

Corn, Soybean Forecast Reported

Pennsylvania's first corn and soybean forecast of the season indicate increased production over 1973 crop based on August 1 condition of those crops, according to the Crop Reporting Service.

Total corn production is expected to be 83.5 million bushels, a 3 percent increase over last year. The 1973 estimated production was 81.1 million bushels. The increased production is due to an increase in harvested acreage. Average yield figures remained the same at 78 bushels per acre.

Soybeans took a jump in production of 18 percent to 1.7 million bushels, this is a .3 million increase from the 1973 crop. Yield is expected to equal last year's average of 26 bushels per acre. Increased acreage is responsible for the jump in production forecasts.

Nationally corn production is predicted at 5.0 million bushels, a 12 percent drop. Soybean production is also expected to decline. Production forecast shows a crop of 1.3 billion bushels, down 16 percent.

Pennsylvania's small grain crop production forecast prospects look good. All grains increased with wheat showing the greatest jump.

Pennsylvania's wheat production jumped up 70 percent over 1973 crop forecasts. The 1974 forecast is 12.6 million bushels, compared to 7.4 million bushels a year ago. Average yield and harvested acreage caused this drastic increase. Yield is up 8 bushels to 36 per acre and acreage jumped to 350,000 acres from 1973's acreage of 264,000 acres.

Oat production is expected to be 21.1 million bushels. Last year's forecasted production was 17.6 million bushels. The increased production is caused by a 11 percent increase in average yield - 52 bushels per acre and an 8 percent increase in harvested acres to 400,000 acres.

Rye also showed increased production of 123,000 bushels to 528,000 bushel production for the Commonwealth. Average yield is basically responsible for the

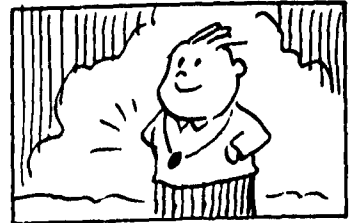
Butz Names Tobacco Advisory Committee

Associate Vice-Chairman. William L. Lanier, Director, Tobacco and Peanut Division, ASCS, will be Executive Secretary.


Secretary of Agriculture Earl L. Butz this week named 32 members of the tobacco industry to serve on the National Tobacco Advisory Committee. The appointments are effective through July 27, 1975. Committee members come from Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, North Carolina, Ohio, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and Wisconsin. None are from Pennsylvania. A 1973 agricultural statistics book from 1973 shows Pennsylvania with more tobacco acreage than either Florida, Ohio or Wisconsin.

The committee will advise the Secretary and other Department officials on domestic and export requirements, production adjustment and stabilization programs and on other matters relating to tobacco. Clayton K. Yeutter,

Assistant Secretary for International Affairs and Commodity Programs, will serve as Chairman of the Committee. Kenneth E. Frick, Administrator of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, will serve as Vice-Chairman and David L. Hume, Administrator of the Foreign Agricultural Service, will be



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increase. Yield rose 22 percent to 33 bushels per acre, while harvested acreage increased 7 percent to a figure of 16,000 acres.

The Pennsylvania tobacco forecast remained unchanged over last year. Production is expected to be 22,100,000 pounds. Average yield is expected to equal the 1973 figure of 1,700 pounds per acre.

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