

Pa. grain storage increased

HARRISBURG - Grains in storage in Pennsylvania have increased seven percent over last year, according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service.

Stocks of corn (old corn), oats, barley and wheat in Pennsylvania as of October 1, 1975 totaled 43.5 million bushels.

Old crop corn in storage at 11,034,000 bushels were up 50 percent from 1974. Off-farm stocks at 1,233,000 bushels compared to 1,658,000 while farm stocks of 9,801,000 far exceed last year's 5,878,000.

Stocks of oats at 15,746,000 bushels were only two percent over last year. Off-farm stocks of 1,216,000 bushels compared to 1,076,000 last year, while farm stocks of 14,530,000 compared to 14,303,000 bushels in 1974.

Total stocks of barley were down three percent of 5,354,000 bushels. Off-farm stocks were 842,000 bushels from last year's 920,000 while farm stocks at 4,512,000 compared to 4,606,000 bushels a year ago.

Wheat stocks of 11,321,000 bushels were down nine percent from 1974. Off-farm stocks fell by five percent to 7,506,000 bushels while farm stocks were off 16 percent to 3,815,000 bushels.

Nationally, stocks of the four feed grains (corn, oats, barley and sorghum) in all positions totaled 26.0 million metric tons, 10 percent less than holdings on October 1, 1974.

Old crop corn stored in all positions on October 1 totaled 359 million bushels, 26 percent less than a year earlier. Corn stored on farms, at 190 million bushels, was down 34 percent from last year. Stocks in off-farm facilities were down 14 percent from a year earlier.

Oats in storage October 1, 1975 totaled 624 million bushels, one percent less than a year earlier. Farm stocks at nearly 512 million bushels were three percent above a year earlier but off-farm stocks at 131 million bushels were down 16 percent.

Barley stored in all positions on October 1 totaled 350 million bushels,

Tobacco loan rates proposed

WASHINGTON - Proposed schedules of grade loan rates for all types of 1975-crop cigar tobacco, which average about 12 percent above 1974-crop levels, as required by law, were announced recently by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The 1975 rates, per pound, (with 1974 rates in parentheses), are: For Ohio, filler, types 42-44, from 30.0 to 50.0 cents (23.5 to 44.0); for Wisconsin, type 54 and New York and Pennsylvania, type 53, from 25.0 to 55.0 cents (23.0 to 48.0); for Wisconsin, type 55, from 25.0 to 72.0 cents (22.0 to 66.0); for Connecticut valley Havana seed, type 52, from 44.0 to 84.0 cents (39.0 to 75.0); for Connecticut valley broadleaf, type 51, from 44.0

to 88.0 cents (39.0 to 80.0); for Puerto Rican, type 46, from 23.0 to 57.0 cents (21.0 to 50.0).

The proposed rates reflect average support levels of 48.0 cents per pound for types 42-44 and 53-55, 66.5 cents per pound for types 51-52 and 49.9 cents per pound for type 46.

Comments regarding the proposed rates will be considered if submitted in writing by Dec. 1, 1975 to the Director, Tobacco and Peanut Division, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. 20250. The comments will be available for public inspection in the Office of the Director, Room 6741 of the Department's South Building.

The cooperative associations through which price support is made available will be authorized to deduct one cent per pound to apply against overhead costs.

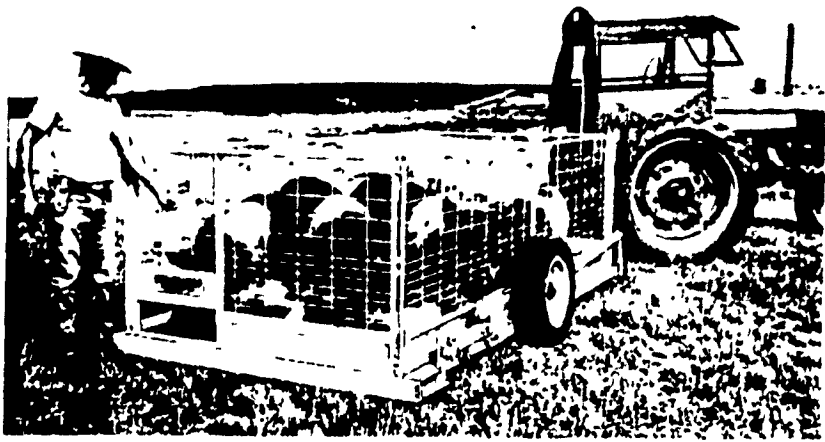
The reasons for greater occurrence of sulfur deficiencies in today's soils are:

.. Increased use of high analysis sulfur-free fertilizers.

.. Increased crop yields and double cropping increase the withdrawal of plant nutrients including sulfur from the soil.

.. Increased consumption of low sulfur fuels and greater emphasis on control of air pollution, reducing this atmospheric source of sulfur.

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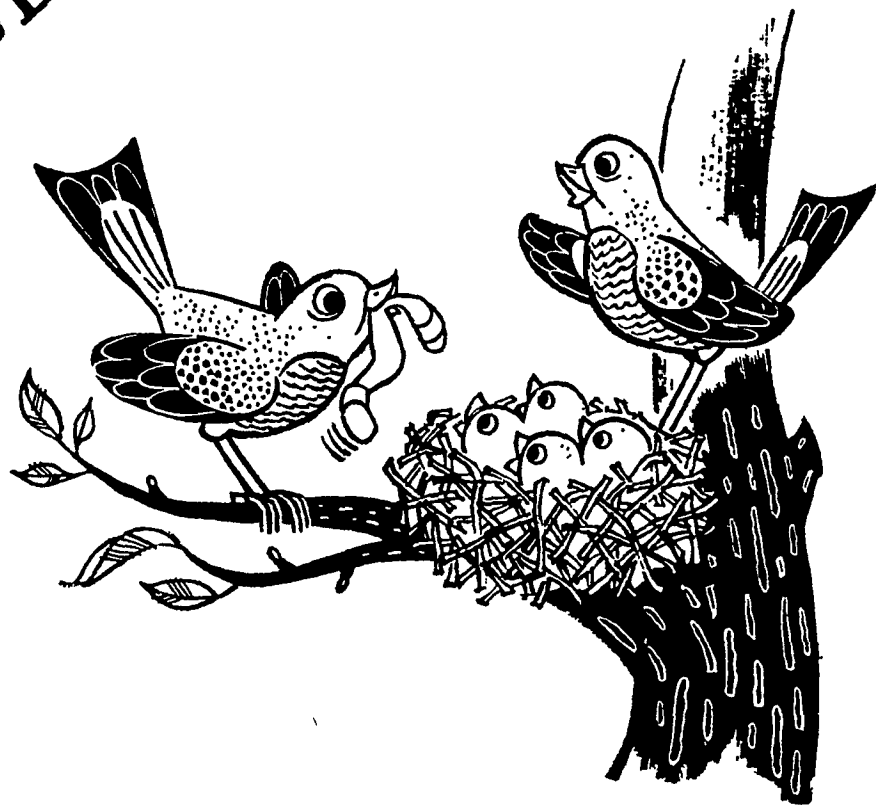
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