

Crop Roundup

ALL PA. GRAIN STOCKS
TOTAL 33% UNDER 1966

Stocks of all grains in the Keystone State, on April 1, were 33 percent less than a year earlier, according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service. The stocks of corn at 20.9 million bushels, were primarily responsible for this decline being 39 percent less than a year ago. Wheat stocks declined by 21 percent from last year. Off-farm stocks declined by 31 percent, contrasted with an increase of nine percent for wheat on farms. Oat stocks were 28 percent below a year earlier, due primarily to a decline in the on-farm stocks. Barley stocks showed a net increase of 10 percent.

SOYBEAN STOCKS LARGER;
FEED GRAINS OFF 10%

Stocks of the four feed grains in the United States on April 1, 1967 totaled 103 million tons—10 percent less than a year earlier and 19 percent below average. Record high April 1 soybean stocks were 22 percent more than on last April 1 and more than one-third above average. Stocks of wheat were 23 percent below a year earlier. Durum holdings down 45 percent. Although down two percent from April 1, 1966, rye stocks were the second largest since April 1, 1944. Stocks of flaxseed were down 29 percent from a year earlier but 11 percent above average.

WHEAT

All wheat in storage on April 1 totaled 703 million bushels, 23 percent less than a year earlier and the smallest for the date since 1952. Off-farm holdings were 462 million bushels, 30 percent below last year and farm holdings of 241 million bushels were 6 percent less. Disappearance from all positions during the January-March quarter is indicated at 346 million bushels compared with 419 million bushels a year earlier.

CORN

Corn stocks of 2704 million bushels in all positions on April 1 were 6 percent less than a year earlier and 17 percent below average. Current holdings indicate a disappearance of 959 million bushels during the January-March quarter compared with record high of 1,178 million bushels for the year-earlier quarter.

OAT

Oat stocks of 441 million bushels in all positions on April 1 were 18 percent below a year earlier and 12 percent below average. Farm holdings of 354 million bushels were 21 percent below a year earlier and equaled 80 percent of total April 1 stocks. Off-farm stocks, at 88 million bushels, were up slightly from a year earlier. Disappearance during the January-March quarter of 219 million bushels compared with 227 million bushels a year earlier.

BARLEY

Barley stored in all positions on April 1 totaled 206 million bushels, about seven percent more than a year earlier but eight percent below average. Off-farm stocks at 92 million bushels, were slightly below April 1, 1966. Farm stocks of 114 million bushels are about 15 percent above a year earlier. Disappearance during the January-March quarter was 86 million bushels compared with 108 million bushels a year earlier.

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