

Pa. grain stocks down

HARRISBURG, Pa. - Stocks of wheat, corn, barley and oats stored in Pennsylvania on Oct. 1 were 17 per cent below a year ago according to the Crop Reporting Service. Of a total near 35.8 million bushels, farm stocks of 26.1 million bushels were down 19 per cent while off-farm holdings of 9.6 million were 11 per cent below October 1, 1975.

Wheat stocks of 8.6 million bushels were one-fourth below a year ago. Off-farm stocks of 5.8 million were down 23 per cent while farm stocks at 2.8 million were down 27 per cent.

Total corn in storage of 8.3 million bushels was also nearly one-fourth below 1975. Although off-farm stocks of 2.1 million were up by nearly three-quarters this was more

than offset by a one-third drop in farm holdings to 6.2 million bushels.

Barley holdings of 3.7 million bushels were 29 per cent below last October 1. Off-farm stocks were off nearly one-half to 438,000 bushels, while farm holdings fell 26 per cent of 3.2 million bushels.

Oats in storage at 15.2 million showed the smallest change from last year at only one per cent down. Off-farm holdings of 1.3 million bushels were up eight per cent while farm stocks fell two per cent to 13.9 million bushels.

Total rye stocks of 254,000 bushels were 14 per cent lower than last year.

Nationally, stocks of the four feed grains (corn, oats,

barley and sorghum) totaled 27 million metric tons, almost two per cent more than the stocks on hand October 1, 1975. Increases from a year earlier by commodity were 11 per cent for corn, two per cent for barley and 51 per cent for sorghum. Oats stocks declined 13 per cent from a year earlier.

Stocks of all wheat were up 14 per cent from a year earlier while durum stocks jumped 33 per cent. Rye stocks were two per cent below Oct. 1, 1975, and flaxseed stocks were down 34 per cent.

Old crop corn stored in all positions on Oct. 1 totaled 399 million bushels, 11 per cent more than a year earlier. Corn stored on farms

at 230 million bushels was up 20 per cent from last year. Stocks in off-farm facilities were up one per cent from last year.

Oats in storage Oct. 1, 1976, totaled nearly 543 million bushels, 13 per cent less than a year earlier and the lowest for the date since records were started in 1943.

Barley stored in all positions on Oct. 1 totaled 351 million bushels, two per cent above a year earlier. All wheat in storage totaled 2,163 million bushels, 14 per cent more than last year and 38 per cent greater than Oct. 1, 1974.

Rye stocks in all positions on Oct. 1 totaled 15.4 million bushels, two per cent less than last year and 26 per cent lower than 1974.

State park cabin applications taken

HARRISBURG, Pa. - The Department of Environmental Resources this month issued a reminder that applications for the use of a state park cabin during the Spring rental season will be accepted from November 1 through December 15.

The Spring rental season begins with the second Friday in April and ends on the first Saturday following Memorial Day. The rental period is from Monday to Monday or from Friday to Friday.

Reservations will be awarded by lottery shortly after the close of the acceptance date and successful applicants will be notified by a confirmation letter.

Unsuccessful applicants will also be notified.

While applications may be submitted by out-of-state

residents, the Department noted, Pennsylvania residents are given preference in reserving cabins for the Spring and Fall rental seasons.

There are available 146 family cabins at 11 state parks as follows: Black Moshannon, Philipsburg R1, 13 cabins; Clear Creek, Sigel R1, 22 cabins; Cook Forest, Box 120, Cooksburg, 23 cabins; Cowans Gap, Fort Loudon, 10 cabins; Kooser, Somerset R6, nine cabins.

Also, Linn Run, Box 527, Ligonier, 10 cabins; Parker Dam, Penfield, R.D., 16 cabins; Promised Land, Greentown R1, 12 cabins; Ralph Stover, Point Pleasant, six cabins; S.B. Elliott, Penfield R.D., six cabins; and Worlds End, Forksville, 19 cabins.

Dairy trophies honoring Maryland natives awarded

COLLEGE PARK, Md. - Two new perpetual award plaques honoring nationally prominent Maryland leaders on the rural youth and dairy cattle scene who died during 1976 have recently been awarded for the first time.

They are the J. Homer Remsburg memorial trophy and the Mylo S. Downey memorial award. Both men were College of Agriculture graduates from the University of Maryland at College Park.

First winner of the Remsburg trophy is Rebecca Stiles, 16, of Littlestown, Pa., a resident of Carroll county, Md. Her three-year-old Jersey cow, Stilesrite Merry Stranger, was named supreme champion over all breeds in the 4-H and FFA dairy show at this year's Maryland State Fair in Timonium.

Appropriately, the first winner of the Downey award

is the Maryland team which won the national 4-H dairy cattle judging contest on Oct. 4 during the North American Dairy Show at Columbus, Ohio.

The plaque honors Mylo S. Downey, a former resident of the Calvert Hills area in College Park, who died after a lengthy illness.

The plaque honoring him was funded by memorial bequests from former professional associates, including persons currently working for the National 4-H Service Committee in Chicago, Ill., the National 4-H Foundation in Chevy Chase, Md., and the Extension Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Washington, D.C.

It is to be awarded annually "to the (land-grant) university whose 4-H team ranks highest in judging all breeds of dairy cattle at the

national 4-H dairy cattle judging contest."


The Remsburg memorial trophy is named for the late J. Homer Remsburg, fifth-generation owner of Locvale Farms near Middletown.

Remsburg served 15 years as president of the Maryland Holstein-Friesian Association and two years as national president of the Holstein-Friesian Association of America.

Other presidency terms included the Federal Farm Credit Board, Farm Credit Banks of Baltimore,



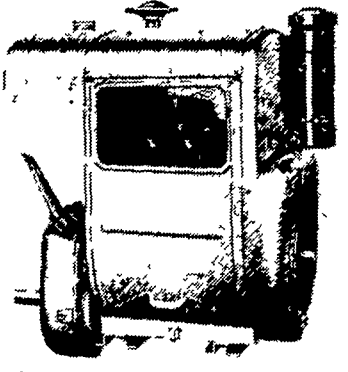
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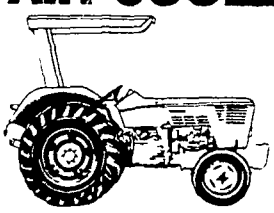
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