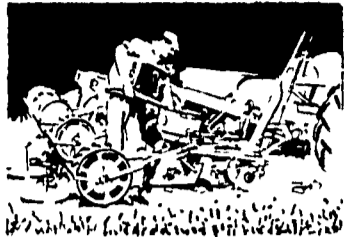


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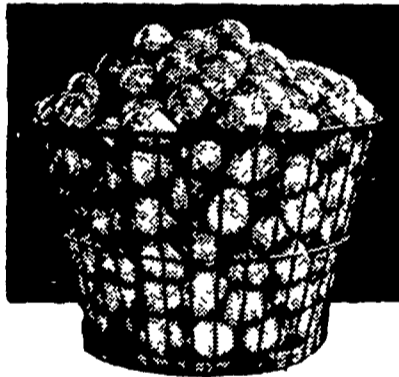
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Crop Roundup

Farmers' planting intentions were reported as of March 1st, and were announced recently by the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service. Figures reported here include tobacco, potatoes, corn and other grains.

TYPE 41 TOBACCO ACREAGE TO BE SAME AS 1964

As of March 1, Commonwealth tobacco growers planned to make no changes in acreage of Type 41, Pennsylvania Seedleaf. This places indicated acreage for harvest in 1965 at 28,000 acres.

Although acreage harvested at this level is the same as last year, it is 2,200 acres below the 5-year average. Historic records show a record low of 18,000 acres harvested in 1934 and a record high of 49,000 acres harvested in 1918. In the past 10 years acreage has ranged from a low of 28,000 acres to a high of 31,000 acres.

Based on the 1959-63 average yield of 1,800 pounds, a crop of about 50 million pounds of Pennsylvania Seedleaf will be produced. This would be 2 percent more than the 1964 crop.

The acreage actually planted in 1965 may turn out to be

larger or smaller than indicated by reason of weather conditions at planting time, the availability of plants, and the effect of this report itself. The purpose of this report is to assist growers generally in making such changes in their acreage plans as may be desirable.

PA. POTATO GROWERS PLAN 3% INCREASE

As of March 1, Commonwealth potato growers intended to increase their total potato acreage by 3 percent above last year. This places indicated planted acreage in 1965 at 40,000 acres.

If these intentions are carried out it would mean 1,000 more acres planted this year than last year and the highest planted acreage since 1961. The smallest acreage planted was 38,000 in 1963. The record high was 308,000 acres in 1917.

Based on the 1959-63 average yield of 193 hundredweight, production would be 7.7 million hundredweight. This would be 1 percent above the 5-year average, and 13 percent above last year's crop.

The March 1 intentions may or may not materialize depending on weather and soil conditions during planting time, labor and seed supply, current price and stocks situation and even growers re-

action to this report. The purpose of this report is to assist growers generally in making such changes in their acreage plans as may be desirable.

U.S. Potato Intentions Up 7 Percent

Reported intentions of growers indicated plantings of late summer and fall potatoes in 1965 will total 1,196,500 acres — 7 percent more than in 1964. An increase is expected in 22 of the 33 states producing late summer and/or fall potatoes. The 11 states which expect plantings to be the same or less than 1964 have relatively small acreages and account for only 5 percent of the total late summer and fall acreage.

Based on an average yield per acre with an allowance for trend, production of potatoes from the indicated acreage of late summer and fall potatoes would be 237 million hundredweight, 17 percent more than 1964 and 5 percent more than 1963.

The acreage planted for winter harvest totaled 19,400 acres, 5 percent more than a year earlier. There were 35,000 acres planted for early spring harvest, 28 percent more than for 1964. Growers' intentions on January 1 indicate 114,600 acres planted for late spring harvest, an 13

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