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Crop Production Falls 51,000 Acres For Spring Crops

Intended crop production is down by 51,000 acres in Pennsylvania this year, according to the crop reporting service of the state department of agriculture.

Last year, the seven major spring crops were grown on 4,730,000 acres. This year the acreage will be only 4,679,000 acres. The total is 49,000 acres under the 10 year average.

Acreages finally planted this spring may turn out to be larger or smaller than indicated, by reason of weather conditions, price changes, labor supply, financial conditions and the agricultural program, the reporters say.

Feed grains are almost half of the total spring acreage in the state and a reduction of two per cent is expected. Farmers expect to plant 1,249,000 acres of corn, four per cent lower than last year due to influence of the Soil Bank, and a good crop in the south-central counties in 1956.

Some of the 52,000 acre reduction in corn is expected to be absorbed in increased plantings of oats. Intentions are for 829,000 acres of oats, 24,000 more than last year.

Barley acreage seeded last fall, plus some spring barley, is expected to total 219,000 acres — down eight per cent from last year.

At 51,000 acres, the 1957 potato crop will be the smallest on record. Tobacco is expected to total 30,000 acres, the same as last year. The 1956 crop was seven per cent below the ten year average.

A six per cent reduction is planned for soybeans for all purposes, but the anticipated 52,000 acres would be four per cent above average.

This year's hay acreage at 2,249,000 acres is expected to be the same as a year ago. The crop on last year's acreage was good, but harvesting was very difficult in the western one-third of the state due to wet weather.

New seedings of alfalfa and clover have wintered well. The hard freeze of mid-January caused some winter-kill. Hay crops on March 1, the date of the survey, were still mostly dormant with only very slight greening in the southeast.



SPRING PLOWING got off to a good start some farmers reported that late rains is pretty well started. However speculation yet or not still runs high. (LF Photo)

this week in Lancaster County. Although made the ground a little tough, fieldwork as to whether the Onion Snow has come

Lancaster County Had Most Entries In 1957 Farm Show, Henning Says

HARRISBURG — Certification for payment of \$42,709.25 in cash awards for winners at the 1957 Pennsylvania Farm Show was announced Monday by State Agriculture Secretary William L. Henning, chairman of the Farm Show Commission.

The premium total compares favorably with the average for the past five years and covers a near-record 8,106 awards won in competition with 10,588 separate entries by 4,187 exhibitors.

Each of the 67 Pennsylvania counties was represented by farm products exhibits, indicating the widespread interest in the exposition, Sec. Henning said.

Lancaster led with 372 competitive entries followed in order by York with 236, Lycoming 153, Berks 150, Franklin 132, Montgomery 129, Somerset 126, Northumberland 121, Cumberland 117, Lebanon 112, Dauphin 110, Wash-

ington 109, and Mercer 107, making 13 counties with more than 100 competitive entries. Others ranged down to one each from Elk and Pike Counties. Philadelphia had 14 exhibits — 12 in vegetables and one each in eggs and home economics.

A new record was set in the home economics department of the 1957 Farm Show when 61 counties were represented by exhibits.

Another record was established when 51 demonstrations were given by vocational high school students during the first three days of the show.

Dairy cattle led the premium payments with a total of \$12,155 in cash awards. Beef cattle were second with \$6,431 and poultry third with \$4,633.

Awards in other departments of the show include: horses, \$3,00; sheep, \$675; swine, \$2,939; milk, \$92; corn, \$397; small grains, \$274; potatoes and potato grading, \$309; grass silage, \$175; hay, \$278; tobacco, \$258; apples, \$1,577; edible nuts, \$151; vegetables, \$803; maple products, \$110; apary products, \$748; Christmas trees, \$98; wool, \$138; eggs, \$472; baby chicks and poults, \$128; dressed turkeys, \$113; home economics, \$2,114.75; tractor driving, \$120; school demonstrations, \$600; school exhibits, \$820.

Beef, Turkeys, Eggs On May Plentiful List

Beef, turkeys, and eggs will be featured items on the Plentiful Foods list for May, according to word just received from the Food Distribution Division of the Agricultural Marketing Service of the U. S. Department of agriculture.

William Gordon Slated Speaker At Homemaker Day

Dr. William Gordon of the rural sociology department at Penn State will speak on "Your Family in a Changing Community" at Extension Homemakers Day to be held April 24 at the First Presbyterian Church in Lancaster.

