

## Growing Season One Of Shortest

Weatherwise, this has been one of the poorest growing seasons on record in most sections of the state, according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service.

Frost as late as May 24 got the crop season off to a late start, while freezing temperatures on September 23 and 24 brought the season to a premature close. The growing season was 4 to 6 weeks shorter than usual as a result.

Of more concern however was the persistent dryness from early April through September. Rainfall totals were below normal everywhere but not all sections were affected to the same degree. Northern and central counties, with the exception of the extreme northwest, received from 75 to 95 percent of normal rainfall. Elsewhere, percent of normal rainfall ranged from about 65 percent in the northwest and most southern areas to about 50 percent in parts of Lancaster County.

Equally as important as the precipitation deficit was the rainfall distribution throughout the season. Showers and thunderstorms did not produce sufficient rainfall to materially increase soil moisture supplies. In drier areas, top and sub soils have been unusually dry and ground water losses have been large. As a result, some springs have ceased to flow and wells have gone dry. Reservoirs, rivers and streams, especially in eastern sections, dropped to record or near record low levels during the last half of September. The rains of the past weekend have improved the situation somewhat, but much more rain is needed if moisture in the soil is to be replenished for the growing season next year.

### Pears

A good time to pick pears for storage is about one week or ten days before they normally ripen on the tree, says Carl Bittner, Penn State extension pomologist.

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## Animal Health Month Named

Des Moines, Iowa — "Animal health is essential for low-cost production of high-quality animal products that people can afford to buy," U. S. Secretary of Agriculture Orville L. Freeman said recently in a statement issued for the seventh annual observance of "October Is Animal Health Month."

"Through research and a national cooperative effort that puts research findings to practical use," the Secretary wrote to the Animal Health Institute here, "the United States has become the most efficient

in the world as a producer of economical animal products. Success in combating animal diseases has been at the heart of this achievement."

"Meat, poultry, milk, and eggs today supply three-fifths of the protein and a large share of the minerals and vitamins consumed by the American people," Mr. Freeman said, adding, "Animal diseases still are a costly problem, and new diseases keep cropping up from time to time."

Great progress in animal health has been made, he said, and further advances can be expected.

October is Animal Health Month is a national educational program developed by the Animal Health Institute, Des Moines. The Institute is an industry organization serving

## Potato Crop Forecast Up

HARRISBURG — This could be a "vintage year" for Pennsylvania potatoes. Although smaller than usual, potatoes harvested so far are of exceptional quality, the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service explained.

Harvest of late summer Cobblers is about completed. Tubers range in size from small to medium.

Digging of fall varieties has started in some areas, while growers in other sections re-

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port vines still in bloom. Heavy rain in mid-September caused some second growth. A number of growers have applied herbicides to Kennebec and Katahdin vines to prevent regrowth of tubers.

The Cobbler crop generally escaped disease and insect damage, but late blight is causing concern in Erie, Schuylkill and Sullivan counties.

Total production in the state is expected to be seven million hundredweight, unchanged from the forecast of a month earlier.

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