentiful to excessive.

In many areas wheat is sprouting in the fields and much has been flattened by rain and wind. Spring oats are coloring in the north and harvest has started in southern counties. Some barley is still standing but corn is making good progress with most tasseling in the southeast.

In northern areas much of the first cutting of hay has not been cured with a resulting loss in quality due to over maturity. Poor curing weather has spoiled hay in the fields to such extent that it is worthless and some farmers are burning it to make way for the second crop. Cutting of second growth alfalfa is beginning in the southeast. Pastures generally range from good to excellent.

Ground and vines have been so wet that potato growers have been retarded in efforts to spray fields for control of insects and late blight. Weeds also have become a problem. Wet ground has delayed digging of early potatoes in the southeast. Buckwheat is in full bloom and soybeans are doing well.

Picking of early peaches has started and harvesting of early apples continues in the southeast. Fruit made rapid progress but needs sunshine.

Early sweet corn for the fresh market is being moved in volume from the southeast. Lack of sunshine retarded coloring of tomatoes which are developing rapidly. Harvesting of snap beans for processing is under way in volume.

Temperatures were below normal in all sections for the third consecutive week. For the current week the weather is expected to be warmer Wednesday, cooler by Friday with

Egg Output in June Lowest of Past Five Years

HARRISBURG — Output of eggs from Pennsylvania farms during June at 281 million was the lowest for the month in five years, the State Department of Agriculture said today following Federal-State surveys.

Both the number of layers and the average number of eggs per layer fell short of the June 1955 level, the survey showed.

The number of layers at 16,226,000 declined seasonally from the May estimate of 16,578,000 and dropped 2 per cent below the 16,520,000 a year earlier. The rate of lay at 17.34 eggs per bird compares with 17.52 a year ago.

Production of eggs during January through June this year totals 1,840,000,000 compared with 1,870,000,000 for the same six-month period in 1955.

Prices received by Pennsylvania farmers for eggs on June 15 at 42 cents per dozen showed no change from a month previous, but a 2-cent increase over June 15, 1955. Farm chickens dropped one cent per pound liveweight from May 15 and at 22 cents were down 3 cents from a year earlier.

Liveweight turkey at 37 cents per pound was unchanged from a year earlier but down 2 cents for the month. Liveweight broiler prices, averaging 20 cents per pound, declined 15 cents for the month and 8 cents for the year. Broiler prices improved during late June and early July.

showers Wednesday in the western section, Thursday in the eastern part of the State and again by the end of the week

County Churches Hold Services for Migrants

Lancaster County churches held special religious services for migrant Puerto Rican laborers by the Rev. Donald E. Smith, chaplain of the Migrant Workers Committee of the United Churches of Lancaster County.

Saturday night the Lancaster County Council of Church Women entertained workers at the Lancaster YMCA, with St. Stephens Lutheran Church as host. Four more Saturday night programs will be held during the summer.

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