

# Fruit, vegetable harvests move along quickly

**HARRISBURG** — Pennsylvania's farmers continue their harvest of fruits and vegetables, potatoes, corn for grain and tobacco during the week ending September 22, according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service.

Six days were suitable for farm field work, with field activities including harvest, plowing, baling hay and straw, clipping pasture, filling silos and general farm chores.

Commercial harvest of snap beans, sweet corn and tomatoes was almost complete. Apple harvest was continuing, with Golden Delicious near completion and Red Delicious just beginning. The Pennsylvania grape crop is making good progress with Concord varieties beginning to ripen.

Potato harvest was 63 percent complete statewide compared to 69 percent a

year ago. Northern growers reported harvest at 58 percent complete, central growers claimed 62 percent harvested and southern growers harvest at 76 percent complete.

Silage corn harvest stood at 47 percent statewide compared to 27 percent in 1979. Corn for grain is rated at 25 percent mature and less than five percent harvested across the state. Last year, twelve percent was mature and less than five percent harvested. The five-year average for this time shows 20 percent of the corn for grain as mature and less than five percent harvested.

Tobacco harvest is 86 percent complete, behind last year's 93 percent.

The state's soils are rated mostly short to adequate statewide. Northern operators rated soils as 29 percent short, 58 percent adequate and 13 percent surplus. Central regions

were reported as 82 percent short and 18 percent adequate, while in the south, soils were rated 92 percent short and eight percent adequate.

Fall plowing across the Commonwealth is now 63 percent complete compared to 70 percent a year ago. Completion rates are 62,73 and 58 percent in the north, central and southern counties, respectively.

Barley planting advanced to 37 percent, well ahead of the 18 percent last year at this time. The northern region reports 34 percent of its barley planted, central counties are at 44 percent and the south is 27 percent planted.

Wheat planting increased to 48 percent, which compared favorably to the 35

percent planted last year. Wheat planting is at 57 percent in the north, 43 percent in central counties and 26 percent in the south.

Third cutting of alfalfa advanced to 81 percent statewide, on a par with last year. Fourth cutting advanced to 38 percent statewide, ahead of last year's 30 percent.

The quality of hay made during the week was rated fair to good throughout the state. Feed from pastures was rated below average to average. Pastures in the north were rated 42 percent below average, 42 percent average and 16 percent above average.

In central counties, pasture was rated 73 percent below average, 18 percent

average and nine percent above average. Southern pastures were 90 percent below average and ten

percent average. All farm fuel supplies were rated adequate to surplus across the state.

## Shattercane

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Double incorporation proved to be about twice as effective wherever Sutan was used but showed little difference with the Eradicane alone. Control may have been more effective by incorporating only four to six inches rather than six to eight inches.

The Eradicane (3.5 pint) and Sutan (3 pint) plus AAtrex combination-double incorporated, gave the best total weed control when all weeds were considered.

Greater foxtail pressure was noted in the Eradicane plus AAtrex treatment that the Eradicane-Sutan-AAtrex combinations.

When using Eradicane it is important to check with your seed corn dealer to select varieties that will not be damaged by the herbicide.

Although cultivation was not used in any of the plots, it is believed that a more complete control would occur with one timely cultivation.

To reduce herbicide costs if shattercane is just starting in small portions of the field, use Eradicane (1.75 pint) and Sutan (1.5 pint) and AAtrex (1 quart) PPI for general weed control then go over just the infested area a second time.

In fields where mature seeds have fallen on the ground, better winter kill will occur if field is not fall plowed or worked and seeds left exposed.

Because of the heavy seed inventories of infested fields, control may take several years. Once seed inventories are reduced, lower herbicide rates can be used.

Rotation of infested fields into alfalfa or other long standing hay crops will be very beneficial in reducing seed inventories since the repeated cutting prevents new plants from maturing and going to seed.

Shattercane is often confused with Johnsongrass. Shattercane does not have rhizomes like Johnsongrass. Control programs are quite different.

## Firm designs new emblem

**LITITZ** — Tom Reese, vice president and general manager of Pfizer Genetics Corporation Headquarters in St. Louis has announced the firm's plans for implementing a new corporate identity program.

The new green and gold logo was recently revealed to dealers in meetings throughout the nation where Pfizer Genetics markets Trojan hybrid seed corn and Pfizer Genetics soybeans and sorghum.

This new look for 1980's incorporates the strength of both the Trojan and Pfizer brand names so familiar among American farmers.

The new symbol also utilizes graphics of the "ripe ears on green stalks" look, a product attribute of Trojan



hybrids since the 1950's. Reese notes this new look will begin appearing on all Pfizer and Trojan seed advertising and promotional pieces immediately, including a comprehensive new field marker sign program for farmer TST test plots across the country.

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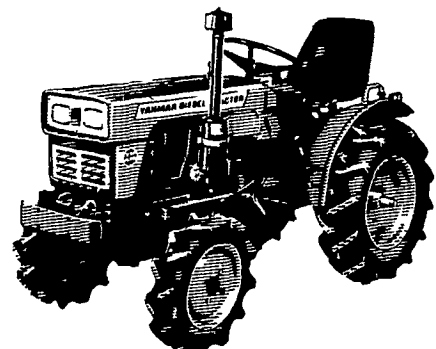
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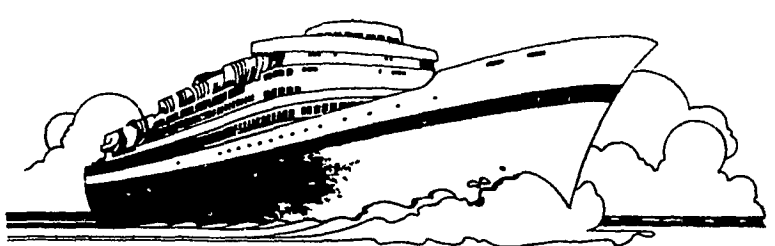
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