

Crop Reports Indicate Increased Corn Production

Silver Spurs 4-H

Based on the September 1 forecast by the Crop Reporting Service, production of corn for grain in Pennsylvania is expected to total 83,460,000 bushels. This is 3 percent more than was produced last year, and unchanged from the August 1 forecast. Yield per acre harvested is expected to be 78 bushels per acre—the same as last year's yield.

Production of oats in Pennsylvania is expected to total 20,655,000 bushels this year, 17 percent more than last year's production. A yield of 51 bushels per acre is estimated, compared with 47 bushels last year. Barley harvest, estimated at 7,975,000 bushels, is also 17 percent more than last year's total. Yield is estimated to be 55 bushels per acre this year, compared with 44 bushels last year.

The winter wheat crop in Pennsylvania totaled 12,600,000 bushels, an increase of 70 percent from last year's crop. Yield averaged 36 bushels per acre, compared with 28

bushels a year ago.

Pennsylvania's soybean production forecast is 1,690,000 bushels—18 percent above a year ago with an estimated yield of 26 bushels per acre.

Pennsylvania's tobacco crop is expected to total 23,400,000 pounds this year—6 percent more than last year's crop. Yield per acre is expected to be 1800 pounds, compared with 1700 last year.

This year's pear crop in the Commonwealth is forecast to be 3200 tons, 78 percent more than the small crop of 1973.

Pennsylvania's grape production is forecast to total 54,000 tons in 1974, a 35 percent increase from last year's production.

Production of corn for grain in the United States is forecast at 4,995 million bushels, up slightly (29 million bushels) from the forecast a month earlier, but 11 percent below the record 1973 crop and 10 percent below 1972. This size crop would be the fourth largest of

record. August rains alleviated the drought conditions and increased yield prospects in parts of the Corn Belt. Forecasted production reflects conditions as of September 1 and does not include any effects of frosts in northern states since the first of the month. Forecasted average yield per acre is 78.3 bushels, compared with 91.4 bushels last year and the record yield of 97.1 in 1972.

U.S. sorghum grain production is forecast at 645 million bushels, 4 percent more than the August 1 estimate, but 31 percent less than last year. The U. S. average expected yield improved slightly during August and is now forecast - at 47.5 bushels, compared with 45.6 on August 1 but is 11 bushels below the 1973 yield of 58.8 bushels.

Production of oats in the U.S. is forecast at 649 million bushels, up 2 percent from August 1 but down 2 percent from last year. Yield of oats is forecast at 47.8 bushels per harvested acre, up nearly 2 bushels from both last month and last year.

Production of all wheat is forecast at a record high 1,792 million bushels, 3 percent less than a month earlier, but 5 percent above 1973, and 16 percent more than the 1972 crop. Yield of all wheat is forecast at 27.9 bushels per acre, compared with 31.8 bushels last year and 32.7 bushels two years ago. Wheat is expected to be harvested from 64.1 million acres—19 percent above last

year and the largest since 1953 when 67.8 million acres were combined. Production of winter wheat is forecast at a record high 1,391 million bushels. This is 10 percent above last year and 17 percent above the 1972 output.

U.S. production of soybeans is forecast at 1,316 million bushels, up slightly from last month's forecast but 16 percent below last year's record large crop. This year's anticipated production is the second largest of record. Yield, forecast at 25.1 bushels per acre, compares with 27.8 bushels last year and in 1972.

Production of all tobacco is forecast at 2,011 million pounds, up 2 percent from a month earlier and 15 percent above the 1973 output of 1,743 million pounds. Yield per acre is indicated at 2,081

pounds, up 116 pounds from the previous year.

All cigar production is estimated at 59.8 million pounds, up 3 percent from the August forecast and 5 percent above the 1973 output. Prospects, as of September 1, point to a 2 percent increase for cigar binder, 4 percent more cigar filler, and a 12 percent jump in cigar wrapper over a year earlier.

The final production forecast of U.S. grapes at 4.2 million tons, is about the same as last year but 64 percent about the short 1972 crop.

The final forecast of U.S. 1974 summer crop potatoes at 24.6 million cwt. is up 1 percent from the August forecast and 15 percent above the 21.5 million cwt. harvested in 1973.

The Silver Spurs 4-H Club held its monthly meeting at the home of Roxanne and Roberta Stein on September 3. President Randy Glick led the club pledge followed by roll call and dues. Junior and senior treasurers gave their reports which were read and approved.

Discussed under new business was either a camping trip or a skiing and sledding weekend. Also planned will be bowling and other one-day activities. The club will decide at the next meeting.

Donna Rohrer will be having the next meeting on October 4. Refreshments were served and the meeting was adjourned.

News Reporter
Cherrie Gochnauer

State Grange Meeting Oct. 28-31

Key issues affecting agriculture and rural affairs will be discussed by state officials at the 102nd annual convention of the Pennsylvania State Grange at Washington (Pa.) October 28-31.

State Senator Patrick J. Stapleton, of Indiana County, chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee, will address the opening session in Trinity Area Senior High School at 4 p.m. Monday, October 28.

State Agriculture Secretary James A. McHale will address the second-day session at noon Tuesday.

B. McClain Cochran, general secretary of the Pennsylvania Sabbath School Association, will speak at 3:15 p.m. Tuesday, October 29. Milton W. DeLancey, executive director of the Pennsylvania Township Supervisors Association, will address the session at 9 p.m. Tuesday.

Grange delegates themselves will tackle the rash of problems plaguing agriculture in a series of committee reports and resolutions to be acted on during the four-day convention.

More than 2,000 delegates, Grange members and Grange youth are expected to attend the sessions. The program will include a variety of talent contests, exhibitions. Youth activities also will be emphasized and Grange youth

officers will fill the chairs for the opening session Thursday, October 31.

The convention will close Thursday afternoon with the election and installation of officers.

Host to the convention is the Washington county Pomona Grange, Lloyd L. Craft, master. Convention chairman is Vernon Cox, of

West Alexandria RD2.

Business sessions of the convention will be held in the auditorium of the Trinity Area High School. Exhibits will be on display at the Ramada Inn, the convention headquarters. Junior and fifth degrees of the Grange will be conferred on candidates at the Fair Hills Manor Christian Church.

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For crops starting at 40 degrees the days totaled 4446 or 84 over the average. Days totaled 2812 for crops starting at 50 degrees which was measured at 60 over the normal.

Rainfall for the week totaled .40 inches and measured from April 1st was 24.61 inches or 1.35 inches over the normal.

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