

## Stored Grain Crops Total 92.2 Million Bushels

Stocks of wheat, corn, barley and oats stored in Pennsylvania on January 1, 1975 totaled 92.2 million bushels, up 13 percent from a year earlier, according to the Crop Reporting Service. Of the total, 80.2 million bushels were stored on farms and 12 million bushels off farms.

Wheat totaled 8.7 million bushels, up 35 percent from a year earlier. On-farm stocks totaled 3.2 million bushels compared with 1.5 million a year earlier. Off-farm stocks at 5.6 million bushels were up 46 percent from a year earlier.

Corn in all storage positions on January 1, 1975 totaled 67.6 million bushels, up 8 percent from a year earlier. On-farm stocks at 62.4 million bushels was up 8

percent, while off-farm stock at 5.2 million bushels were 1 percent above January 1, 1974.

Barley stored in all positions on January 1, 1975 totaled 3.5 million bushels, up 24 percent from a year earlier. On-farm stocks were up 21 percent and off-farm stocks were 54 percent above a year earlier.

Oats stored in all positions on January 1, 1975 totaled 12.4 million bushels, up 15 percent from a year earlier. On-farm stocks were up 14 percent, and off-farm stocks were up 33 percent above a year earlier.

Nationally, wheat stocks were 19 percent above a year earlier, but stocks of the four feed grains (corn, oats, barley and sorghum) were 22 percent below January 1, 1974 holdings.

Corn in all storage positions on January 1, 1975 totaled 3,614 million bushels, down 19 percent from the 4,473 million bushels a year earlier and 25 percent less than January 1, 1973. Farm holdings, at 2,533 million bushels, were down 25 percent from last year and off-farm stocks at 1,080 million bushels, were 3 percent below January 1, 1974. Indicated disappearance during October-December 1974 totaled 1,520 million bushels, compared with 1,882 million in the same quarter a year earlier.

Sorghum grain in storage January 1, 1975 totaled 381 million bushels, 41 percent below a year earlier and 39 percent below the same date in 1973. Farm stocks accounted for 123 million bushels, a decrease of 44 percent from last year and

off-farm stocks at 258 million bushels were down 40 percent. January 1 stocks indicate October-December 1974 disappearance of 308 million bushels, 14 percent below the same period in 1973 and 7 percent below the comparable 1972 period.

Oats stocks on January 1, 1975 totaled 511 million bushels, 20 percent less than a year earlier and 34 percent below January 1, 1973. Farm holdings of 388 million bushels were down 18 percent from a year ago and off-farm stocks were down 24 percent. Indicated disappearance during October-December 1974 was 141 million bushels, 18 percent less than the comparable period in 1973.

Barley stored in all positions on January 1, 1975 totaled 229 million bushels, 29 percent less than a year

earlier. Off-farm stocks of 102 million bushels were 10 percent below a year ago and farm stocks, at 127 million bushels were 39 percent smaller. Disappearance during October-December 1974 was 80 million bushels, down 21 percent from the same quarter in 1973.

All wheat in storage on January 1, 1975 totaled 1,100 million bushels, 19 percent above a year earlier, but 21 percent less than 2 years ago. Farm stocks totaled 440 million bushels, 21 percent above a year ago, while off-farm stocks at 660 million bushels were up 17 percent. Disappearance from all storage positions from October through December 1974 is indicated at 450 million bushels, compared with 522 million a year earlier.

positions on January 1, 1975, totaled 68.4 million bushels, 1 percent above a year earlier. Farm holdings, at 49.2 million bushels, were about the same as a year ago while off-farm grain stocks showed a 4 percent increase. Disappearance during the October-December quarter is indicated at 18.0 million bushels, compared with 21.7 million for the same quarter a year earlier.

Rye stocks in all storage positions on January 1, 1975 totaled 12.0 million bushels, down sharply from the January 1, 1974 level of 21.4 million bushels, and the lowest January 1 stocks since 1953. Off-farm stocks at 5.6 million bushels were less than one-half the year earlier holdings. The 6.4 million bushel holdings on-farm were 18 percent below the 1974 level. Indicated disappearance during October-December 1974, at 8.4 million bushels, was down 45 percent from the 15.4 million bushels in the comparable quarter a year earlier.

### Lecturers Chosen For Grange

Appointment of a nine-member lecturer's committee of the Pennsylvania State Grange has been announced by J. Luther Snyder, state master, and Mrs. William Buffington, state lecturer.

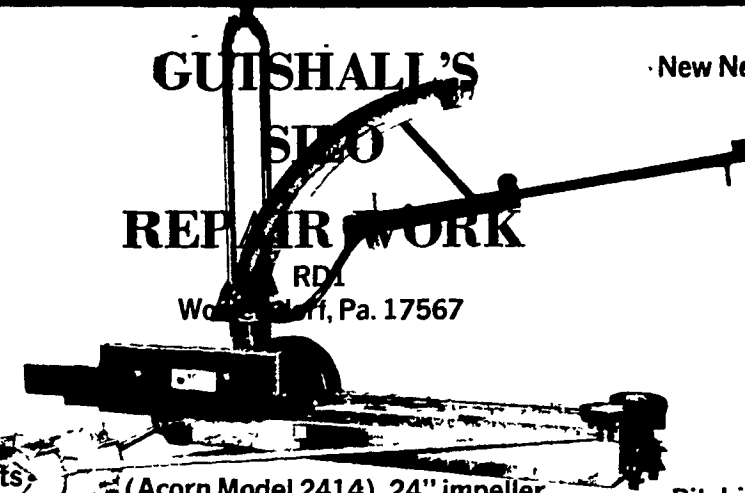
Named to the committee are: Mrs. Guy Wilcox, of Warren, Warren County; Arline Cook, Eldred RD, McKean County; Mrs. Roy Adams, Dushore, Sullivan County; Mrs. Arthur Gardner, Hop Bottom, Susquehanna County; Dorothy Weaver, McDonald

RD4, Washington County; Mrs. Harry Keith, Entriken RD, Huntingdon County; Mrs. Fred Towsey, Port Royal RD2, Juniata County; Mrs. Robert Mease, Reading RD2, Berks County, and Daryl K. Heasley, rural sociology extension specialist at Pennsylvania State University.

Mrs. Buffington, the state lecturer, resides at Chadds Ford RD1, Chester County. The office of lecturer in the Grange is similar to that of program director.

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