

# Pa. Potato Stocks 41 pct. Below '72

Pennsylvania potato stocks in storage on January 1 was 1,950,000 cwt. This year 41 percent below the 3,300,000 cwt. January 1, 1972. Potato storage stocks consist of those held for all uses in the hands of Pennsylvania growers, local dealers and processors. Potatoes held by processors in excess of normal supplies for current operations were included in the estimate.

Total stocks held on January 1, 1973 amounted to 41 percent of production, while one year ago they accounted for 42 percent of production. The 1972 crop of 4,800,000 cwt. was 39 percent below the 7,810,000 cwt. produced in 1971.

Disappearance (sales, home use, shrinkage, etc.) to January 1 from time of harvest was 2,850,000 cwt. compared with 4,510,000 cwt. for the comparable period a year earlier.

Nationally, storage stocks of Irish potatoes for all uses held by growers, local dealers, and processors in fall production areas totaled 132.8 million cwt. on January 1, 1973. This is 12 percent, 18.6 million cwt., less than the 151.4 million cwt. on hand a year earlier for all uses, and 17.2

million cwt. less than the 150.0 million cwt. on hand January 1, 1971.

Stocks in the eight Eastern States on January 1, 1973 totaled 27.4 million cwt., 10.6 million, 28 percent, less than the 38.0 million cwt. on hand a year earlier. Maine supplies of 21.5 million cwt. were 23 percent less than the 27.9 million cwt. on hand a year earlier, reflecting the continued rapid use of the smaller 1972 production for that State. Stocks on January 1 this year in Upstate and Long Island, New York, and Pennsylvania also were below year-earlier levels.

For the eight Central States January 1 potato stocks of 26.7 million cwt. were 7.4 million cwt., 22 percent, less than a year earlier. North Dakota stocks of 10.1 million cwt. compare with 12.5 million a year ago and Minnesota, with 7.5 million this year, was down from 10.5 million cwt. a year ago. Declines from a year ago also were recorded for other Central States.

Stocks in the eight Western States totaled 78.7 million cwt., 1 percent less than the 79.3 million cwt. of a year earlier. Idaho

# 2 Witmer Cows Post Records

Two registered Guernsey cows in the herd of Raymond F. and Louise A. Witmer, Willow Street, recently completed top official DHIR actual production records, according to The American Guernsey Cattle Club.

Penn Del Flash Maisy, a two-year-old, produced 11,990 pounds of milk and 561 pounds of fat in 305 days. Penn Del Flash Grace, a four-year-old, produced 14,430 pounds of milk and 717 pounds of butterfat in 305 days.

All cows were milked twice daily. Testing was supervised by Penn State University.

Stocks of 49.5 million were slightly higher than a year earlier at 49.0 million, while Washington, with 13.4 million this year, was slightly less than a year ago at 13.5 million. Stocks were less than a year earlier in Colorado, Oregon, and California.

Disappearance from the 1972 fall crop production of 234.1 million cwt. to the January 1, 1973 stocks level totaled 101.3 million cwt., slightly less than the 102.4 million cwt. for the comparable period a year earlier.

