

Crop Summary Wheat Harvest In County Slow

Combines moved into Lancaster County wheat fields in limited numbers this week. Rainy weather kept harvesting to a minimum and the effect of the late spring is being reflected in the delay of nearly two weeks in harvest date. Scattered reports on the few crops in the bin indicate good, but not record yields in prospect.

Barley harvest has moved into central counties and high yields continue to be reported, the State Crop Reporting Service said Tuesday in its weekly crop and weather summary.

Pennsylvania's corn crop is in fair condition. Farmers say that more rain and hot weather is needed for maximum growth.

The cool weather is also holding back the tomato crop. Tomatoes are sizing very well, and the stand is good, but maturity and growth is being retarded. Tomatoes in the north and western parts of the state are growing faster than those in other areas. Some Pennsylvania-grown tomatoes were moving into fresh markets this week.

Sweet corn, also s'owed by the cool nights, will not start to market until the end of the month.

Snap bean harvest started in southern counties in full volume last week. The beans are of good size and high quality. Machines are being used to harvest a portion of the crop.

Early peach varieties have started to ripen in southern counties and sour cherry harvest started in the South Mountain (Adams County) production area.

A few early cobbler potatoes are finding their way to roadside markets in southeastern Pennsylvania. Volume movement will not start for another two weeks.

Late potatoes in the northern tier counties are sprout-

ed and the stand is good. Tobacco planting is virtually completed with plants showing few ill effects from weather, insects or disease.

Tobacco Crop Estimate Up From March

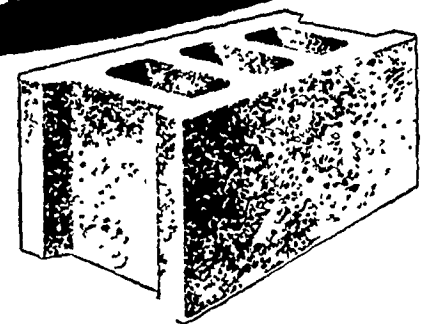
In spite of late planting, an above average crop of 52.7 million pounds of cigar tobacco is now anticipated in Pennsylvania, the State Crop Reporting Service said in a special report this week.

This 52.7 million pounds is approximately the same as last year but is 11 per cent above the 1950 average. Preliminary surveys show Pennsylvania farmers, mostly in Lancaster County, planted 31,000 acres this year, the same as last year. This is slightly above the reported intentions in March.

Because of the cool spring, transplanting was set back a week to ten days with some tobacco left to be planted in July, but not as much as last year.

Tobacco that has been planted has had fairly good starting weather, and nearly all the plants are off to a good start. There has been sufficient amounts of rain for food growth and in only a few localized areas is there yellowing of plants from the lack of sunshine.

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