

STATE MILK PRODUCTION OFF 12 MILLION POUNDS

Milk cows on Pennsylvania farms during June produced 611 million pounds of milk, a decline of 66 million pounds from May, and a decline of 12 million pounds from June 1965, according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service. June milk production was 25 million pounds below the 1960-64 average, and 36 million pounds less than the record high for the month in 1961.

The number of milk cows on farms in the state in June was 750,000. Milk cow numbers are down approximately 5 percent from June 1965 and 13 percent below the June 1960-64 average. Reporters continue to indicate, in view of the dry weather, that many fall sales will occur.

June production per cow was 815 pounds or 25 pounds above June 1965 and 76 pounds above the 5-year average. On a daily basis, June output at 2717 pounds was 170 pounds below the May level, but 84 pounds above June last year.

Based on the July 1, 1965 Pennsylvania population estimate, June milk production was at a level to provide 1.77 pounds or 82 quarts daily per person in the state.

The daily rate of feeding grain and concentrates was 117 pounds during June — a decline of 7 pound from May, but an increase of 7 pound over June last year. The amount of grain fed to produce 100 pounds of milk declined 11 pounds from May.

The daily rate of feeding hay per cow in herd as reported by commercial dairymen on July 1 was as follows: Pittsburgh milk shed, 58 pounds; New York, 45 pounds and Philadelphia, 7.4 pounds with the State average being 6.3 pounds. Silage was fed at a daily rate of 55, 57 and 15.4 pounds in the three milk shed areas, respectively. Green chop was fed at a daily rate of 6.6, 4.0 and 9.0 pounds.

Milk cows freshened during June per 100 milk cows in the milking herd were reported by commercial dairymen as follows: Pittsburgh milk shed, 451 cows; New York, 403 and Philadelphia, 604 with the State average being 521 cows. Milk cows added to the herd during June as a percent of the milk cows in herd were 134, 96 and 171 percent for the three areas, respectively.

Reporting commercial dairymen indicated the replacement value of dairy cattle as milk cows \$360, heifers (over 16 months) \$256, heifers (4-16 months) \$149 and calves \$68. These values are up from April 1, 1966 due in part to continued high beef and veal prices and thus a higher price for cull animals.

U. S. MILK PRODUCTION DOWN 2.8 PERCENT

June milk production nationally is estimated at 11,416 million pounds, 2.8 percent less than a year earlier. On a daily average basis production advanced 1 percent from May to June in contrast to the usual slight decline from June milk output provided 193 the seasonal peak in May pounds per person daily, compared with 201 pounds in June 1965.

Milk output averaged 778 pounds per cow for June, up 2.9 percent from a year earlier.

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CROP NEWS

Some areas of the state received showers during the week, but moisture supplies remain short in all areas, according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service. Conditions were favorable during most of the week for combining wheat, the primary activity on many farms. Crop growth was generally slow because soil moisture was in short supply. Irrigation facilities are being used in all areas where available. Hay making, spraying, and cultivation of row crops continued throughout the state. Other activities consisted of hay making, baling straw, picking cherries, and spraying fruits and vegetables.

GRAINS

Peak harvest of barley has been passed in southern counties, where excellent yields are reported. Harvest is well underway in central areas.

where lodging is slowing harvest. Combining of wheat has started in the south — about a week later than last year. The crop is ripening rapidly in central and northern counties. Record yields are expected despite lodging in many areas. Oats are headed throughout the state on short straw. A fair crop is expected, but much variation exists as a result of varied planting times and weather conditions. Corn in some areas is practically at a standstill because of the hot, dry weather. Showers were helpful in renewing growth in many localities. Prospects are variable with some high ground in south central counties showing little chance for good yields. Rain is urgently needed in most areas.

HAY AND PASTURE

Despite shower activity the weather during the week was generally favorable for hay making. First cutting of alfalfa is nearly completed in all areas and limited second cut-

ting is underway. Many fields are brown, and growth for second cutting is generally poor. Pastures are very short and brown, supplying little feed to the state's livestock. Supplemental feeding of hay and silage is common.

FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

Harvest of sour cherries has started in southern areas — about a week later than usual. Rain is needed for continued sizing of both apples and peaches. Spraying of apples and peaches continues on schedule. Light picking of earliest varieties of peaches has started in southern counties. Grapes in the Erie County

Fruit Belt are developing nicely. Harvesting of peas for processing is underway in Potter County and about to start in Cambria. Picking of snap beans in central and southern counties is in progress — yields are light. Sweet corn and tomatoes need moisture to insure good yields. In the southeast irrigation of potatoes is common. Showers spurred growth of plants in the Potter and Erie County areas where some early stands are in bloom. Growth of tobacco in Lancaster County has been affected by dry weather and condition of plants is below average for early July.

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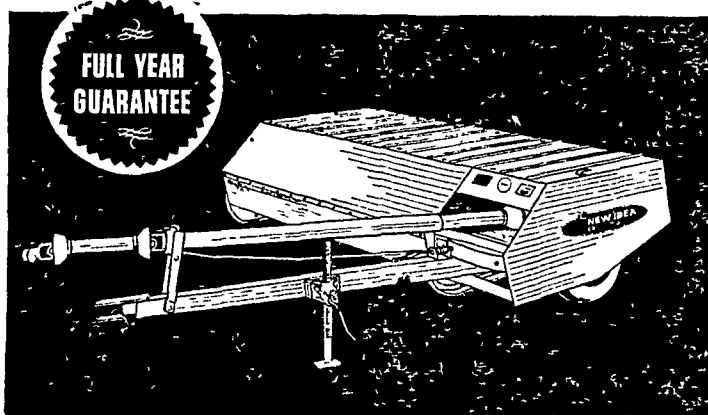
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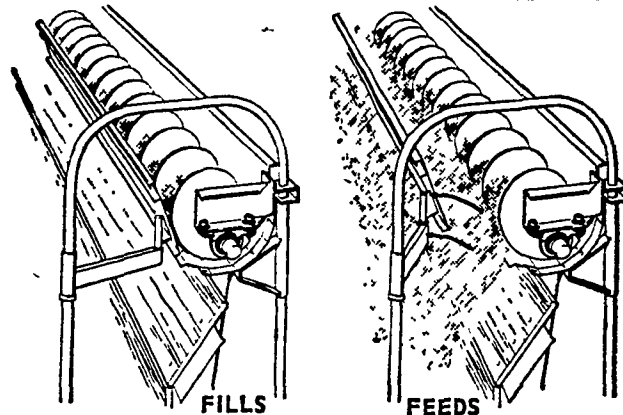
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