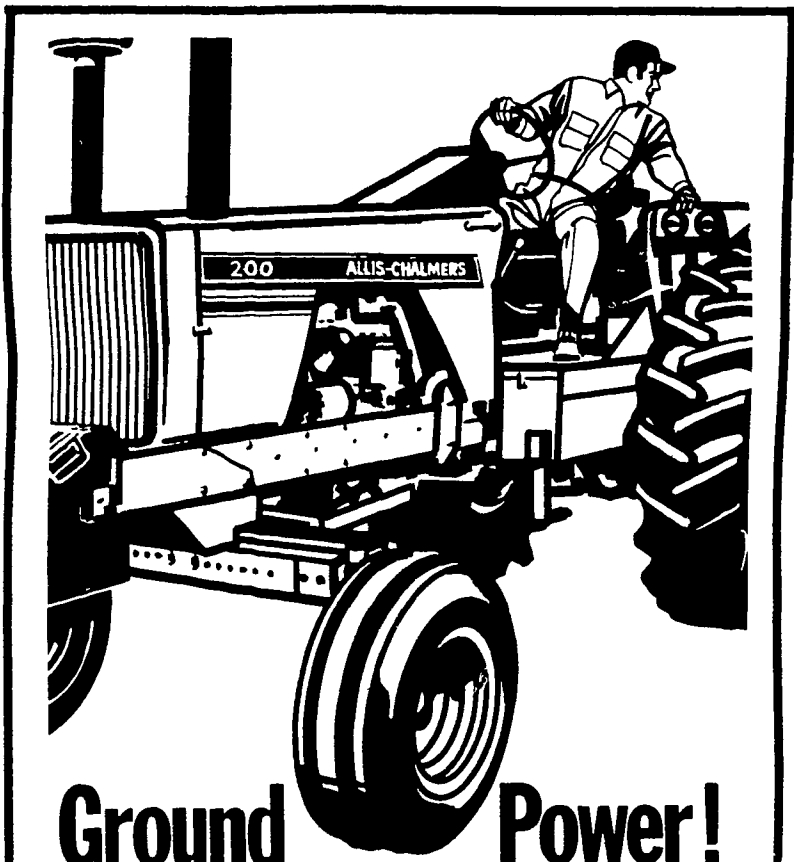
Use of potatoes from the 1972 crop for processing to January 1, 1973 in Maine, Idaho, Washington (late summer and fall crops), Oregon, Michigan, Minnesota, and North Dakota totaled 41.7 million cwt., compared with 39.7 million cwt. for the corresponding period a year ago.

Sales of fall potatoes for all purposes—including fresh market, processing, seed, and livestock feed—generally account for about 88 percent of the fall crop with the balance used on farms where grown or lost through shrinkage and waste.



Students received Greenhand degrees at a recent Pequea Valley FFA meeting. Among those named Greenhands were: front row, left to right, Kevin Kurtz, Kinzers; David McGinnis, Kinzers; Leroy Riehl, New Holland; Roy Allgyer, Kinzers; Robert Long, Kinzers; back row, Brian Heiddreder; Edwin Loveless, Gap; Barry Kreider, Kinzers; Richard Sherman, Gap; Fred Leaman, Ronks; Robert Baum, Paradise, and Kenneth Feister, Paradise. Receiving degrees but not shown are Greg Benner, Ronald Bills, Gordon Hoover, Larue Huyett, Glenn Clark, Richard Groff, Kenneth Bridgman, Vernon Hillard, and Bill Bennett.

It was noted that the Pequea Chapter sold 1,000 cases of citrus fruit, qualifying the group as top County Chapter for citrus sales.



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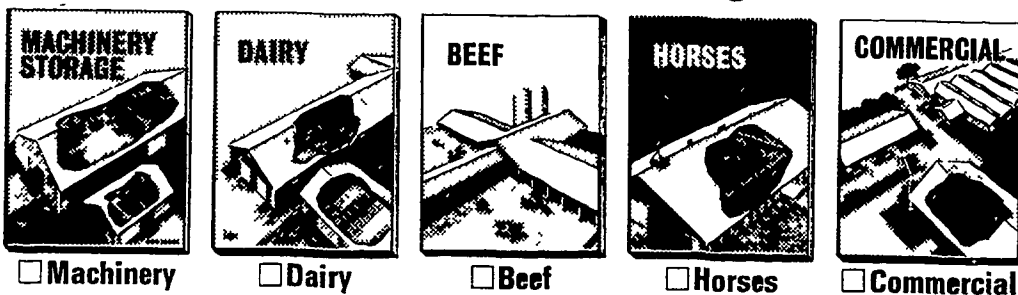
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