Other events planned for the full day program, according to Miss Ruth Kimble, extension home economist, are a grooming demonstration by a representative of Lambert-Hudnut, and a demonstration of the operation of the new electronic range to be presented by the Pennsylvania Power and Light Co.

A luncheon will be served at noon.

The grooming and range demonstrations will be held at the morning session, starting at 10 a. m. given in the afternoon.

Tickets for the event may be purchased at the County Extension Office. Dr. Gordon's talk will be given in the afternoon.

7 County Girls In Miss Milkmaid Competition

Seven Lancaster County dairy-men's daughters have entered the second annual "Miss Milkmaid" contest.

They are Misses Dorothy Elmer, R6 Lancaster, Marion Wolf, R2 Denver; Janet Risser, R1 Holtwood; Barbara Hoffmeier, R2 Gap; Thelma Welk, R2 Holtwood; June Long, Peach Bottom and Ramona R. Groff, R4 Lititz.

These girls are among 105 young women from the 12 major milk marketing areas who have entered the contest.

Local eliminations will be held during April to select 12 finalists to compete for the Pennsylvania title at the finals to be held May 16 and 17 at Bedford Springs Hotel during the annual convention of the Pennsylvania Assn. of Broadcasters.

The judges named for the finals include the following: Samuel Gould, president, of Pennsylvania Chain Store Council; Robert C. Hibben, executive secretary, International Assn. of Ice Cream Manufacturers; Ira Park, president, Pennsylvania Grocers Assn.; Ray Dankenbring, Eastern editor, Farm Journal; G. A. Biggs, president, Pennsylvania Farmers Assn.; and Mrs. Thomas Price, Pennsylvania Assn. of Broadcasters.

State Sen. John T. Van Sant, Station WSN, Allentown, will be master of ceremonies.

The state's first "Miss Milkmaid" was Susan Gail Coskery, R1 Center Valley. She made personal appearances in over 34 cities and many radio and television appearances during the past year representing Pennsylvania's dairy industry.

Michael Moore of Moore's Dairy, Lancaster, is in charge of the local contest.

916,672 Soil Bank Agreements Signed

Up to March 22 a total of 916,672 agreements had been signed placing a total of 20,536,001 acres in the acreage reserve according to latest reports from state Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation officers.

The sign-up now includes 4,574,254 acres of corn, 3,019,746 acres of cotton, 204,348 acres of rice, 79,687 acres of tobacco, and 12,707,966 acres of wheat, including winter wheat.

Channel Islands Reported Infected With Foot-and-Mouth Disease

Foot-and-mouth disease has struck the Channel Islands in the English Channel, the U. S. Department of Agriculture announced Friday.

Livestock regulatory officials of USDA's Agricultural Research Service have declared the Channel Islands infected with foot-and-mouth disease, in accordance with section 306 (a) of the Tariff Act of 1930. All livestock susceptible to foot-and-mouth disease, and fresh, chilled or frozen meats from such animals, are prohibited entry from the Channel Islands into the United States. Entry of certain other products and materials capable of spreading foot-and-mouth disease is also restricted.

Both hogs and cattle are affected in the outbreak. The Channel Islands had been free of foot-and-

mouth disease for several years. Islands in this group, including Alderney, Guernsey, Jersey, and Sark, belong to Great Britain.

Department records indicate that the last shipment of ruminants or swine to the United States from the Channel Islands was early in 1956. It is not expected that the foot-and-mouth disease outbreak on the Islands will have an appreciable effect on trade between the Islands and the United States.

The first appearance of foot-and-mouth disease in a previously noninfected area in the Western hemisphere since Mexico was declared free of the disease in 1954 was an outbreak on the Island of Curacao in the Netherlands West Indies earlier this year.

Only 40 Tickets Remain Unsold To \$25 Poultry Booster Dinner

Only 40 tickets to the \$25 plate poultry boosters banquet to be held April 17 at Hostetters in Mt. Joy are yet available, it was announced Monday night at a meeting of the Poultry Assn. board of directors.

The capacity of the hall is 300 persons, and over 100 tickets have been sold or made available to special guests, they explained.

Each ticket admits two persons. In other action, the board announced that requests for bids are being sent to bonding companies to bond buyers at the poultry exchange.

The bids will be opened at the Center Wednesday.

On Thursday the buyers will meet to discuss the offers made by the bonding companies.