

Crop statistics released

HARRISBURG - Apple production has increased in Pennsylvania, but declines can be seen in the production of corn for grain, tobacco, potatoes, and grapes, according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service.

Pennsylvania's record commercial apple crop is forecast at 550 million pounds, down four percent from September 1, but up 15 percent from last year.

Pennsylvania's 1974 production of corn for grain is forecast at 86,400,000 bushels based on conditions October 1. This represents a two percent decrease from September's forecast and a three percent decrease from 1974 production. Yield is expected to be 80.0 bushels

per acre, down from 82.0 bushels forecast last month and below the 81.0 bushel yield in 1974.

Pennsylvania's tobacco production is expected to be 21,250,000 pounds, unchanged from a month earlier but 18 percent below 1974. Yield estimated at 1,700 pounds per acre is 15 percent below the 1974 yield of 2,000 pounds per acre.

The commonwealth's forecast for potato production is 6,900,000 pounds, down six percent from the 1974 production total.

Soybean production is forecast at 1,372,000 bushels, unchanged from last month.

Production of all hay in Pennsylvania is estimated at

4,301,000 tons, virtually unchanged from 1974. Yield is forecast at 2.18 tons per acre, compared to 2.20 tons per acre in 1974.

The state's forecast for grape production remains at 47,000 tons, indicating an 11 percent decrease from last year's record crop.

In the United States, corn for grain is forecast at a record 5,737 million bushels, up 23 percent from the 1974 production total. Yield is forecast at 86.2 bushels per acre, compared to 71.3 bushels per acre in 1974.

Tobacco production in the U.S. is forecast at 2,174 million pounds, down one percent from last month, but nine percent above 1974. Yield is forecast at 2,003

pounds per acre, down three percent from 1974. Flue-cured production is up 13 percent and the burley crop is four percent larger than a year ago.

Potato production nationwide is expected to be 266,583,000 pounds, an eight percent decrease from 1974.

All wheat production in the U.S. is expected to total a record 2,138 million bushels, up 19 percent more than last year's crop.

U.S. soybean production is forecast at 1,473,782 thousand bushels, up 19 percent from last year.

The U.S. final forecast of production of all hay is 130,098,000 tons, two percent above the 1974 total. A yield of 2.12 tons per acre is ex-

pected, up one percent from 1974.

compared to 4,194,100 tons in 1974.

Grape production is estimated at 4,277,750 tons,

Apple production increased 13 percent from 1974 with a forecasted crop of 7,249.8 million pounds.

Order 2 sales gross 69 million

NEW YORK - October 14 - A uniform farm price of \$9.57 per hundredweight (46.5 quarts) for September milk deliveries to pool handlers under the New York-New Jersey marketing orders was announced Tuesday by Thomas A. Wilson, market administrator. The uniform price was \$9.00 in August 1975 and \$8.22 in September 1974.

The butterfat differential was 10.1 cents for each tenth of a pound of fat above or below 3.5 percent.

Receipts from dairy producers totaled 715,376,822 pounds, 3.3 percent or 24,176,525 pounds less than in September 1974, Wilson reported. Handlers utilized 401,414,472 pounds of these receipts or 56.1 percent for fluid milk products (Class I). In September 1974 the Class I utilization percentage was 54.2. For September, handlers paid \$9.75 for Class I milk compared with \$8.69 a year ago.

Wilson stated that receipts on bulk tank units were 687,962,349 pounds, down 13,049,418 pounds. He added that this was 96.2 percent of

the pool, compared to 94.8 percent a year ago.

A total of 310,782,743 pounds, or 45.2 percent, of tank milk was used as Class II and was subject to the transportation credit which amounted to \$310,782.80.

Producers with tank milk numbered 18,557, a decrease of 2.2 percent. The administrator said that the total number of producers in the pool was 19,994, a loss of 5.1 percent. Average daily deliveries per producer rose 23 pounds to 1,193 pounds.

Pool bulk tank units decreased 16 to 199. Reports from 111 handlers were used to compute the pool, 2 less than in September 1974. There were 104 handlers with producer milk, a loss of 4.

The gross value to dairy farmers of September deliveries was \$69,340,628.22. Wilson explained that this included differentials required to be paid to dairy farmers but not voluntary premiums or deductions authorized by the farmer.

All prices quoted are for milk at 3.5 percent butterfat received within the 201-210 mile zone from New York City.

ASC committees to meet in conference

The Lancaster County ASC Committee and county office employees of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service will attend a State-wide conference and workshop on October 22 and 23, 1975 at the Seven Springs Mountain Resort, Champion, Pa.

Attending from Lancaster County will be B. Snavely Garber, Paul B. Kline, and Vincent H. Hoover, County Committeemen, Dorothy Y. Neel, Co. Executive Director, Mary Catherine Byrd and Janet M. Schaefer, Program Assistants, and Lloyd H. Welk, State Compliance Supervisor.

Keynote speakers at the conference will be Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, Richard E. Bell, International Affairs and Commodity Programs and Kenneth E. Frick, Administrator of the

Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service. The theme of the conference is "International Trade - Key to Farm Prosperity".

County Committees and employees will participate in groups with panel discussions on the administration of the Agricultural Conservation, Production Adjustment, Price Support, and Emergency Programs. They will also participate with a panel on Marketing of Farm Products.

The Conference is sponsored by the Pennsylvania State ASC Committee. State Committeemen, Noah Wenger, Lancaster County; Claude Hetherington, Schuylkill County, William Ringler, Somerset County, and Kenneth H. Boyer, State Executive Director of ASCS will head the conference.

USDA has rules for egg producer vote

WASHINGTON - The U.S. Department of Agriculture recently announced that it has adopted rules governing a referendum in which eligible producers of eggs may vote on a nationally coordinated egg research and promotion order.

Also, adopted, according to USDA officials, were procedures permitting producers to petition for relief if they believe that parts of the order are in conflict with the enabling

legislation, the Egg Research and Consumer Information Act. The final rules and procedures, which are the same as proposed in mid-September (press release USDA 2696-75) were scheduled for publication in the Federal Register Oct. 16.

The voting rules are a legal requirement before a referendum can be announced, said Connor Kennett, Director of the Poultry Division in USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service.



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