

Weather helps fall harvest

HARRISBURG — The week ending Oct. 14 was an excellent week for Pennsylvania farmers, with six days rated suitable for fieldwork. State farmers continued harvest of potatoes, apples, grapes, cabbage and cauliflower, along with field crops such as green chop, ensilage, high moisture ground ear and shelled corn, corn for grain and soybeans. Other farm activities included fall plowing, seeding of small grains and making hay.

The average statewide temperature during the week was seven degrees above normal and precipitation was only one-tenth of an inch, more than one-half inch below normal.

Pennsylvania apple harvest is now 60 percent complete, and grape harvest is reported at about 90 percent complete. Cabbage and cauliflower harvesting remained active with northern region farmers indicating cabbage harvest at about 75 percent complete.

The potato harvest reached 86 percent statewide compared to 87 percent harvested last year. Northern reporters indicate 83 percent of their crop is harvested. Harvest is nearly complete in the central and southern regions. The crop is sizing well with average or better than average yields.

Across the state, the corn for grain was 64 percent mature and nine percent harvested, compared to last year's level of 87 percent mature and 16 percent harvested and the five-year average of 80 percent mature and 18 percent harvested. In the central region 78 percent was mature and four percent harvested. Corn in the southern region was 73 percent mature and nine percent harvested.

The harvest of corn silage statewide was at 68 percent compared with 87 percent harvested at this time last year. The northern, central and southern regions report the percentage of silage harvested as 62, 69 and 79 percent respectively.

The harvest of soybeans is 14 percent statewide, trailing last year's 25 percent harvested at this time. The northern region reported 12 percent of the soybeans har-

vested, while central and southern regions report harvest completion rates of 10 and 23 percent respectively.

Fall plowing in the state was reported as 81 percent complete. This compares with last year's level of 86 percent and the five-year average of 86 percent completed. Statewide, planting of barley was 88 percent complete compared with 92 percent planted last year. Wheat planting statewide was at 78 percent complete compared with 73 percent last year.

The harvest of third crop alfalfa was 94 percent complete, & virtually complete last year at this time. Fourth crop alfalfa was 61 percent harvested compared with 66 percent last year. The quality of hay made during the past week

was rated fair by 52 percent and good by 48 percent of our reporters. The amount of feed being obtained from pastures was rated below average by 33 percent, average by 59 percent and above average by eight percent of our reporters.

Topsoil moisture supplies for the Commonwealth were rated short by 47 percent, adequate by 50 percent and surplus by three percent of our reporters. The northern region reporters rated soil moisture as 18 percent short, 73 percent adequate and nine percent surplus. Central region reporters rated soil moisture as 75 percent short and 25 percent adequate. Southern region reporters rated moisture supplies as 44 percent short and 55 percent adequate.

Now is the Time

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likely to set up housekeeping there until colder weather drives them into your house.

Mice can crawl through holes or cracks as small as a dime. They can enter where pipes go through the wall. And some are so bold, they'll run through an open door while you're entering the house.

If you find signs of mice activity, there are two good ways to get rid of them. If there are just a few mice, a trap is a good remedy. Bait the trap with bacon, peanut butter or cheese and set it near a wall so that the trigger is pointed towards the wall. If a large number of mice are present, then baits are more effective. The bait should be put in bait stations so children or pets cannot get to it.

To Eradicate Livestock Parasites

Both internal and external parasites reduce animal health and efficiency. During times when livestock feeding profits are slim, feed efficiency becomes very important. All feeder calves should be treated for stomach worms soon

after arrival on the farm. The same thing is true for dairy heifers in this part of the state. Heavy populations of livestock makes the parasite problem more severe. Fecal samples of animals taken to the local veterinarian is the best method of determining the exact infection.

Body lice are very common and before the hair coat gets much heavier, animals should be clipped, sprayed or dusted. Parasites are hard on animals and hard on the pocketbook.

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GIGANTIC SELECTION

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Vege auction

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—A new permanent building is expected to be erected just for the vegetable auction.

—Neighborhood grower meetings will be held next Spring to educate farmers in what buyers are looking for and how they can get their best prices by doing such things as grading and washing the produce and presenting it the way buyers prefer it.

—Auction activities may be expanded to handle an expected increase in participation not only by new growers, but by possible expansion in acreage by growers who participated this year.

“We know that a number of growers have been observing how our first season went,” Good explained.

“There could be a significant expansion of participation next year.”

One of the determining factors of next year's participation likely will be how well the buying of this year's tobacco crop proceeds. A quality tobacco crop is now hanging in Lancaster County sheds, but a similarly good crop is also reported out of places like Maryland.

If tobacco prices drop this year or a significant part of the crop

goes unsold, you'll likely see an even greater swing to vegetables in 1985.

“If a neighborhood of growers express an interest for next year, we'll schedule a small meeting in the Spring to show them what the buyers want,” Good said.

“We think it's better to hold these smaller meetings, if growers want them, than one, big meeting.”

Meanwhile, the auction will continue on Tuesdays and Thursdays until about Thanksgiving. During the peak of the season, it was also held on Mondays and Fridays.

Current major produce includes cauliflower, broccoli, pumpkins, potatoes, Indian corn, gourds, apples, grapes, celery (just starting) and soon sweet potatoes.

During season peaks some 33,000 cantaloupes went across the auction block one Monday and last week 6,000 head of broccoli were being auctioned off during one day.

A couple of memorable prices come to mind during the past season, too.

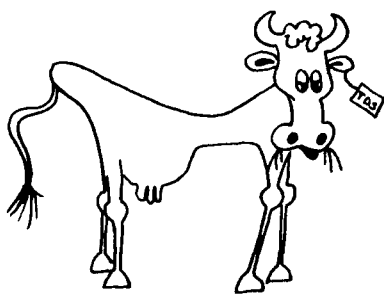
One pumpkin weighing 186 lbs and trucked all the way from Breezewood brought \$50.00

And, a 79-lb. watermelon brought \$23.00.

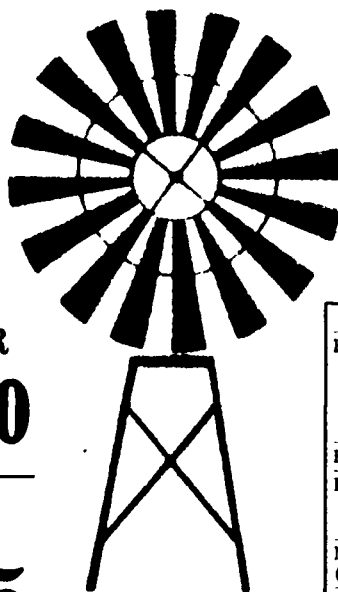


Gaily colored gourds are just part of large volumes of seasonal produce passing through Good's Wholesale Vegetable Auction at Leola twice a week.

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CONICAL MODELS		110-260	110-300	110-400	110-500
HOPPER CAPACITY (level fill)	cubic feet	7	8.5	10	11.5
	bushels	5.5	7	8	9
	granular fertilizer (lbs)	500	600	700	800
	lime (lbs)	630	760	900	1030
EFFECTIVE SWATH WIDTH (Ft.)		40	40	40	40
DIMENSIONS (inches)					
hopper opening		39 1/2	43	45	47
overall height		39	42 1/2	44	46 1/2
NET WEIGHT (lbs) (includes driveline)		152	161	167 1/2	174
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