

### Pennsylvania Crops Set Record Yields

The spring of 1967 began with frequent precipitation, largely in the form of snow, which delayed planting, according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service. However, few farmers were complaining, with five consecutive drought years in the immediate background. The adequate amounts of moisture received at this time, coupled with timely rainfall throughout the season, set the stage for some record yields in the Commonwealth. Among the grain crops corn, barley, and rye established new record yields. Winter wheat tied the record yield. Oats yields were low because of poor harvesting conditions. Fruit crops suffered substantial amounts of freeze damage during the winter and early spring months, with lowered production achieved as a result.

#### Corn Production Sets New Record

Although planting was delayed slightly because of wet ground in the spring, the crop made good progress throughout the growing season. Production of grain totaled 81,048,000 bush-

els, more than double the drought reduced 1966 production and half again as large as the drought affected 1961-65 average production. The average yield at 88 bushels per acre exceeded the previous record in 1961 by 16 bushels. This yield was well above both the 49 bushel yield last year and the 64.6 bushel average yield. Acreage for grain at 921,000 is 37 percent more than the 1966 acreage and 11 percent greater than average. Lush growth achieved during the season reduced acreage needed to fill the silos in the State, with the additional acreage being harvested for grain. High moisture grain has caused some harvesting problems this fall. Silage acreage is 313,000 acres, 41 percent less than last year and 11 percent less than average. Silage production is a record 5,008,000 tons, 18 percent greater than last year and 31 percent greater than average. A yield of 16 tons per acre was achieved, double the 1966 yield of 8 tons and well above the 11 tons average yield and a new record high.

#### Winter Grains Establish Record High Yields

Barley and rye set record high yields in 1967, with winter

wheat matching the record 1966 yield. The fall planting season was good, with a mild winter and adequate snow cover limiting winter damage. Adequate moisture was received in the spring to push the winter grains to maturity. Harvest was generally completed before the onset of wet weather in July. Wheat yield, 36 bushels per acre, as the same as the record yield established last year and above the 31.2 bushel average yield. Production of wheat at 17,280,000 bushels is the highest since 1954 and is 20 percent and 19 percent above last year and average respectively. Barley production at 9,900,000 bushels is a new record high, and is 9 percent more than last year and 40 percent greater than average. This production was achieved on 165,000 acres, 6 percent above both last year and average. The barley yield at 60 bushels per acre is a new record high. The yield in 1966 was 58 bushels and the 5-year average 45.4 bushels per acre. Rye yield is also a record high 31 bushels per acre, compared to the 1966 yield of 29 bushels and the average yield of 28.3 bushels. Production is 558,000 bushels, the highest since 1958. This production is 1 percent greater than last year and 7 percent more than average.

#### Hay Production Up

Production of all hay totaled 4,035,000 tons in 1967, up 18 percent from last year and 16 percent more than average. This production was obtained from 2,049,000 acres; 1 percent fewer than last year, 2 percent below average, and the smallest acreage since 1867. The all hay yield of 1.97 tons per acre compares with 1.65 tons last year and 1.66 tons for average, and matches the record set in 1961. Frequent rains throughout the haying season made harvest difficult, and lowered the quality of hay stored.

#### Fruit Production Below Average

Apple production at 359 million pounds (7.8 mill. bu.) is the only Pennsylvania tree fruit not showing a decrease from a year earlier, being up 2% from last year but down 22% from average. Peach production at 38.4 million pounds (800,000 bu.) is 38% below the previous year and 65% less than average.

#### DID YOU KNOW

The Tioga State Forest, in Tioga and Bradford counties, was named after a tribe of Seneca Indians and for many years was one of the most important timber regions in Pennsylvania (Dept. of Forests & Waters).

### Fall Pig Crop 9 Percent Less

The fall 1967 pig crop in Pennsylvania totaled 328,000 head, according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service. This was 9 percent less than the fall 1966 crop of 360,000 and 4 percent below the 1961-65 average of 340,000. Sows farrowed June-November at 42,000 compared with 45,000 a year earlier. The 5-year average fall farrowings is also 45,000. Average pigs saved per litter was 7.8 down slightly from the record high 8.0 pigs per litter last year but above the 5-year average of 7.6.

Total pig crop for the year 1967 was 736,000, up 4 percent from the 1966 crop and 2 percent above the 1961-65 average. Sow farrowings by months for the fall pig crop were: June, 5,000; July, 6,000; August, 10,000; September, 10,000; October, 7,000; and November, 4,000.

Intended farrowings of 50,000 sows for the spring of 1968 compares with 53,000 farrowed in the spring of 1967 and a 5-year average of 53,000.

This report is based on individual livestock farm reports obtained through the cooperation of the Post Office Department and the Rural Carriers.

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