

# Soil moisture remains top concern

**HARRISBURG** — Pennsylvania farmers continue to watch soil moisture levels, as lack of adequate rainfall threatens their crops. During the week ending September 1, six days were rated as suitable for farm fieldwork, but soil moisture levels dropped again, according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service.

Farm activities during the week included harvesting of potatoes, tomatoes, snap beans, apples and peaches, along with other vegetables. Field activities included combining oats, baling hay and straw, plowing, clipping pastures, filling silos, harvesting tobacco and general repair work.

Harvest of apples and peaches continues across the state, with persistent reports of small sizes due to drought. Sweet corn, cabbage and tomato harvest also continue, with yield and quality reported somewhat lower than normal.

Soil moisture levels are rated mostly short to adequate statewide. Northern farmers report soils as 47 percent short, 47 percent adequate and six percent surplus. Central and southern farm operators reported soil moisture levels as 92 and 88 percent short, respectively.

Potato harvest was 34 percent complete statewide, compared to 33 percent a year ago. Northern Pennsylvania reported harvest of potatoes at 48 percent with both central and southern areas at 28 percent harvested.

Ensilage corn stood at 14 percent harvested statewide, ahead of the six percent mark at this time last year. Corn for grain is reported at 48 percent in dough and 29 percent in dent, statewide, compared to 53

percent in dough, 17 percent in dent and less than five percent mature last year. A five year average shows corn to be 55 percent in dough, 26 percent in dent and less than five percent mature at this time.

Harvest of oats is virtually complete statewide, ahead of last year's 92 percent. Tobacco harvest is 30 percent complete, slightly ahead of the 28 percent harvested last year.

Fall plowing is now 33 percent complete, compared to 30 percent a year ago. Plowing stands at 30 percent in the north, 40 percent in central counties and 26 percent in the southern counties.

Second cutting of alfalfa moved to 91 percent statewide, ahead of the 88 percent cut last year.

Harvest was virtually complete in central and southern areas, and at 85 percent in the north. Third cutting advanced to 59 percent statewide, compared to 33 percent last year. Northern farmers reported 77 percent complete. Fourth cutting advanced to ten percent statewide, ahead of the less than five percent harvested last year at this time.

Second cutting of clover-timothy rated 92 percent statewide, well ahead of last year's 67 percent.

The quality of hay made during the week was rated good to fair across the state. Feed from pasture was rated below average to average. Pasture was rated 43 percent below average, 50 percent average and seven percent above average in the north, while central and southern areas rated pastures at 73 and 71 percent below average, respectively.

All fuels for use on farm were rated as adequate to surplus, across the state.

## Egg promotion checkoff vote due next fall

**LANCASTER** — A referendum to amend the Egg Research and Promotion Order probably will be held sometime next fall.

According to Cary Bradley of United Egg Producers the referendum, if approved, would allow the American Egg Board to increase assessments from a nickel to 7.5 cents per case at the time of producer approval.

The checkoff level could increase by no more than three-quarters of a cent per year. In any case the total checkoff would not be allowed to exceed 10 cents.

The U.S. Secretary of Agriculture would be authorized to appoint two consumer representatives, nominated by certified industry organizations, to the 18 member American Egg Board.

Also included in the referendum proposal is a change in the procedure for

collecting the assessments. The referendum probably will be held within 12 to 14 months, or in the Fall of 1981. The estimate is based on time needed for publication of the referendum proposal in the Federal Register, comment periods, public hearings, reviews, revisions, and finally, the referendum itself.

The amendment to the enabling legislation was signed into law by President Jimmy Carter on June 17.

The amendment, developed by the special Industry Promotion Task Force, received widespread support from industry organizations and individuals, Bradley said.

The measure sailed through both houses of Congress.

If approved by egg producers during the referendum, the above-mentioned changes would take effect.

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