

Crop Roundup

CORN

Cultivation of corn for ensilage remains the major farm activity throughout the Commonwealth. Tonnage per acre is generally below average especially in southern and eastern counties. Corn for grain continued to make rapid development due to hot and humid weather the first four days of the week. No frost damage occurred during the cool weekend. The majority of the crop is in or past the dent stage and safe from frost. Light planting continues in the southeast as more farmers open their fields in preparation for harvest.

SMALL GRAINS

The warm weather finally permitted completion of the oats crop in the north. The rainfall on Friday was beneficial to soil preparation and planting of barley, wheat and rye. Barley planting is nearing completion in the southern localities. Buckwheat harvest commences in the north-west.

HAY AND PASTURES

Harvest of late season hay crops continued during the week. Drying conditions were again poor due to humid weather. Unit fields are making very good growth and new alfalfa seedings are generally getting a good start. Most pastures in the State are succulent and providing above normal feed for this time of year.

FRUIT

Apple harvest continues in all sections with heavy pickings of Cortland and McIntosh. Picking of Gimes Golden and Delicious is on the increase in the south. All apples have good size but the hot days and nights have delayed coloring. Very few peaches remain to be picked. The hot and humid weather aided the sugar content of the heavy grape crop. Harvest for processing should begin next week.

OTHER CROPS

Cutting of a heavy tobacco crop is about over in Lancaster County. Digging of potatoes is general in all areas.



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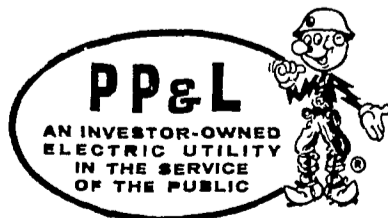
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