

Tobacco use reduced, larger crop expected

LANCASTER — Despite stable cigarette sales, total U.S. tobacco use in the 1979-80 marketing year will fall below last year's level because of a drop in U.S. leaf exports

However, disappearance is about one-sixth above 1979's short crop, and the July carryover will fall sharply from last year's 3.6 billion pounds

Cigarette output for the year ending June 30 may fall about 1 percent below the 707 billion cigarettes in 1978/79 because manufacturers reduced inventories. Cigarette consumption remains steady since the larger adult population is offset by reduced per capita use. Cigarette exports continue to gain briskly, so a modest gain in U.S. cigarette output is expected in the second half of 1980.

Output of smokeless products (snuff and chewing tobacco) is increasing, but cigar and smoking tobacco production continues below a year earlier.

Despite larger carryover,

use of fire-cured and dark air-cured tobaccos is decreasing from last marketing year. Tentative supplies for next season are slightly higher than the season now ending

Domestic cigar leaf use is rising, cigar production continues to drop, and chewing tobacco output is gaining. Estimated use for cigar types will exceed last year's crops, leaving smaller carryovers into 1980/81. Prospective larger crops for 1980 could maintain total supplies

Unmanufactured tobacco exports for July 1979-April 1980 were 12 percent below a year earlier. So shipments for the year ending June 30 will fall short of the 671 million pounds of July 1978-June 1979. Several but reduced purchases when demand fell and the 1979 U.S. crop was extremely short

Based on planned acreage and average yields, the total U.S. tobacco crop could reach 1.9 billion pounds in 1980, one-fourth larger than last year. With the 9-percent

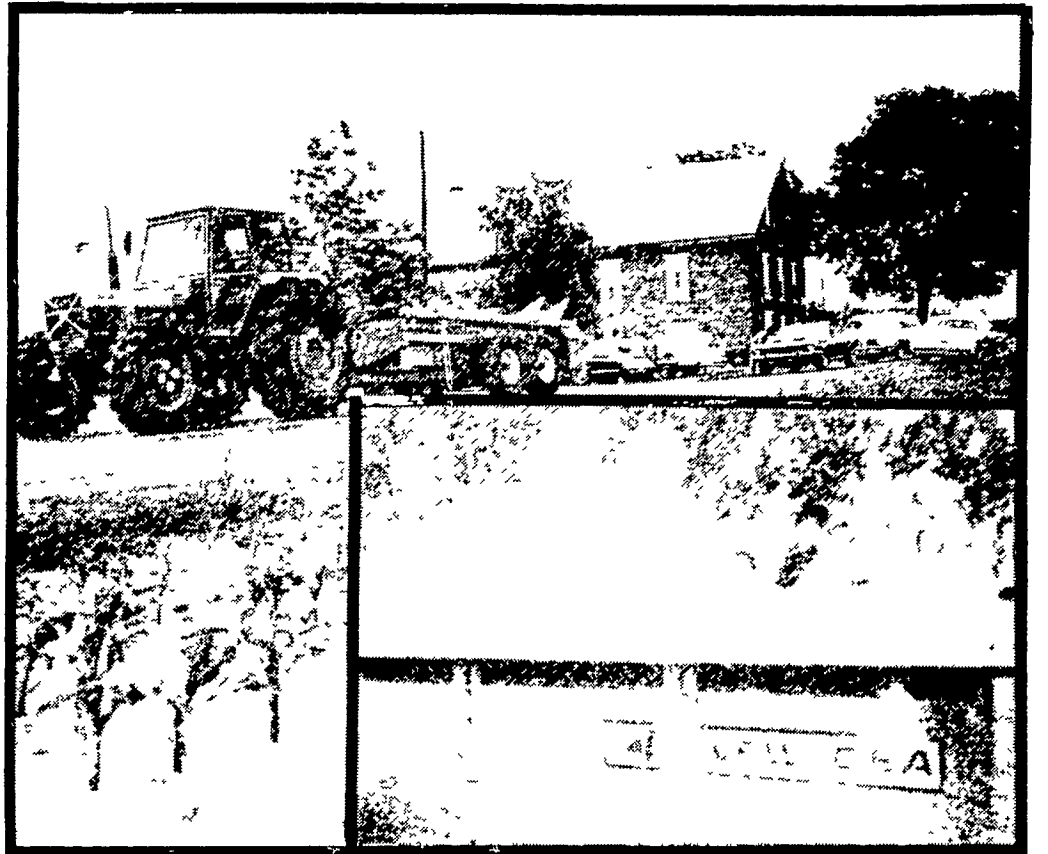
higher support level, prices may average slightly higher than in 1979. Overseas purchases from the 1980 crop could increase from the low level of 1979 if the U.S. crop size reaches the projections and the quality is above average

Flue-cured tobacco exports in July 1979-April 1980 were below a year earlier. Some European Community destinations substantially reduced imports due to a stock increase the previous year. For the year ending June 30, about 365 million pounds will be exported, 18 percent less than 1978/79. Burley exports for the crop year ending Sept 30 are expected to exceed last year's record level of 86 million pounds

During July 1979-March 1980, tobacco imports were 285 million pounds, six percent above a year earlier. Imports are mostly cigarette leaf and scrap. U.S. manufacturers' stocks of imported cigarette tobacco on April 1 were four percent above a year earlier, while stocks of foreign-grown cigar tobacco decreased nine percent.

With steady cigarette output, domestic flue-cured use for the year ending June 30 is close to last season's level. But with the smaller exports, total disappearance of flue-cured tobacco will fall 8 percent below the 1.18 billion pounds of last season. This year's disappearance still exceeds the very low 1979 crop, so the July 1980 carryover of flue-cured will fall below the 2.1 billion pounds of a year earlier.

Auction markets for 1979-crop Maryland tobacco



Down the road of life in a manure spreader

It was an auspicious start to married life for the former Joy Moyer and her husband John Brubaker. When they were wed at Mt. Zion Church near Hamlin last Saturday they found their first trip together after tying the knot was to be in a manure spreader. The ride took them from the church to the Ono Fire Hall for the reception where Lebanon County Dairy Princess Diana Maulfair, the maid of honor, drank a milk toast. At least the spreader was brand new and equipped with seats for the bridal party. The newlyweds will reside at R7 Lebanon. They are the children of the John Moyers, R1 Jonestown; and J. Carl Brubakers, R7 Lebanon.

began April 9 and ended May 22. Prices averaged \$1.40 per pound, 17 cents more than a year earlier. Disappearance of Maryland tobacco in the current marketing year may not equal last season since exports are down.

Homemakers camp slated

BETHEL — Choosing and Using is the theme for Homemaker's Camp to be held August 12, 13 and 14 at Camp Swatara near Bethel.

This camp is an annual retreat for homemakers of all ages and is sponsored by the Penn State Extension Service. Any homemaker is welcome to attend this inexpensive time of relaxation and fun

Activities include a variety of crafts, fellowship, swimming, hiking, or just relaxing.

Reservations should be made by July 18. A few of \$21 is required at camp to cover expenses of meals and lodging. Contact Doris Thomas at the Lancaster County Extension Office 717/394-6851 for registration and more information.



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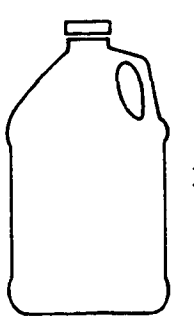


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