

# Pa. Grain Acreage 3 Pct. Over '73

Pennsylvania farmers of corn for all purposes, and have planted 1,530,000 acres they expect to harvest

1,080,000 acres for grain, according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service. Based on surveys conducted about June 1, acreage planted is three percent more than was harvested for grain last year. The first forecast of corn yield per acre for the 1974 crop will be published in the August crop report. Production of winter

wheat in Pennsylvania this year is expected to total 12,250,000 bushels, an increase of 67 percent from a year ago. Acreage for harvest is 350,000 and yield is expected to be 35 bushels per acre. Last year 284,000 acres were harvested and yield was only 28 bushels per acre. Barley harvested by Pennsylvania farmers is expected total 7,685,000

bushels, a 13 percent increase over last year's harvest. Acreage for harvest is down six percent to 145,000, but yield is forecast to be 53 bushels per acre, compared with the 44 bushel yield of last year's crop.

Oats production in Pennsylvania is forecast to total 21,465,000 bushels, an increase of 22 percent from last year's production. Acres for harvest, at 405,000, is eight percent above last year's acreage and forecast yield, at 53 bushels per acre, compares with last year's yield of 47 bushels per acre.

Rye production in Pennsylvania is expected to total 480,000 bushels in 1974, compared with 405,000 bushels last year. Yield is forecast to be 30 bushels per acre, compared with last year's yield of 27 bushels.

Acreage planted to soybeans in the Keystone State totals 68,000 this year, compared with 58,000 acres last year. About 65,000 of these acres are expected to be harvested for beans. Last year 55,000 acres were harvested for beans.

Farmers in Pennsylvania expect to harvest hay from 1,930,000 acres this year, about one percent fewer acres than last year. Of the

total acreage for hay 785,000 acres will be alfalfa or mixtures including alfalfa.

Corn planted for all purposes in the United States is estimated at 77.7 million acres, down one percent from the March Intentions Report but up nine percent from 1973 and up 16 percent from 1972. All regions of the country except the Western showed increased plantings from last year. Acreage is up nine percent in both the North Central and South Atlantic regions, 13 percent in the South Central Region, and five percent in the North Atlantic region, but down three percent in the Western region. The 67.6 million acres of corn intended for grain in 1974 is nine percent more than 1973 and 18 percent more than 1972. Acreage for grain is up nine percent in the Corn Belt, South Atlantic and North Atlantic states, 14 percent in the South Central states, but down four percent in the Western states. Corn planting got off to a good start this year, in sharp contrast to 1973 when the spring was unusually wet.

Sorghum planted for all purposes is 17.8 million acres, down eight percent from 1973 but 3 percent above the 1972 acreage.

Production of all wheat is forecast at a record 1,925 million bushels, 12 percent more than last year's record crop and 25 percent above the 1972 crop.

Winter wheat production is forecast at a record high 1,403 million bushels, 10 percent above the previous high set last year and 18 percent above 1972. The increase from a year earlier is the result of a sharp increase in acreage harvested. The eight percent decline from the forecast published June 10 is attributed to continued dry weather in some areas, excess moisture in others, and advancing disease damage. Yield per harvested acre is expected to average 30.3 bushels, compared with 33.1 bushels last year, 34.0 in 1972, and the record high of 35.4 in 1971.

United States soybean plantings, estimated at 53.4 million acres, were down 3 percent from the March Intentions Report. Plantings declined seven percent from last year, representing the first acreage reduction for the crop in 15 years. Despite the reduced acreage, plantings remain the second highest on record. Producers plan to harvest 52.5 million acres for beans.

Production of oats in the U.S. is forecast at 684 million bushels, three percent more than 1973 but one percent less than 1972. Yield per harvested acre is forecast at 48.9 bushels compared with 47.0 bushels last year and the record yield of 55.9 bushels in 1971.

Production of rye for 1974 in the U.S. is forecast at 22.0 million bushels, compared with 26.4 million bushels last year. Acreage harvested for grain is expected to total 910,000 acres compared with 1.04 million acres last year. Yield per acre is forecast at 24.2 bushels, compared with 25.4 bushels for 1973.

Acreage of all hay for harvest in the U.S. is estimated at 60.5 million acres, down three percent from 1973, but one percent greater than the 1972 acreage.

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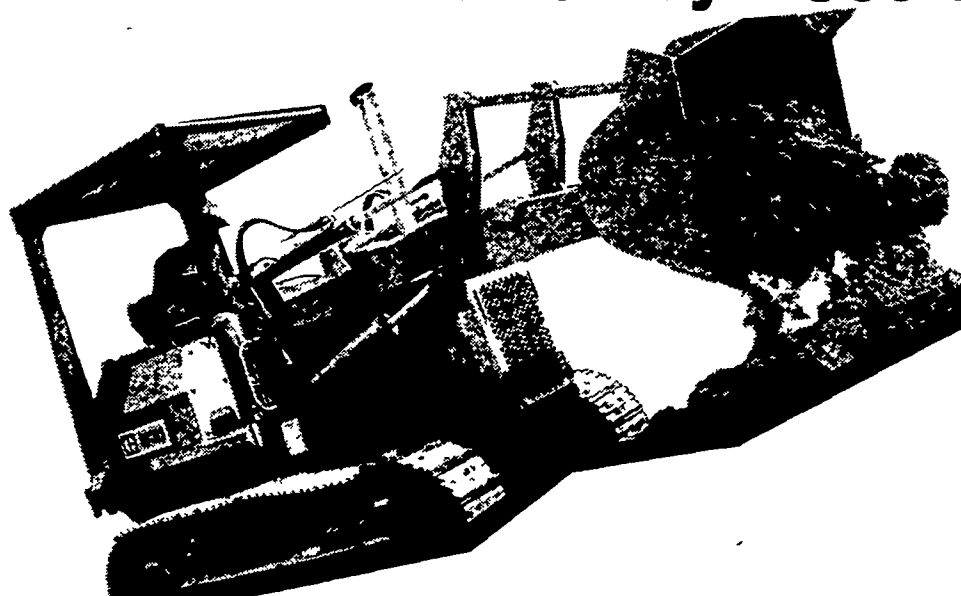
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