



INSPECTING STUNTED CORN on the Berks County farm of C Paul Lied near Sinking Springs, are Governor George Leader and Secretary of Agriculture William L. Henning. The governor toured farms in Berks, Chester, and Montgomery Counties Monday.



BERKS COUNTY AGENT James H. Haldeman, left, holds a stunted ear of corn while Gov. Leader and Sec. Henning examine the bone-dry soil in the corn field of C. Paul Lied in Berks County. Lied told the governor that the field of U. S. 13 will make only 30 per cent of the normal yield if it were kept for grain. He said that it will go into the silo. (LF Photo)

Gov. Leader Calls Crop Conditions In Southeast Counties 'Worst Ever'

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Fresh market and processing tomatoes are moving in volume this week. Sweet corn is very poor in many localities of the southeast and in some places the crop is almost a complete loss. Cutting of early planted tobacco is underway in Lancaster County with yields per acre well below last year. A large part of the corn crop in the southeast has passed the stage where rain will help for maturity, and corn throughout the rest of the state is suffering from lack of moisture.

For the remainder of the week Pennsylvania farmers can expect continuation of dry conditions. Temperatures are expected to be slightly below normal and no rain is forecast, the U. S. Weather Bureau said.

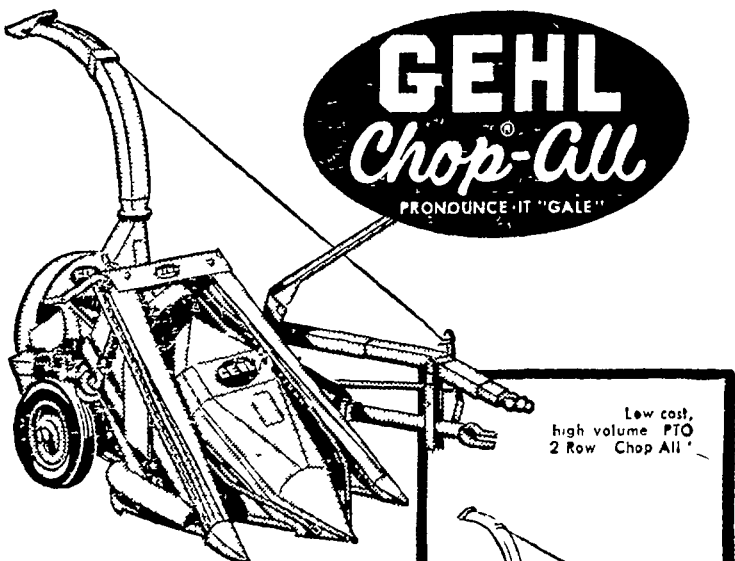
The 15 principal weather stations in the state report an average of 14.28 inches of rain has fallen during the growing season

which began April 2, 1957. The greatest amount was reported in Erie, 18.70 inches. Philadelphia

had the least rainfall, 8.16 inches. Government inspectors under veterinary supervision, seized more than 38 tons of prohibited and restricted meats from aircraft and ships during 1956 to prevent introduction of foreign diseases to the U. S.

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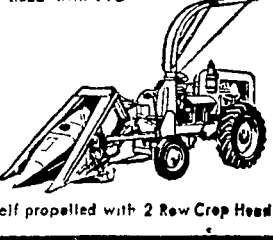
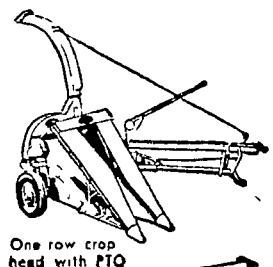
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Christmas Tree Survey Returned By Most Growers

HARRISBURG — Seventy-five per cent of the nearly 3,000 surveyed Christmas tree growers in Pennsylvania have indicated their marketing intentions of this year's crop, the State Department of Agriculture said today.

However, Brooke Althouse, agricultural statistician with the Pennsylvania Federal-State Crop Reporting Service, said more than 400 growers have not yet supplied the requested information. He added that these growers are not expected to receive information to be compiled from the survey.

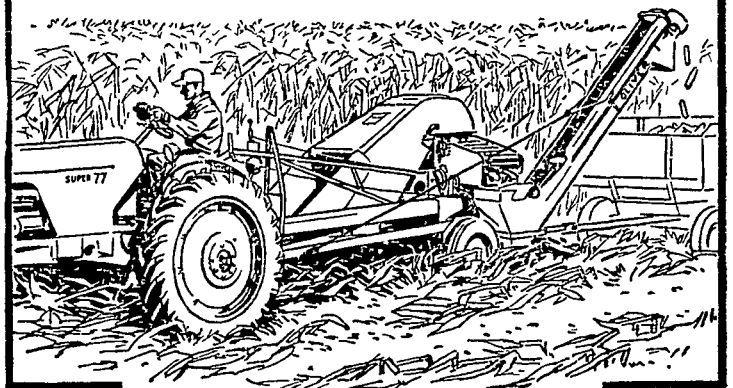
The growers were contacted in June in the first survey of its kind ever conducted in the State to determine the number and variety of Christmas trees grown in Pennsylvania. Growers have been asked to supply information to help plan orderly marketing programs for the 1957 crop, Althouse explained.

He explained that in the past many producers have planted or cut trees without sufficient knowledge of marketing conditions. With the information sought this year from growers, along with intentions, the findings should encourage better marketing, he claimed.

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