

Corn, hay, apple output all above last year's

HARRISBURG - Based on October 1 conditions, Pennsylvania's 1979 production of corn for grain, hay and apples should all be above last year, according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service. For tobacco, fall potatoes and grapes, decreases were indicated from last year.

This year's estimated production, yield-per acre and percentage change from last year are as follows: corn for grain, 115.4 million bushels, up two percent with yield at 97.0 bushels per acre; winter wheat, 8.1 million bushels, up slightly

with yield at 31.0 bushels per acre; soybeans for beans, 2.5 million bushels, up 27 percent with yield at 31.0 bushels per acre; sorghum for grain, 390,000 bushels at 65.0 bushels per acre; tobacco, 22.1 million pounds, down 12 percent with yield at 1,700 pounds per acre; fall potatoes, 6.1 million hundredweight (cwt.), down two percent at 255 cwt. per acre; apple, 505 million pounds, up 26 percent; and grapes, 57,000 tons, down one percent.

Hay production is forecast at 4.5 million tons, up four percent from a year ago.

At the United States level, corn production is forecast at a record high of 7.39 billion bushels, two percent above the September 1 forecast and four percent more than the previous record set last year. Sorghum grain production is forecast at 817 million bushels, up nine percent from last year.

Feed grain production (corn, sorghum, oats and barley combined) is expected to total a record high of 9.10 billion bushels, three percent more than last year.

Soybean production is forecast at a record high 2.21

billion bushels, two percent above the September 1 forecast and 18 percent larger than the 1978 crop.

Food grain production (wheat, rye and rice combined) is forecast at 265.6 million bushels, 16 percent above 1978. All wheat production is forecast at 2.11 billion bushels, up 18 percent from 1978.

Fall potato production is forecast at 300 million cwt., seven percent below the record high 1978 crop.

All tobacco production is forecast at 1.68 billion pounds, down 17 percent from last year.

Apple production is forecast at 7,582.5 million pounds, down one percent from last year.

Grape production is forecast at 4.74 million tons, up four percent from last year.

Hunterdon ag board to meet November 17

FLEMINGTON, N.J. - The Annual Dinner Meeting of the Hunterdon County Board of Agriculture has been scheduled for Saturday evening, November 17, at Quakertown Firehouse, reports Orville Barrick, Dinner Committee Chairman. A social period is set for 6:30 p.m., a roast beef dinner to follow at 7:00.

Speaker this year will be Marjorie VanNess, Raritan Township, currently President of the New Jersey

Agricultural Society. She will speak on "Impressions of Present Day China," showing and narrating slides of a recent trip to China made by a group of New Jersey farm leaders.

VanNess is a member of the Executive Committee of the County Board of Agriculture, serving on many of its committees. She is active in many local and statewide agricultural and equine organizations, says Barrick.

Business meeting will be brief, with election of Executive Committee members, treasurer's report, report of some of the activities of the Board. Conducting the business session will be David Buchholz, Alexandria Township, association president.

Milk punch will be served during the social hour by the Hunterdon County Dairy Princess, Renee Kiriluk; the Farm Bureau Queen, Pat

Runge; and the 4-H Queen, Barbara VandenBerghe.

Tickets are \$6.50 and available in the office of the Hunterdon County Extension Service, Extension Center, Route 31, Flemington.

Deadline for ticket sales is Friday, November 9.

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Although Christmas was the first holiday to become associated with eggnog, this festive drink has invaded other holidays such as New Year's Day when many make wish-you-well calls. It has also been used on the Fourth of July and "Lecton," as well as Easter.

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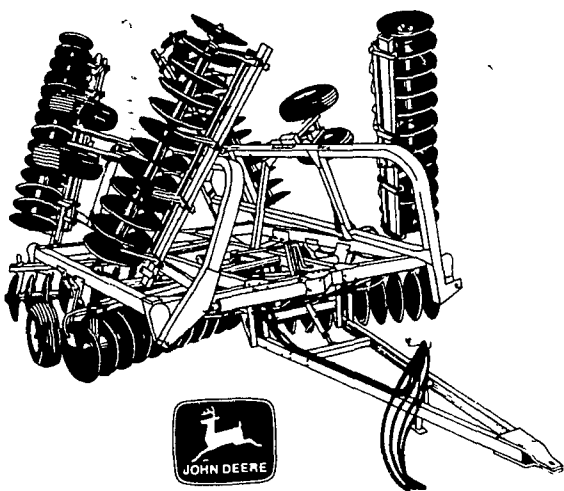
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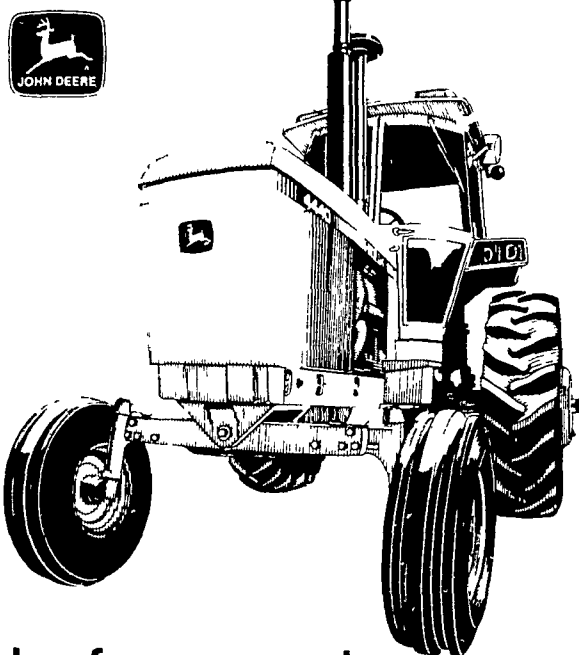
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