

State grain stock down 22 percent

HARRISBURG — Total stocks of wheat, corn, oats and barley in Pennsylvania on April 1 were 22 percent below a year ago at 61.0 million bushels, according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service.

Stocks on farms were down 24 percent while off-farm holdings decreased ten percent. Farm holdings totaled 50.7 million bushels with off-farm stocks at 10.3 million bushels.

Corn stored in all positions totaled 49.2 million bushels, a 25 percent decrease from a year ago. Farm stocks at 43.2 million and off farm stock at 6.0 million were

down 26 percent and 15 percent, respectively.

Pennsylvania wheat stocks of 4.1 million bushels at all positions were six percent above a year ago. Off-farm wheat stocks totaled 3.4 million bushels, while on-farm stocks totaled 740,000 bushels.

Sorghum stocks on farms totaled 100,000 bushels, down 46 percent from a year ago.

Oats held at all positions in Pennsylvania totaled 6.9 million bushels, down 13 percent from a year ago, with 6.1 million bushels on the farm and 778,000 bushels off-farm.

Barley in all storage positions, at 817,000 bushels, decreased ten per-

cent from last year. On-farm holdings totaled 675,000 bushels, while off-farm stocks amounted to 142,000 bushels.

Soybean stocks of 379,000 bushels on farms decreased 36 percent from a year ago, while rye stocks totaled 35,000 bushels on-farm.

Nationally, corn stored in all positions on April 1 totaled 4.0 billion bushels, 18 percent below last year's record level of 4.86 billion bushels. Off-farm stocks at 1.34 billion were down five percent from a year earlier, while farm stocks, at 2.65 billion bushels, were off 23 percent from last year's record level. Disappearance from all storage positions during the

first quarter of the calendar year is indicated at 1.86 billion bushels, eight percent below the 2.03 billion bushels used in the same period a year ago.

Sorghum grain in all positions on April 1 amounted to 313 million bushels, 21 percent less than a year earlier and 25 percent less than April 1, 1979. Farm stocks totaled 82.9 million bushels and off-farm holdings were 230 million bushels, down 42 and nine percent, respectively, from last year. Disappearance from all storage positions during the first quarter of the calendar year was 154 million bushels, 39 percent less than the January-March disappearance in 1980.

Oats stored in all positions on April 1 totaled 256 million bushels, 25 percent less than a year earlier and 33 percent below April 1, 1979. Farm stocks amounted to 211 million bushels, 26 percent less than a year earlier, while off-farm holdings, at 44.4 million bushels, were down 20 percent from last year. Disappearance during January-March 1981 totaled 135 bushels, down two percent from a year ago.

Barley stored in all positions totaled 202 million bushels, 23 percent less than last year's 262 million bushels, and 32 percent below April 1, 1979. Off-farm stocks at 90.0 million bushels were seven percent less than a year earlier, while farm stocks, at 112 million bushels, were 32 percent below last year's stocks. Disappearance during January-March 1981 was 99.8 million bushels, down three

percent from the corresponding period a year earlier.

All wheat in storage on April 1 amounted to 1.33 billion bushels, up nine percent from a year earlier and eight percent more than two years ago. Farm stocks of 543 million bushels are five percent below last year's 570 million bushels. On-farm storage accounted for 41 percent of the total wheat stocks compared with 46 percent a year earlier. Off-farm wheat stocks at the beginning of April totaled 791 million bushels, 21 percent above last year's 656 million bushels. Disappearance during the January-March quarter was 571 million bushels compared with 491 million bushels a year ago.

Rye stored in all positions on April 1 totaled 6.80 million bushels, 55 percent less than last year's 15.0 million bushels. On-farm rye stocks at 3.48 million bushels were 61 percent less than a year ago, while off-farm rye stocks, at 3.32 million bushels, were 45 percent less than last year. Disappearance during the January-March quarter totaled 2.49 million bushels, compared to 2.72 million bushels last year.

Soybeans in all positions totaled 1.03 billion bushels, down 13 percent from a year ago, but 17 percent more than April 1, 1979. Farm stocks of 540 million bushels were ten percent below last year, while off-farm stocks totaled 494 million bushels, down 15 percent from a year earlier. The September-March disappearance was 1.14 billion bushels, down nine percent from the same period a year ago.

Reserve tops grand at Shorthorn Sale

MERCER — The reserve grand champion Shorthorn bull upset the grand champion at the recent Pennsylvania Shorthorn Spring Sale, held at the Mercer 4-H Park.

MSF Major 037, a May, 1980 Thornwood Major son, topped the sale at \$1050. The yearling bull was consigned by Diane McElhaney, Hooktown and was purchased by Pat and Jere McKee, New Castle.

The grand champion bull, Windholme Clark 1070, a November, 1979 son of Clark, sold to Lionel Persinger, Proctor, West Virginia and R. J. McLaughlin, Woodfield, Ohio for \$850. The bull was consigned by Windholme Farm, Orange, Virginia.

The Virginia Shorthorn farm also consigned the grand and reserve grand champion females.

Windholme Lady 130, a January, 1980 daughter of Windholme Robin

King, sold to Glenn Aescheacher, Beaver, for \$750.

Bidding stopped at \$675 for Windholme Princess 260, a March, 1980 daughter of Meadowbrook Chief. The reserve champ's new owner is George S. Six, New Freeport.

The high-selling cow/calf pair sold for \$675 to Thomas D. Rodgers, Gibsonia. The pair was consigned by George Hunter, Stoneboro.

Joan Peoples, Volant, consigned the high-selling bred heifer, Maypleview Suzi. The heifer sold to Whiting Cattle Co., New Wilmington for \$600.

Other high selling lots included two consignments by Duncancroft, Saxonsburg. Duncan Rosewood Lass SOX sold for \$700 and Duncan Coronita Meg 80X sold for \$650.

Buying the pair was Wesley Butts of Deposit, New York.

The 25 Shorthorn females averaged \$529 and 8 bulls averaged \$621. The 33 lots averaged \$551.

Volume buyer with 6 females at \$2925 was the Whiting Cattle Co.

Robert Maxwell, a 1981 graduate of Penn State, judged the pre-sale show.



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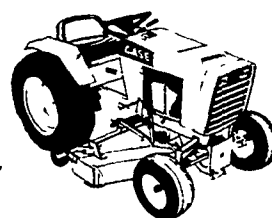
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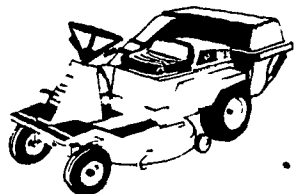
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