

● Crop Summary

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needs following two successive years of drought Production of corn in 1962 and 1963 was far below average and inventories of corn on farms are currently

below normal levels. Rye plantings (43,000 acres) were increased to provide more fall and spring grazing and thus lessen the drain on reduced supplies of hay Less than half of Pennsylvania's rye acre-

age is harvested for grain. Plantings of wheat, oats, barley, potatoes, tobacco and soybeans are expected to be down from 1963. Farmers intend to harvest slightly less hay acreage than last year

The March 1 survey indicates farmers intend to plant 1,237,000 acres of corn this year, up 24,000 from 1963 and 45,000 above the 1958-62 average If realized, planted acreage would be the highest since 1956

Wheat planted last fall is estimated at 499,000 acres, 1 percent below a year earlier and 7 percent below the 5-year average of 539,000 acres Planted acreage is the second lowest of record The acreage to be harvested for grain is estimated at 482,000.

Unfavorable conditions due to the drought caused plantings of barley last fall to drop sharply below intentions The 161,000 acres planted was down 14 percent from a year earlier and 20 percent below the 1958-62

average Despite an excellent record breaking yield in 1963 the acreage to be planted to oats continues to decline The intended 611,000 acres indicates a 1 percent drop from 1963 and a 10 percent decline from the 5 year average Intentions to plant soybeans are generally vague as of March 1 but indications point to a 6 percent decline from last year

Potato Acreage

Commonwealth potato growers intended to cut their total potato acreage by 3 percent from last year This places indicated acreage in 1964 at 37,000 acres and continues the 20 year decline in potato acreages

If these March 1 intentions are carried out it would mean 1,000 less acres planted this year than last year and the smallest planted acreage on re-

cord The previous low was 38,000 acres planted in 1963 The high was 308,000 acres in 1917.

Fulton Grange Makes Plans For Supper

Final plans for the Roast Turkey supper to be held April 4 were made at the Monday night meeting of Fulton Grange The supper will be held at the Grange Hall, Oaklyn, from 4 to 9 p.m.

The Home Economics committee, which is in charge of the supper, consists of Mrs. Charles Long, Mrs. Joseph Sinclair, Mrs. Harold Alexander, Mrs. James Mullen, Mrs. Wilmer Carroll Scott Ankum is in charge of ticket sales Take outs will be available

The annual Lancaster County Pomona Grange will be held Saturday, April 18 at 8 p.m. at the White Horse Fire Hall, Salisbury Grange is host

President Gyles Brown chaired the meeting Charles McSparran, lecturer presented a program with the theme "Spring" There was group singing and readings entitled "Spring" and "The Legend of the Dogwood" by Mrs. Peter Fry, Ephrata Vocal solos "Mother Machree" and "Easter Parade" were presented by Clai Murphy accompanied by Miss Mary Lou Wesley

Mrs. John W. Winters conducted a Spring and Summer fashion show The models were Mrs. William Arrowsmith, Mrs. William Walton, Mrs. Robert Hash, Mrs. Charles H. Wallace, Mrs. Joseph Tumble, Mrs. Ray McSparran, Mrs. Marion Eckman and Miss Cathy Gilbert

The next meeting will be held April 13 Mr. Edgar Findley, Camargo, will tell of his two years experience living with the Eskimos and show a colored film

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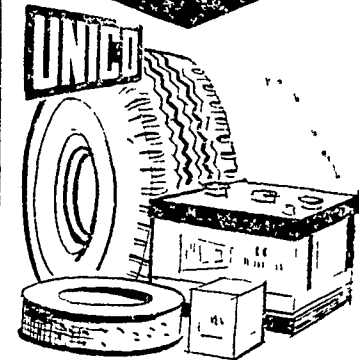
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