

## Corn forecast at record high, Oats lowest since 1881

Production of U.S. corn for grain is forecast at a record 6553 million bushels, 14 percent above the previous record set in 1975, Paul H. Keeney, chairman of the Berks County Agricultural Stabilization and Con-

servations Committee reported.

Mr. Keeney said the 1976 corn yield is estimated at 90.5 bushels per acre, also higher than recent years. The per acre yield was 86.2 bushels last year and 71.4

bushels in 1974, according to USDA's Statistical Reporting Service (SRS).

Production of oats is forecast at 499 million bushels, 24 percent less than 1975 and the lowest production since 1881. Yield

is expected to average 38.2 bushels per acre, down almost 10 bushels from 1975 and 8.3 bushels below 1974.

Production of all types of wheat will be about 2040 million bushels, 4 percent less than last year's record high 2134 million bushels, but 14 percent above the 1974 crop. Winter wheat production is forecast at 1530 million bushels, 7 percent

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below the record 1975 crop but otherwise the largest of record and 10 percent above the 1974 crop.

Barley production will be about 311 million bushels for 1976. This is 19 percent less than the 1975 outturn but 2 percent more than the 1974 crop.

The soybean crop was in good condition nationwide by July 1, but many fields in the North Central states needed rain soon. Almost 75 percent of the nation's soybean crop was planted by the beginning of June.

## Portraits available

OLIVIA, Minn. — Joe Kaliff, nationally known caricaturist, will be making a three day appearance at Cornland, USA, to be held here August 20, 21, and 22.

Kaliff has sketched thousands of famous personalities such as Dwight D. Eisenhower, Albert Einstein, Marilyn Monroe, Bob Hope, and Frank Sinatra. Besides sketching most of the great notables of our time, Kaliff has also sketched for over a hundred national corporations, and has his own nationally syndicated Broadway column.

Joe Kaliff will be one of 180 commercial exhibits at Cornland, USA, one of the larger working ag shows in the Upper Midwest. Also featured at Cornland, USA this year is the Trojan '5000' Tractor Pull, The Minnesota State Championship Fiddle Contest, The Marilyn Sellars Show, Patchwork Square, aerial spraying and crop seeding demonstrations, Barbershop Bonanza, corn management plots, and much more.

All demonstration and entertainment events are free. Parking is \$3.00 per car.

## Beef cattle counted

HARRISBURG - Pennsylvania cattle feeders had 62,000 cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market on July 1, 1976, according to the Crop Reporting Service. This was two per cent more than a year earlier.

Marketing of fed cattle during the April-June quarter at 30,000 head, was down 12 per cent from the same quarter a year ago. Placements of cattle and calves on feed during the April-June quarter totaled 18,000 head, down 22 per cent from a year ago.

Expected marketings of fed cattle, if realized, during the July-September quarter at 36,000, would be nine per cent or 3,000 head more than were marketed during the same period in 1975.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market on July 1, 1976, in the 23 major feeding states totaled 10,036,000 head. This is 17 per cent more than a year ago. Placements of cattle and calves in the 23 states during the April-June 1976 quarter totaled 5,599,000 head, up one per cent from 1975.

Marketings of fed cattle for slaughter during the quarter totaled 5,937,000 head, up 18 per cent from the same quarter in 1975. Expected marketings in the major feeding states during the July-September 1976 quarter are estimated at 5,900,000 head, or 19 per cent more than were marketed during the same period a year ago.

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