## **Light Wheat Price Supports** To Be Relaxed

Because wet weather in the Southwest at harvest time is resulting in a higher percentage of hight test wheat than usual, the U.S Department of Agriculture announced recently it was relaxing 1957-crop wheat price-support requirements to include lightweight wheat that otherwise would not be eligible for price support.

The lighter weigh wheat in cluded under the relaxed provisions will be "Sample" grade on test weight only, but no wheat testing less than 40 pounds per bushel will be eligible for sup-





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THIS LATE PLANTED CORN in Northern Lancaster County shows the effect of the recent drouth Farmers in that part of the county reported that the rains Tuesday failed to penetrate much more than three

or four inches. County Agent Max Smith recommends that such corn can be used as silage to salvage as much of the feed value as possible. (LF Photo)

## Henning Reports Satisfaction On Oak Wilt, Moth Eradication

tary of Agriculture William L Accompanying them was Clair Henning, upon landing at the Allison of the Department of Harrisburg airport today follow- Forestry, U S Department of ing an aerial survey of Oak Wilt Agriculture disease infections, said he was encouraged by the progress be- that attacks all species of oak fungus disease

Henning and Dr Thomas L of Plant Industry, flew over more than 15 counties to deter-

HARRISBURG - State Secre-mine the spread of the disease

Oak Wilt is a fungus disease ing made in eradicating the trees. It was first found in Pennsylvania in 1950

The State afficials also flew Guyton, director of the Bureau over many parts of the Commonwealth to locate gypsy moth caterpillar damage Earlier in the year 230,000 acres of land in three Pennsylvania countres were sprayed with DDT to check the destructive gypsy moth.

Henning lauded State and Federal workers for the parts hey are playing in oak wilt fungus survey and eradication vork He said Pennsylvania has the lowest per "spot" infection n the nation It costs Pennsylvania taxpayers an estimated \$32 per infection for both survey this eradication of while costs run as high as \$90 per infection in some states

Aerial and ground crews of the Department began the attack gainst oak wilt in mid-June The campaign will continue through September.

On July 1 Department specralist began tracking the dreaded gypsy moth in eight eastern and northeastern counties Nearly 3 600 large (alvaged fruit cans lined with sticky flypaper and a special bait to lure moths will be placed in woodlands by workers during the gypsy moth program.

The 1957 trapping will cover 2 034,000 acres, the largest undertaken in Pennsylvania since 1950, Henning said

### Oats Silage Almost Double TDN from Grain Crop

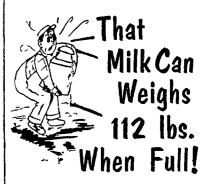
Oats harvested as silage produced 48 per cent more total digestible nutrients (TDN) an acie than did oats for grain in 1956 University of Minnesota research

Oats as silage averaged 2,374 pounds of TDN an acre, while oats put in the grain bin averaged only 1.600 pounds of TDN The increase in feed value of oat silage was equal to 17 bushels of corn or 339 bushels of oat grain.

## Sorghums Can Be **Poisonous**

Johnsongrass and sudangrass are among plants which sometimes cause livestock poisoning, says Dr. M. W. Oburn, extension veterinarian at Kansas State College in Manhattan. Sorghums grown under ordinary conditions are considered good feed, but when normal growth has been interrupted by drought, frost, trampling or other cause, hydrocyanic acid may develop to a point where it becomes toxic.

The amount of acid varies considerably according to conditions and varieties. Young and secondgrowth plants can develop larger amounts than older plants. The amount of hydrocyanic acid diminishes more or less regularly as the plant matures. The stubble that sprouts after harvest is high ın acıd also, says Dr. Osburn.



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