

Pa. Agri. Report

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Show steer "Corky", a Short-horn, are shown working-out on the Hless farm in preparation for the big show.

The 104-page report is a statistical account of the state's agriculture in 1965, and of the records and near-records it set.

It shows that total cash receipts to farmers were at an all-time high in 1965, more than \$5 million higher than the previous mark set in 1951.

Some other interesting facts disclosed by the summary show that milk accounted for 40 percent of total farm income; that poultry and eggs returned \$143 million; wheat, barley and rye produced record yields per acre of 34, 48, and 27 bushels respectively.

The report also noted that Pennsylvania had 82,000 farms at the beginning of 1966, compared to 170,000 in 1946, a loss of about 57 percent in the twenty-year period. That many farms grew larger during the interval is reflected in the fact that net farm acreage loss was only slightly less than 20 percent since 1946.

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235,488 acres of feed grains, most of which was accounted for by diversion of corn land, and included acreage allocated to the Cropland Adjustment Program (CAP). There were 23,059 farms signed up for the diversion plan.

Benefits available to growers participating in the 1966 annual diversion programs include diversion and price-support payments, wheat certificates, and price-support loans, according to ASCS.

The final date for filing a request to participate in the 1966 CAP is May 13. In the state, 14,745 acres have so far been scheduled for diversion

under the long-term CAP. Adjustment payments are offered under this program for diverting bases or allotments; cost-share conservation payments are made to shift the land from crop production to a conserving use.

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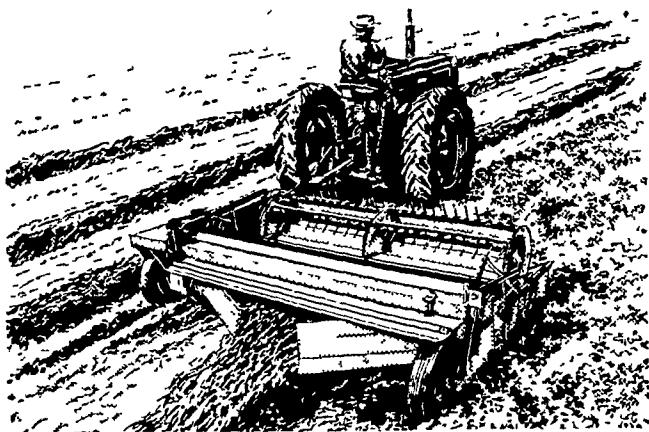
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