

# Record corn crop leads Pennsylvania output

**HARRISBURG** — Production of the four small grains, wheat, rye, oats and barley slightly declined to 32,411,000 bushels from the 1978 production level of 32,492,000.

The 1979 output was down five percent from the 1977 total.

Sorghum estimates begun in 1979 with 7000 acres harvested for grain and a total production of 525,000 bushels, for a value of \$1,208,000.

The Keystone state witnessed another record high corn crop in 1979, two percent over last year's record crop. Production totaled 115.4 million bushels from slightly more than 1.2 million acres harvested for grain.

Yield was estimated at 95 bushels per acre, the same yield as the preceding year. Corn for grain value was \$340.5 million. Corn for silage acreage harvested at

410,000 acres, yield at 15.0 tons, resulted in total production of 6,150,000 tons.

Tobacco production declined to 22.1 million pounds compared to last year's 25.2 million pounds. Yield decreased to 1700 pounds per acre, 240 pounds less than 1978 yield. Harvested acres remained the same as the 1978 crop at 13,000 acres.

Soybeans for beans production increased to 2,624,000 bushels, a 34 percent increase over last year's production of 1,953,000 bushels. This increase in production was due mainly to an increase in harvested acreage.

Yield increased again this year to 32.0 bushels per acre, however, this is only a 0.5 bushel increase over the 1978 yield. Total crop value increased to almost \$15.0 million from the previous year's value of \$12.9 million.

All hay showed an increase from last year in area harvested to 1.96 million acres. Yield declined to 2.19 tons per acre resulting in total production of 4.29 million tons. At \$53.50 per ton, the total crop value decreased 14 percent to \$229.7 million.

Production of alfalfa hay totaled 2.3 million tons from 850,000 acres while production of all other hay totaled 2.0 million tons harvested from 1.1 million acres.

Pennsylvania farmers harvested 8000 acres of red clover seed this year. The 1979 crop of 560,000 pounds is down 38 percent from the 900,000 pounds produced last year. Yield decreased seven percent to 70 pounds per acre.

Total value of production is \$336,000 compared with \$585,000 last year.

Mushroom production totaled 213.8 million pounds for the crop year ending June 30, 1979, 3 percent below the previous year's crop. This year's total crop value was \$152.9 million.

Apple production in 1979 totaled 505 million pounds,

up 26 percent from a year ago. With a two percent higher unit price from last year's nine cents per pound, value of production at \$46.0 million was up 29 percent from a year ago.

Total production of all pears in 1979 was 2,800 tons, 15 percent below last year's crop and 40 percent less than the 1977 crop. Value of utilized production totaled \$823,000.

Tart cherry production (6.3 million pounds) increased two percent from the previous year. A record price of 49.6 cents per pound resulted in a record crop value of \$3.1 million.

The 1979 sweet cherry crop also recorded a record high value of \$1,066,000; production totaled 950 tons.

Pennsylvania's peach crop totaled 90 million pounds for 1979. This year's crop was up 6 percent from 1978. The total crop value at \$13.3 million was slightly below last year's record.

Total production of grapes for 1979 was 55,500 tons. The total value of this year's crop was \$12.1 million, this was 10 percent below the previous year, but 77 percent greater than the crop value of 1977.

A total of 1000 acres of strawberries were harvested in 1979. Yield at 33 cwt. per acre increased by seven percent from the previous year. The increased acreage harvested along with a higher yield produced an 18 percent larger crop than last

year. The 1979 production of 33,000 cwt. resulted in a total crop value of \$2.2 million.

Maple syrup production totaled 57,000 gallons with a total value of \$775,000. This compares with 1978 production of 42,000 gallons and a value of \$504,000.

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Since employment off the farm does not permit attendance at many of the regular educational events, the Lancaster Extension staff has prepared a program of special interest to both part-time farmers and rural non-farm residents who own just a few head of livestock or poultry or own just a few acres of land.

A general session will lead off the morning with estate planning, pest control pasture management and rural living.

Following the general session, there will be two 45-minute workshops. Each workshop will be run twice, so that participants will have the opportunity to select a total of two areas of interest.

Workshops to be held are Crops and Soils, Dairy and Goats, Livestock, and Poultry and Rabbits.

Registration may be made with the form below, or by calling the Lancaster Extension Office (717) 394-6851.

### PRE-REGISTRATION Part-Time Farmers Seminar

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- #1) Crops and Soils
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- #3) Livestock
- #4) Poultry and Rabbits

Please return to Agricultural Extension Service 1383 Arcadia Road Room 1 Lancaster PA 17601 Pre registration can also be made by calling 394 6851

# The case of Farmer Jones and the 5¢ orange.

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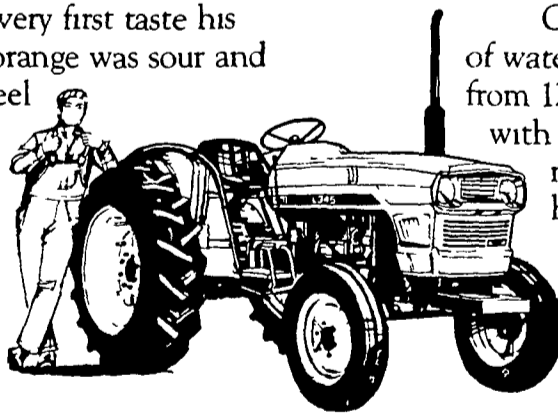
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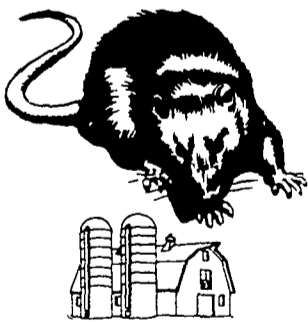
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