

## Crop Round-Up

The continuation of hot, dry weather throughout central and southern areas of the State poses a serious threat to the growth and development of many crops, according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service. Growth of second crop hay, corn, pasture, and fruit and vegetables has practically stopped, as a result of eight weeks of below normal rainfall in most areas. Soil moisture supplies are

short in all areas, except extreme northern and northwest sections of the State. Although far from comfortable, the weather was ideal for hay-making which was the major farm activity during the week. The hot, dry weather pushed maturity of small grains, and harvest of barley got underway in many southern areas by the weekend — more than a week later than usual. Other field activities consisted of cultivation of row crops; silo filling; spraying; and setting up and moving irrigation sys-

tems, where available. Tobacco planting has been slowed by the dry weather.

**GRAINS:** Harvest of barley has started in many southern areas, and should get underway in central areas within a week. Ideal weather conditions speeded harvest in the southeast, where good yields are reported. Severe lodging may cut yields. Wheat, which is also badly lodged in many areas, is starting to ripen in the south, with harvest of the first early fields only a week

or two away. Hot, dry weather has slowed or halted the growth of corn and caused the leaves to curl in most areas. Weeds and grass are a problem in some sections, as spraying and cultivation continues. Oats continues to look good in northern areas, where it is just starting to head. In southern areas the crop has headed on short straw and rain is needed soon for further development.

**HAY AND PASTURE:** Ideal drying conditions speeded hay-making operations throughout the State, as many farmers harvested the most and the best first cutting hay in years. The first cutting of alfalfa is nearly finished with the first cutting of clover not far behind. Lack of rain has severely limited the growth of the second crop and new seedlings. Pastures are at a standstill in most areas, and many are not supplying normal amounts of feed.

**POTATOES AND TOBACCO:** Early potatoes are in full bloom in most areas, with irrigation being used where available. No insect or disease damage has been reported. Cultivation has been limited because of the lack of soil moisture. Planting of tobacco, which is about 90 percent completed, has been slowed by the dry weather. Some early plantings are quite thin and some replanting may be necessary.

### ● Lancaster

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and Prime 880-1020 lbs 25-25.50, Choice 550-625 lbs 29-25.30, Choice 650-700 lbs 27-27.75, Good 575-650 lbs 25.50-27.50.

CALVES 574 — Vealers \$2-3, Instances 4-00 Lower, Choice 31-37, Good 29-35, Standard 27-33, Utility 24-31, Cull 20-29.

HOGS 1333-Barrows and gilts 50-75c Lower US 1, 190-225 lbs 27-50-28, US 1-2 190-230 lbs 26-50-27.50, US 1-3 190-230 lbs 25-75-27, US 2-3 240-260 lbs 25-25-26 00, few lots 300 lbs 22-22-50.

SHEEP 364—Spring Slaughter lambs \$1-1.50 Lower, Choice 60-90 lbs. \$26-26.50, Good 60-90 lbs. 22-50-25, Utility 20-50-24.

### ● Chicago

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**SLAUGHTER STEERS** — Loadlots Prime 1200-1460 lbs. 26-26.25, two loads 1250-1300 lbs at 26.25 on Monday, this the lowest top for any week since March 1965, High Choice and Prime 1150-1400 lbs. 25.25-26, load High Choice and Prime 1450 lbs. 25.35, High Choice and Prime 1050-1150 lbs. 25.25-25.50, Choice 900-1400 lbs 24.50-25.25, Mixed Good and Choice 24-24.50, Good 23-24, Standard and Low Good 22-23.

**SLAUGHTER HEIFERS** — High Choice and Prime 900-1100 lbs. 24.50-25, Choice 900-1050 lbs 23.75-24.50, Choice 775-900 lbs 23.25-24.25, Mixed Good and Choice 750-1050 lbs. 22.50-23.75, Good 21-23, Standard and Low Good 19-21.

**COWS** — Utility and Commercial 17-18.50, few High Yielding Utility 19, Canner and Cutter 16-18.

**BULLS** — Utility and Commercial 21-24.50, mostly 21-24.

### EGGS ARE A GOOD BUY

Eggs for breakfast are better quality and less expensive now than they were 30 years ago, says Herbert C. Jordan, extension poultry specialist at Penn State University. Eggs have actually been on a general price decline during this time. This is due to a good supply and efficiencies of the industry as well as a slight decrease in demand. If egg prices had gone up the same as the cost of living, then we would pay considerably more for eggs than we do.

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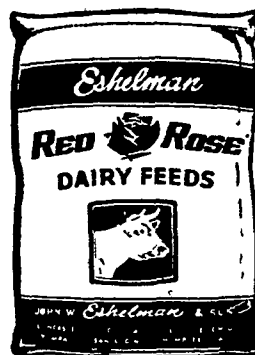
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