

Grain Stocks Are Down By 25 Per Cent

Total stocks of all grain in the state stored in on-farm and off-farm positions on April 1, totaled 41.9 million bushels, according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service. This total was 25 percent less than the amount on hand April 1, 1962, and 38 percent below the January 1, 1963 total.

Total stocks of corn at 26.1 million bushels were the lowest since 1958. On-farm holdings totaled 22.1 million bushels, dropped 29 percent from a year ago and were also the lowest since 1958.

Oat stocks in all positions on April 1 of 9.5 million bushels were lowest since 1953. The 19 percent decrease of on-farm holdings offset the slight increase of off-farm stocks.

With the 1962 wheat crop the lowest on record, total stocks remained well below a year earlier, and the lowest on record. On farm holdings were 36 percent below a year earlier, and also a record low.

The Nation's grain stocks on April 1, 1963 were smaller with total stocks of feed grains and all wheat each 8 percent less, and soybean holdings 3 percent less than a year ago. For the feed grains, corn stocks were 10 percent less than a year earlier, soybean holdings were 3 percent smaller while oats stocks were practically the same. Stocks of all wheat were below last year and the smallest since 1958.

All wheat stocks of 1,503 million bushels stored in all positions were 8 percent below a year earlier but 6 percent more than the 1957-61 average. Stocks were the smallest for the date since 1958. More than 80 percent of the total stocks were either owned by the Government or were under Government loan.

Rye stocks of 15.4 million bushels were 5 percent larger than on April 1 a year earlier but 4 percent less than average for the April 1 date. Commercial positions held 51 percent of the total and farm storages 48 percent.

Corn held in all storage positions on April 1 totaled 3,040 million bushels — 10 percent less than a year earlier.

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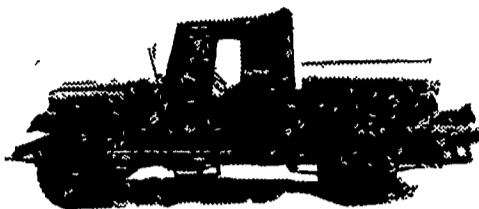
Keeping pastures free of debris and poisonous weeds and keeping fences in good repair are important steps in safeguarding the health of livestock, the Pennsylvania Veterinary Medical Association said today.

The Association said that loose wire fences can cause needless injury to livestock. Scrap metal left near fence repair areas may be swallowed by grazing cattle.

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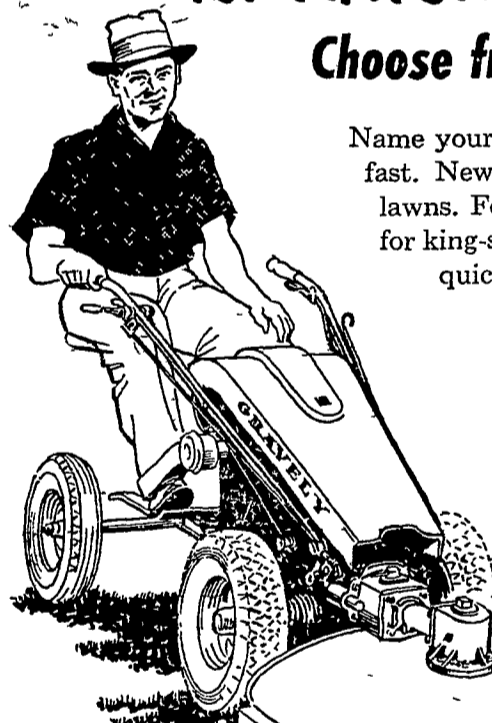
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