

Pa. Farmers Will Plant Less Tobacco & Potatoes; More Corn

HARRISBURG — Planting intentions of Keystone State farmers for 1967 indicate increased acreages for corn, barley and soybeans, and reductions in oats, potatoes, tobacco and hay. A survey by the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service points up that acreages actually planted could vary from present intentions because of weather conditions, price changes and other factors.

Barley planted last fall, and the small amount to be spring planted, is set at 170,000 acres, an increase of 6 percent from last year. This crop follows the pattern set by wheat and rye which showed increases of 20 and 24 percent respectively in late fall surveys. Winter grains have yielded well throughout the drought years.

Corn acreage is forecast at 1,237,000 acres, a one percent increase over 1966 and, if realized, the highest since 1956.

The trend in recent years to plant more soybeans is represented in the 24,000 acres indicated for 1967, a nine percent increase from last year. The proportion harvested for

sudan-sorghum hybrids replaced soybeans as an emergency forage crop.

The long steady decline in acreage planted to oats is reflected in the 4 percent planned decrease from 1966 to 530,000 acres. Last year's yield of only 34 bushels an acre was the lowest since 1932.

Although a one percent drop in hay acreage is indicated, the 2,052,000 acres intended for harvest should be adequate for current needs and, depending on favorable growing conditions, allow some buildup of reserves.

Potato growers plan a three percent decrease, placing indications at 38,000 acres, 1,000 less than planted last year and matching the record lows of 1963 and 1965.

Tobacco acreage will be reduced by eight percent to 23,000 acres.

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● Dairymen Reject

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current milk dumping — which he described as "criminal" — he will be far less cordial to any NFO representatives who may call on him in the future. Several others talked to were active members of the Pennsylvania Farmers Association or the National Farmers Union, and felt they were not good prospects for NFO organizers.

None indicated they would be receptive to any suggestion by NFO organizers that they join up. Reactions to that question ranged from "I don't approve of their actions and wouldn't be interested in joining," to "I'd fight 'em because I don't go along with their ideas".

If reactions of these dairymen are typical of what NFO representatives will encounter when they try to organize Lancaster County, we don't envy them their jobs.

On the other hand, we admittedly talked only with a few dairymen, and these were highly successful ones. What reaction NFO might find among Lancaster County's less successful dairymen we don't pretend to know.

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● No Violence

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demand," Secretary Bull cautioned.

In looking ahead, he noted the dairy industry would have to step up its new product research if it is to compete in the marketplace with substitute food products.

MILK HOLDING VIOLATES LAW
Pennsylvania Milk Control

Commission chairman J. Lin Huber told reporters following the meeting that he had not been "officially" advised that any milk was being withheld. But, he added, if it is, any farmer withholding it may be in violation of state law.

Huber referred to a statement released by the Commission which noted that any dairyman withholding milk in violation of a contract with a processor or cooperative is in direct violation of Sections 210 and 211 of the Milk Control Law.

"A dealer who had not been notified 21 days in advance of such withholding could, without any further notice, lay the producer off permanently," Huber said.

ABC MEN HONORED

At the annual meeting, several board members were honored for their long service to the cooperative Mark Witmer, president emeritus, recognized Abner Risser of Bambridge who recently retired from the ABC board. Also honored were Donald Lehman, Carlisle; Samuel B. Williams, Jr., Middletown; W. Lewis Phipps, Wilmington, Del.; and J. Lewis Williams, Umontown, who also served as toastmaster for the affair.

● Holstein Assn.

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Zimmerman — by March 28th so that reservations for food and transportation can be made.

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Farm Women No. 15 Plan New York Trip

Members of the Society of Farm Women Group No. 15 will take a trip to New York City April 11. According to trip committee chairman Mrs. Kathryn Wagner, the bus will leave Kirkwood at 6 a.m. She also announced that a luncheon meeting will be held on May 18 at Hearshide Restaurant. This will be followed by a tour of Penn Dairies.

In other committee reports presented at Thursday's meeting, Mrs. Jessie Trimble reported she and her committee have selected names for the roads in Colerain Twp., and have submitted them to the supervisors and planning commission for approval.

Invitations were received from Society 20 to be their guests on April 6th at the IOOF Hall, Kirkwood, and from Society 5 to join them on April 29 at the home of Mrs. Raymond Hess, near Landisville.

In other business, treasurer Mrs. Ruth Crawford reported donations of \$5 each to the Cancer Society, Crippled Children's Society, Heart Haven and Hemophilia Foundation.

Reporting for the ways and means committee, Mrs. Sadie Greenleaf said \$206.85 was cleared at the food table at the farm sale at Hines' on March 11. She also served as auctioneer at the white elephant mystery gift sale which followed the meeting; \$30.35 was realized.

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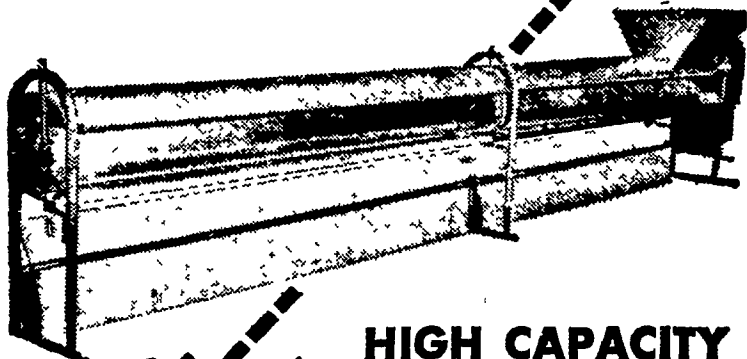


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