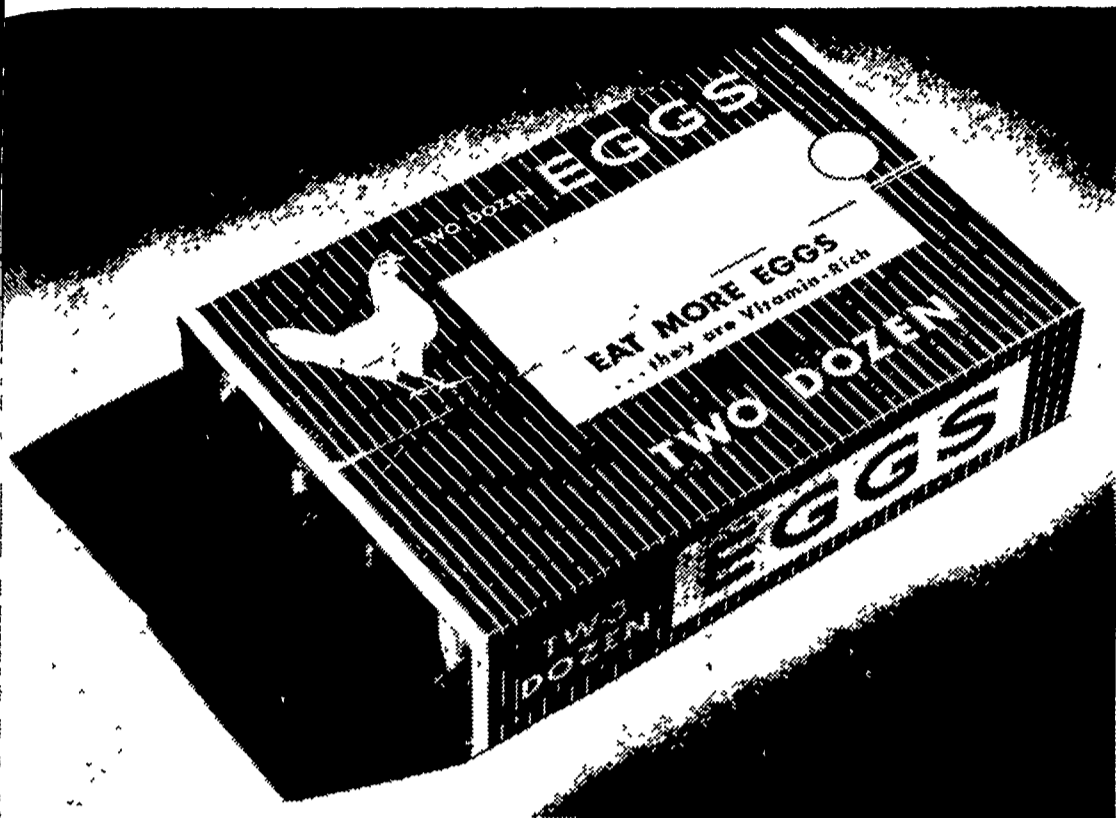


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### Crop Summary

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percent increase. Reports of growers on February 1 indicated 79,400 acres of early summer potatoes would be planted, 3 percent less than 1964 — the only seasonal group to show a reduction in acreage.

For all seasonal groups, 1,444,900 acres will be planted if intentions are carried out, 7 percent above the total acreage planted in 1964. Based on average yields per planted acre with an allowance for trend by seasonal groups, total production from the 1965 expected acreage would be 282 million hundredweight. Potato production in 1964 was 243 million hundredweight and in 1963, it was 272 million.

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#### ACREAGE UP

March 1 intentions to plant show an increase of 1 percent in corn acreage. Plantings of rye last fall were up 10 percent. Barley acreage planted last fall and to be planted this spring was up 4 percent. Hay acreage was unchanged but oats acreage declined 4 percent. Following three successive dry seasons for most of Pennsylvania, inventories of feed grains and hays are at relatively low levels and farmers are apparently intent on rebuilding.

If Pennsylvania farmers follow their intentions 1,213,000 acres will be planted to corn in 1965, an increase of 1 percent from the 1,201,000 acres planted in 1964 and 2 percent above the 1,195,000 acre average. Rye acreage planted

last fall at 56,000 was up 10 percent from the previous year and was 60 percent above the 5-year average. This was the highest since 1942 although this acreage was equalled in 1956 and 1958. This should supply considerable spring grazing and help ease the drain on hay stocks. About one-third of this rye acreage will be harvested for grain. Barley intentions were up 4 percent to 175,000 acres compared with 168,000 acres a year earlier but were 8 percent below the 1959-63 average. Oats intentions at 574,000 acres were down 4 percent from the 598,000 acres in 1964, 13 percent below the 5-year average and the smallest of record.

Winter wheat planted last fall totaled 439,000 acres, down 12 percent from the 499,000 acres planted for the 1964 crop and 16 percent below the 5-year average of 524,000 acres. This acreage is the smallest of record but high yields such as the record high of 310 bushels per acre last year help keep production up.

Hay acreage intended for harvest was 2,123,000 the same as was harvested in 1964 and 1 percent above the 5-year average. Livestock numbers are down but farmers evidently expect to rebuild reserves and avoid costly purchases to maintain their livestock programs.

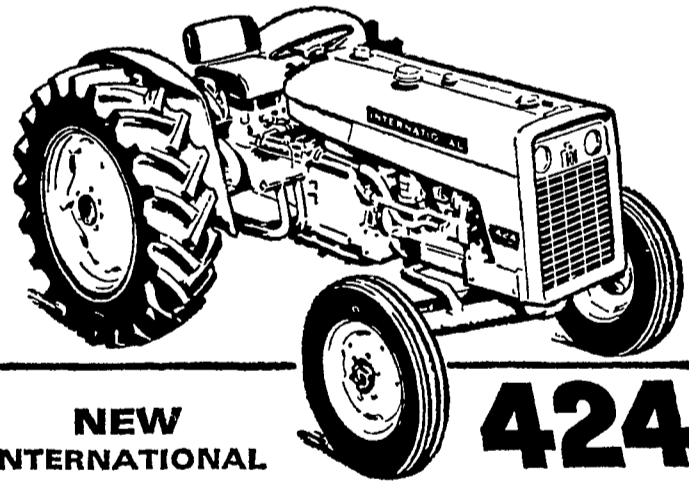
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