

Weather improved for hay making

Hay making conditions improved considerably for the week ending June 30, according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service. The reported soil moisture at adequate to surplus is about the same as the previous week. This is slightly drier than last year at this time. The first cutting of alfalfa is 74 percent done and second cutting has begun. Clover-timothy hay is reported at 57 percent cut, about the same as last year. Quality continues to be rated at mostly fair but better quality is reported in central and southern areas. Barley is reported as 60 percent turning and 20 percent ripe - about six days ahead of last year. Harvest is reported at nine percent with no harvesting in the northern and central counties, but 23 percent harvested in the south. Wheat is 47 percent

headed, 53 percent turning - slightly behind last year. Turning is reported as 50 percent in the north, 38 percent in central, and 73 percent in southern counties. Oats are reported as 69 percent headed, four days ahead of last year. In the north, oats are 52 percent headed, central 77 percent, and the south 85 percent. The average height of corn is rated slightly above 17 inches. This progress is about four days ahead of last

year. Height is reported as 15 inches in the north, 16 inches in central and 23 inches in the south. Tobacco is reported 90 percent transplanted compared to being completed last year at this time. Sweet cherry harvesting is active with reports of brown rot causing some problems. Strawberry harvest continues while good sizing set is reported for peaches and apples.

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