

Oat Production Increased in '73

Pennsylvania farmers produced more oats, but less wheat, barley, and rye in 1973 than they did in 1972, according to the Crop Reporting Service.

Production of oats in Pennsylvania totaled 17,625,000 bushels in 1973, a 6 percent increase from last year's production. The increase was the combined result of more acres harvested and larger yield per acre. The number of acres harvested was 375,000 in 1973, compared with 362,000 in 1972. Yield was 47 bushels per acre in 1973 and 46 in 1972.

Production of winter wheat in Pennsylvania in 1973 totaled 7,392,000 bushels. Both lower yield and a smaller acreage harvested contributed to the decline of 14 percent from last year's level of production. Yield was 28 bushels per acre this year, compared with 32 bushels last year. Acreage harvested declined from 269,000 in 1972 to 264,000 in 1973.

Barley production in Pennsylvania totaled 6,820,000 bushels in 1973. This was 8 percent less than was produced last year. Acres harvested declined to

155,000 from 158,000 the preceding year, and average yield declined to 44 bushels per acre from 47 during the same period.

This year's production of rye in Pennsylvania totaled 405,000 bushels, a slight decrease from the 406,000 bushels produced in 1972. This year's crop was harvested from 15,000 acres yielding an average of 27 bushels per acre, compared with 14,000 acres yielding 29 bushels per acre in 1972.

Production of all wheat in the United States in 1973 totaled a record high 1,711 million bushels, 11 percent above the 1972 output and 6 percent above the previous high of 1,618 million bushels in 1971. The 1973 winter wheat crop in the U.S. was record large, 7 percent above 1972 and 11 percent above 1971.

Production of barley in the U.S. totaled 424 million bushels in 1973, about the same as the 1972 crop of 423 million bushels, but 8 percent less than the 1971 production of 464 million bushels.

United States production of oats in 1973 is estimated at 664 million bushels, 4 percent less than last year and 25 percent

AFGC To Stress Forage Importance

The American Forage and Grassland Council (AFGC) will hold its annual Research-Industry Conference February 26-27, 1974 at the Sheraton-Bossier Inn in Bossier City, Louisiana.

Theme of the meeting will be Forage in American Agriculture. The session begins February 26 with registration at 6:30 a.m. A buffet breakfast will be available and the conferees will participate in a pre-tour session from 8:30 until 10:00 a.m. At 10:00, conferees will load onto buses and tour forage-producing areas until 4:00 p.m.

February 28 will feature a panel discussion on forage limitations and opportunities in the U.S. from a regional and national viewpoint. Key spokesmen from each region will lead discussions. Other information will be included on seed, fertilizer, credit, equipment, and storage as it relates to forage production.

Dr. John Hutchinson, Director of Agricultural Extension at

below 1971 production.

The U.S. rye crop totaled 26.4 million bushels in 1973, 10 percent below last year's production and 46 percent below the 1971 crop, which was the largest since 1942.

Texas A and M University will speak at the awards luncheon on February 28.

"This conference will literally take those attending to the grass roots," said William E. Barksdale, senior vice-president of AFGC and 1974 program chairman. "The tour will provide new understanding of the growing importance of forage in producing food for American consumers."

Eating-out Enthusiasts
The increasing number of wives who work away from home whether for pay or in civic activities have influenced living patterns in many ways. For instance, the tremendous growth of the food service industry is due in part to working wives. Not only do they patronize restaurants, tea rooms and hot dog stands during lunch hour, but their influence is responsible for more family eating out at the end of a busy day



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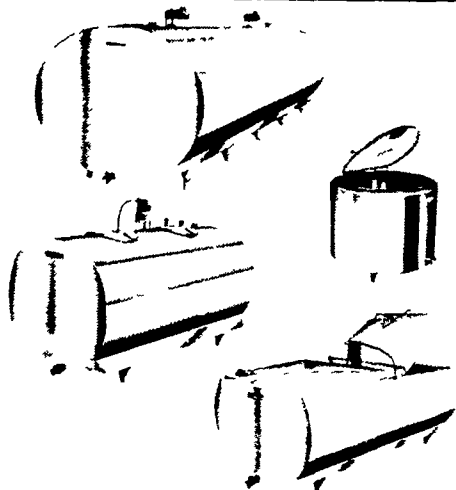
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