Harvest continues in cool dry weather

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HARRISBURG - Penn- week of fall brought clear September 29. sylvania farmers continued cool weather to the state, fall harvest work as the first during the week ending

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According to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting

Service, farm field activities included harvesting of vegetables, fruit, potatoes, corn for grain and tobacco; fall plowing; baling hay; clipping pastures; filling silos and general farm chores, with five days rated suitable for this work.

Apple harvest is in full swing, with harvest of fall cabbage about 50 percent complete. Potato harvest is 75 percent complete statewide, compared to 77 percent a year ago. Northern operators reported potato harvest at 71 percent, central farmers reported 73 percent and the southern farm operators reported harvest at 90 percent complete.

Rain fall from widely scattered showers and thunderstorms totaled less than 0.5 inches in all portions of the state, with a few isolated sections in the west. Soil moisture levels were rated as costly short to adequate.

Northern farm operators rated soils as 46 percent short, 46 percent adequate and eight percent surplus. Central soils were rated as 77 percent short and 23 percent adequate, while in the south, soils were rated 80 percent short and 20 percent adequate.

Silage corn harvest was 62 percent complete compared to 43 percent last year. Corn for grain is 43 percent mature and seven percent harvested statewide. Last year the corn crop was 23 percent mature and less

than five percent harvested, while a five year average shows 31 percent mature and less than five percent har-

Harvest of tobacco is virtually complete, on a par with 1979.

Fall plowing is 70 percent complete across the state, compared to 75 percent completed a year ago. While central counties are at 76 percent, northern and southern counties are at 63 and 65 percent complete, respectively.

Barley planting is now 56 percent completed, behind last year's 65 percent. Barley planting is 55 percent complete in the north, 63 percent in central counties and 43 percent in the south.

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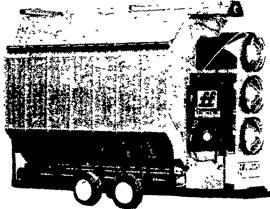




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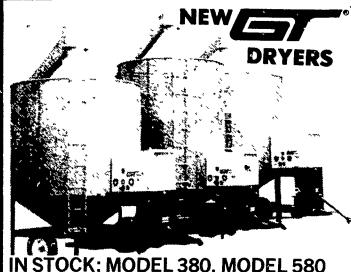


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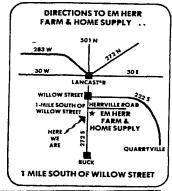
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