

# Tobacco

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quality," we were told by Mark Hess, who is the manager of Agway in Lancaster

"This year, holding out paid off. But we've seen a lot of years where the price started out high and went down instead of up. It means that some farmers sold

good tobacco early at a poor price, and some sold poor tobacco early at a good price. That is just not an equitable market"

Local tobacco growers had anticipated their worst production figures in history even before tropical storm Agnes turned the growing season into a near disaster

The Pennsylvania Dept. of Agriculture estimates that 23,100,000 pounds of seedleaf tobacco were harvested here last Fall. With only 16,500 acres harvested, the average yield would be about 1,400 pound per acre

The past year's yield is down about 15 percent from the 26,500,000 pounds harvested in 1971, which was the previous record low figure for local tobacco production

Tobacco production in the state peaked in 1962 when 60 million pounds were harvested. But just one year later, production dropped to about 52 million pounds and in 1964 had dipped to 45.9 million pounds.

Until 1964, production and use of Pennsylvania tobacco were usually about the same each year. According to the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, type 41 tobacco stocks reached a high of 138,000,000 pounds in 1964. But every year since then has seen more local tobacco used than has been grown in any given year.

In recent years, manufacturers have been using 40-45 million pounds of type 41 seedleaf tobacco annually. Actual production has been moving downward from the same level during this time

Estimates are that last year's tobacco production was probably 15 million pounds below the amount of tobacco actually used

Tobacco has traditionally been a \$10 million crop for county farmers. Only one crop in the past ten years, 1966, fell below the \$10 million mark in market value.

Last year, farmers sold a light crop at 38 to 40 cents a pound for a total state-wide value of \$10.1 million dollars, according to the Pennsylvania Dept. of Agriculture. The Tobacco Institute reported Pennsylvania tobacco in 1971 was valued at \$11.1 million

Pennsylvania ranks seventh in cigar tobacco production behind the six Southern tobacco-belt

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Inter-State is using trucks in New Jersey to deliver milk checks to members. Jones said the trucks are simply an experiment to see if they could do any better than the U.S. mails.

During the meeting, the five locals in District 7 elected their new officers for this year. Officers in the Lititz local are: Ray P. Bollinger, vice-president; Marvin K. Witmer, vice-president; Nelson E. Martin, secretary-treasurer; Carl H. Longenecker, Lancaster market committee; Galen W. Crouse and Earl C. Stauffer, delegates; Clyde M. Buchen and Willis G. Burkholder, alternates.

Donegal local officers are: John B. Groff, president; Ralph M. Hostetter, vice-president; B. Frank Eshleman, secretary-treasurer; Clair M. Hollinger, Lancaster market committee; James F. Brubaker, John W. Brubaker, Robert H. Kauffman, and Lester Hawthorne, delegates; John M. Gingrich, Ernest J. Sauder, M. Robert Shellenberger, and John S. Wenger, alternates.

In the Millersville local: David H. McMichael, president; Earl E. Huber, vice-president; Andrew H. Martin, secretary-treasurer; Jay E. Landis, Lancaster market committee; Melvin L. Shertzer, Jr., hauling committee; Nelson R. Habecker and J. Robert Kindig, delegates; David S. Hess and Nelson H. Hershey, alternates

Officers in the West Lampeter local are: Robert M. Mylin, president; Arthur L. Breneman, vice-president; Glen P. Book, secretary-treasurer; J. Wade Groff, Lancaster market committee; Kenneth B. Garber and J. Wade Groff, delegates; John M. Harnish and James D. Shertzer, alternates.

Lebanon County local officers

states More than 90 percent of all Pennsylvania tobacco is still grown in Lancaster County soil.

# Turkey Growers Guide

The U.S. Department of Agriculture recommended that turkey growers expand their 1973 production about one percent above the record 1972 production of 128 million birds.

In making the recommendation, the Department said turkey producers were currently increasing their stocks of baby birds (poult placements) at a

rate 15 percent greater than last year. The Department said that if this rate continues for the first half of 1973, producers should cut production three percent below a year earlier in the second half of 1973. Because most turkey production occurs in the second half of the year, this would give an overall production increase of one percent for the year.

are: Krall Hostetter, president; John R. Moyer, vice-president; John H. Hartman, secretary-treasurer and hauling committee; William Capp, Lancaster market committee; A. Ralph McCrone, delegate; Arthur E. Brandt, alternate.

The cost of producing turkeys is higher than it was a year ago, in spite of better rates of lay and better hatchability in breeder flocks, combined with lower mortality among growing turkeys, the Department said.

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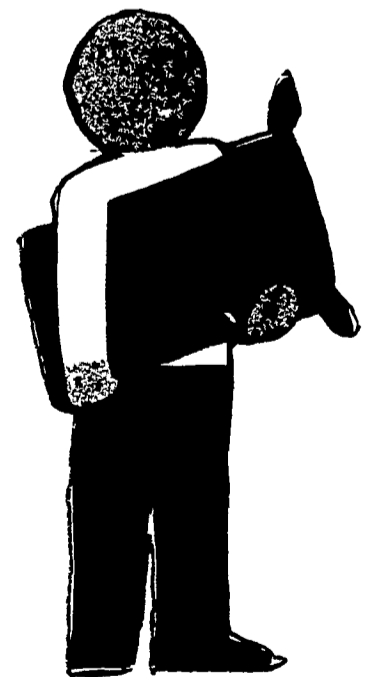


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