

State grain production seen well below 1979

HARRISBURG — Based on November 1 conditions, production of corn for grain, and sorghum for grain is expected to be below last year's levels, according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service.

Corn for grain production in Pennsylvania is forecast at 97.2 million bushels, down 16 percent from a year ago.

An expected 1,230,000 acres will be harvested, with an average yield of 79.0 bushels per acre. Grain sorghum production is forecast at 275,000 bushels, almost half the crop size of last year. An estimated 5000 acres of sorghum for grain is expected for harvest, with an average yield of 55.0 bushels per acre.

Pennsylvania tobacco production is forecast at 22,750,000 pounds, up 29 percent from last year's 17,696,000 pounds. Acreage for harvest should be 13,000 acres, with a yield forecast of 1750 pounds per acre.

Pasture and range feed conditions in the Commonwealth rated very poor at 58 percent compared with

good to excellent conditions reported about the same time last year.

Nationally, feed grain production (corn, sorghum, oats and barley combined) should be below last year. Corn for grain production is forecast at 6.46 billion bushels, virtually unchanged from last month, but 17

percent less than last year's record crop.

Area for harvest should total 71,193,000 acres with an average yield of 90.8 bushels per acre.

Grain sorghum production is forecast at 551 million bushels, down 32 percent from last year. Area for harvest is forecast at

12,147,000 acres, down six percent from a year ago.

Average yield indicated at 45.3 bushels per acre compared with last year's yield of 62.9 bushels per acre.

Soybean production is forecast at 1.77 billion bushels, 22 percent less than last year's crop. Soybean harvest area is indicated at 66,907,000 acres, down five percent from last year, with an average yield of 26.5 bushels per acre.

All tobacco production is forecast at 1.78 billion pounds, 17 percent above last year's crop. Area for harvest should increase 12 percent from last year to 922,620,000 acres with an average yield of 1,930 pounds per acre.

Overall, pasture and range feed condition nationwide rated poor to fair at 65 percent compared with 77 percent a year ago.

4-H embryology replaces mother hen

LANCASTER — 4-H youngsters learn to care for embryos as the egg incubates like a mother hen would care for incubating eggs. Real mothers feel sorry for chicks or embryos in an incubator because they have no mother.

The 4-H leader, school teacher or 4-H member must care for the incubator, egg, embryo, and chick as a real mother would. This 4-H activity tends to rehabilitate some handicapped youngsters according to their school teachers who are 4-H embryology leaders.

Many youngsters begin to study more actively as well as participate in class after they once complete the 4-H embryology project. Nearly all youngsters show intense interest in this project as they learn to care for and protect the young fragile life of the embryo or chick.

Now that school is in session if you have a youngster between 8 and 18 years of age, have them contact their county agent to enroll in 4-H embryology.



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