

# Crop report presented

## Milk production

HARRISBURG — Milk production in Pennsylvania during January totaled 585 million pounds, up three percent from a year ago, according to the Crop Reporting Service.

The number of milk cows in the commonwealth during January was 709,000 head, up three percent from a year earlier.

United States milk production during January is estimated at 9,545 million pounds, up two percent from a year earlier. U.S. milk production per cow averaged 862 pounds, 25 pounds more than a year ago and 34 pounds above January 1974. Milk cows on farms totaled 11,079,000 head, down one percent from a year earlier and two percent below January 1974.

## Poultry output

Poultry production in the commonwealth took a slight dip for the week ending Feb. 14 with placements of broiler chicks at 1,314,000, according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service.

Placements were two percent below the previous week, but five percent above the corresponding week a year earlier. Average placements during the past ten weeks were ten percent above a year earlier.

In the 21 key poultry producing states, placements were 61,847,000, one percent above the previous week and eight

percent above the same week a year earlier. Average placements during the past ten weeks were nine percent above a year ago.

## Potato storage

Potatoes in Pennsylvania storages on February 1, 1976, totaled 1,550,000 hundredweight (cwt.), down 815,000 cwt. or 34 percent from a year ago, according to the Crop Reporting Service.

Only the February 1, 1973 stocks of 1,450,000 cwt. from the flood-stricken 1972 crop is lower for the date in the record beginning February 1, 1950.

Disappearance since harvest of 1975 crop potatoes totals 5,265,000 cwt., and compares with 4,995,000 cwt. for that period a year earlier.

Stocks of potatoes held in storage by growers, local dealers and processors in the nation's fall production areas totaled 125.4 million cwt. on February 1, 1976. This was 7.9 million cwt. or six percent less than the record 133.2 million cwt. on

hand a year earlier, but 18.8 million cwt. more than on hand February 1, 1974.

By regions February 1 stocks in eight eastern states were down 29 percent from a year ago; eight central states, down 24 percent; and in the eight western states, up eight percent, largely because of greater stocks in Oregon and Washington.

National disappearance of fall 1975 crop potatoes totaled 142.5 million cwt., down six percent from the 152.2 million cwt. moved a year earlier between harvest and February 1

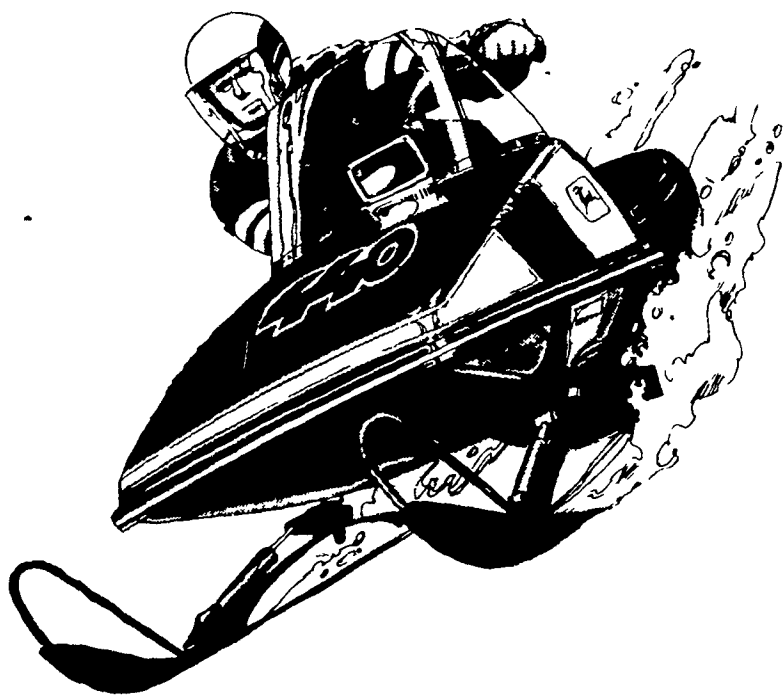
## Fertilizer program scheduled

The Hinkletown Adult Farmer Program sponsored by the Eastern Lancaster County School District will hold a meeting on Wednesday evening, March 10 to answer questions on fertilizer. Speaker for the evening will be William Brubaker. Brubaker, a well known area resident and fertilizer dealer has a vast background of knowledge of these and other fertilizer problems facing the farmer. Area farmers with fertilizer questions are invited to the Hinkletown Alternative School on March 10, 1976 at 7:30 p.m. for a discussion on fertilizers. The Hinkletown School is located east of Hinkletown and north of Route 322 on Wanner Road.

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