

Icy weather cut U.S. crops

HARRISBURG - The cold wave which enveloped the United States in January will continue to affect the production of such winter crops as oranges, potatoes and winter wheat throughout the coming months, according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service.

The United States winter wheat crop was put under stress during January by the subnormal temperatures and dry soils. Snow blanketed most of the major winter wheat producing areas during the early part of the month, but later the snow line receded northward and exposed the crop in the Southern and Central Great Plains. In the Northern Great Plains and North

Central States, snow protected the winter wheat throughout the month. Very little wheat acreage was damaged by winds.

The cold wave of January 18-20 brought temperatures into the low to mid-20's for several hours throughout all Florida citrus producing districts. A sample survey conducted the morning of January 20 showed some ice in nearly all oranges sampled. Cool weather during the balance of January was beneficial in minimizing losses through droppage and deterioration, and harvest of the early and mid-season orange crop has proceeded at a record rate since the freeze.

A total embargo was

placed on all shipments of Florida citrus fruit for fresh market for the period January 24 to February 2, in order to prevent the shipment of freeze-damaged fruit. A fruit damage survey as of February 1 found 35 per cent of oranges and 68 per cent of grapefruit with no damage. At that same date 14 per cent of the sampled oranges and five per cent of the sampled grapefruit trees showed serious to very serious leaf damage.

Long term effects to citrus trees cannot yet be fully evaluated, although damage is much lighter than for the 1962-63 freeze. Fruit damage will again be surveyed at mid-February to assess further freeze damage.

Citrus crop losses due to the freeze will be closely related to weather during the remainder of the harvest season. Temperatures above 65 to 70 degrees will promote fruit droppage and deterioration which have been light so far. The forecasts as of February 1 reflect significant fruit losses from the freeze, resulting from an expected heavier fruit droppage and from fruit weight losses

already evident in lower per-box juice yields.

Production of winter crop potatoes in California and Florida is now forecast at 2.4 million per hundredweight, 17 per cent below the January 1 forecast and 21 per cent below the 1975 crop. Cold weather, water shortages and continued dry weather have kept potato growth below normal. Expected yields in California are down 20 per hundredweight per acre from last month to 210 per hundredweight per acre. About a fourth of the crop has been harvested and size is running small.

The Florida crop is now forecast at 1.4 million per hundredweight, 22 per cent below the January 1 forecast and 23 per cent below the 1976 crop. Very little if any loss of acreage is expected, but again reduced yields are expected on more than half of the total acreage planted. Expected yields are down sharply from 200 per hundredweight per acre on January 1 to 155 per hundredweight per acre February 1.

Walker revives town meetings

WASHINGTON, D.C., February 14 - Congressman Bob Walker on Tuesday announced that his first "Old Fashioned Town Meeting" will be held in the Elizabethtown area on Saturday, February 19.

The "Old Fashioned Town Meeting" is scheduled from 10:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. in Room 127 of Nicarry Hall at Elizabethtown College.

Noting that recent polls

have indicated the American people feel distant from their government and that Congress in particular is held in low esteem, Walker said that the town meeting is an effort to help change those feelings.

Walker will be holding "Old Fashioned Town Meetings" throughout the 16th Congressional District on a monthly basis beginning this Saturday in the Elizabethtown area.

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They can also pass egg recipes along through recipe columns in the various newspapers to which they subscribe.

In her closing thoughts, Mrs. Hershey offered what she thought were the three key ingredients for women in business.

"First you must have a willingness to learn," she enumerated. Then, she said, each individual must learn all that he or she can, and third, each person must actively promote the product which they represent.

"If you have and do all these things, then I think you have a 'full bucket,'" she said, referring to her opening remarks on her childhood. And, she explained, you always get more done with a full bucket than with an empty one.

Prior to Mrs. Hershey's speech, the members of the organization carried on a few points of business. John Hoffman, executive director of the Pennsylvania Poultry Association, spoke of a new egg promotion plan in which the egg industry will work directly with restaurants in Pennsylvania to promote the commodity. The egg industry is planning evening seminars to educate the restaurant owners and operators on new ways to prepare and promote the egg. According to Hoffman, this may be the first time the egg industry and the restaurants have worked closely together on a project of this type. He underlined the importance of the move by pointing out that 45 per cent of all eggs consumed are served in restaurants.



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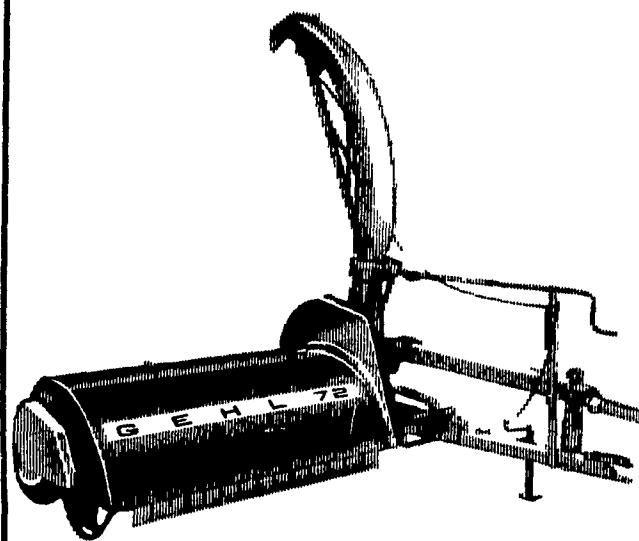
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