State grain holdings up 4% from 1979

HARRISBURG — Total stocks of wheat, corn, oats, barley, sorghum and rye in Pennsylvania on April 1, at 75.7 million bushels, were four percent above a year ago, according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service. Stocks on farms were up three percent at 64.2 million bushels while offfarm holdings, 11.5 million bushels increased 11 per cent.

Corn stored in all position totaled 62.5 million bushels, a three percent increase over a year ago. Farm stocks at 55.4 million and offfarm at 7.1 million were up two percent from five percent, respectively.

Wheat stocks, 3.9 million bushels, were up 49 percent above a year ago. Off-farm wheat stocks totaled 3.3 million bushels, while onfarm stocks totaled 650,000

Oats held at all positions totaled 7.9 million bushels, up seven percent from a year ago, with 7.0 million bushels on the farm and 904,000 off-farm. Barley in all storage positions, at 1.2 million bushels, decreased 29 percent from last year.

On-farm oats holdings totaled 973,000 bushels while off-farm stocks amounted to 193,000 bushels.

Soybean stocks of 499,000 bushels on farms increased 42 percent from a year ago, when on-farm holdings were 352,000 bushels.

Pennsylvania rye stocks totaled 55,000 bushels onfarm and 5,000 bushels offfarm. In all positions, total stocks decreased 29 percent from a year ago.

Sorghum stocks at all positions jumped from 33,000 bushels last year to the current 186,000 bushels.

At the national level, corn stocks on April 1, 1980 totaled a record 4.78 billion bushels, eight percent more than last year. Farm stocks of 3.36 billion bushels, another record, were up eight percent from last year.

Off-farm stocks at 1.42 billion were up seven percent from the April stock a year earlier and were the

aighest April 1 off-farm and off-farm stocks at 55.4 stocks since 1961.

Disappearance from all storage positions during January-March is indicated at 1.99 billion bushels, 12 percent above the 1.78 billion bushels used in the same period a year ago.

All wheat stored on April 1 amounted to 1.23 billion bushels, down slightly from stocks on hand a year earlier and 20 percent less than two years ago. Farm stocks of 570 million bushels are nine percent less than last year's 630 million bushels.

On-farm storage accounted for 47 percent of the total wheat stocks compared with 51 percent a year earlier. Off-farm wheat stocks totaled 655 million bushels, 10 percent more than last year's 596 million bushels.

Oats stored in all positions on April 1 amounted to 344 million bushels, 12 percent less than a year earlier and 18 percent below April 1, 1978. Farm stocks at 288 million bushels were 12 percent below a year ago

million bushels were down 14 percent.

positions totaled 261 million 1979 but 10 percent above

April 1, 1978 stocks. Farm stocks of just over 164 million bushels were down 17 Barley stocks in all percent from a year earlier and off-farm stocks at 96.2 bushels, 12 percent less than - million bushels were down two percent.

Soybeans in all positions on April 1 totaled a record 1.18 billion bushels, up 34 percent from a year ago and 39 percent more than April 1, 1978. Farm stocks of 604 (Turn to Page C33)



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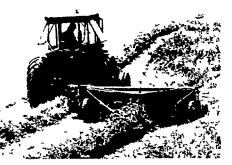
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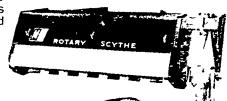
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