

Crop Summary Tobacco Harvest Swings Into High

Tobacco harvest continued this week with the crop maturing rapidly in spite of the late start in many fields in the county. Reports from around the county indicate that crops harvested tend to bear out the high yields predicted this week by the Crop Reporting Service. Farmers were breathing a little easier this week as cooler temperatures and lowered humidity lessened the danger of pole burn. Veteran tobacco men are advising caution and slow filling of the sheds wherever possible to keep the danger of pole burn to a minimum.

Seeding of alfalfa is pretty well completed in the county with moisture conditions reported good in most areas to slightly dry for good germination in others.

Pastures in the county are in excellent condition for this time of year and third crop of hay on many farms is showing good height.

Reports from farmers around the county indicate there may be a limited amount of corn going into the silo by the end of next week. Corn is entering the soft dough stage in many fields.

Digging of Cobbler potatoes is in full swing in the Commonwealth and a limited late blight infestation is reported under control according to the weekly crop and weather summary issued this week by the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service.

Apples continue to size nicely and Yellow Transperts and Summer Rambos are being picked throughout the State. Early peach harvest is increasing in volume and good supplies should be available within the next three weeks. Erie County's grape crop shows a good quality of fruit on the vines.

All vegetables are progressing satisfactorily. Tomatoes for fresh market are beginning to move in volume and harvesting has begun on some of the commercial processing crop. Early sweet corn harvest is nearly completed; early cabbage continues to be cut and late cabbage is developing well; the bulk of the snap bean crop has been harvested; and lima beans are starting to be picked.

Wheat combining is still being carried on across the State. Good yields are reported from those areas where harvest has been completed.

Kirkwood 4-H Meeting Held

Plans to have a float in the Solanco Fair parade were formulated at the recent meeting of the Kirkwood 4-H Community club.

Meeting in the home of Mr and Mrs. Roy Keene, of Bartville, the club assigned the following committee to plan and prepare the float: Kenneth Herr, Kirkwood, Chairman, Rebecca, Lois and Mary Ann Johnson, Richard Keene and William Maule.

The president, Richard Keene and William Maule, assisted by Mr James Martin gave a demonstration on how to prepare and show pigs at a fair or roundup.

Mrs Richard Maule and Mrs James Martin demonstrated how to select and arrange flowers for the flower club roundup.

The next meeting will be held September 5 at the Bart - Colerain Elementary School. Martin Greenleaf, of Oxford R2, is reporter for the club.

Oats harvest is being terminated in all areas with an estimated yield of 44.5 bushels

per acre being forecast.

Corn is entering the dough stage of development in most of the State. The crop is in excellent condition with few reports of diseases or insects.

Pastures are in very good condition for this time of year aided by the frequent

rains and warm weather. Fall plowing has begun in many areas of the State while some slow-down weather and crops permit



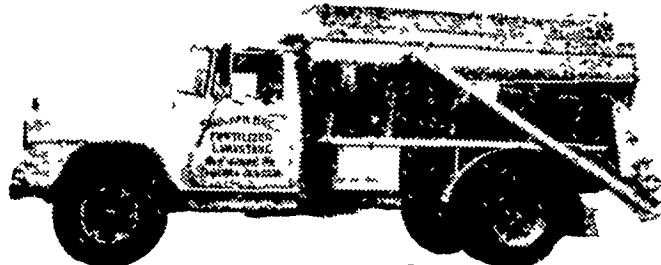
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