

# Corn crop is ahead of schedule

## Farm Calendar

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Montgomery 4-H Center, Creamery.  
Eastern Pa. Holstein Championship Show, Kutztown Fairgrounds.

**Saturday, August 10**  
South Central Pennsylvania Holstein Championship Show, Carlisle Fairgrounds.  
Tested Ram Lamb Sale, Meat Animal Evaluation Center, State College.

**Sunday, August 11**  
McKean County Fair; continues through Aug. 18.  
Huntingdon County Fair, Huntingdon, continues through Aug. 17.  
Washington County Fair, Washington; continues through Aug. 17.

**Monday, August 12**  
Dayton Fair, Dayton; continues through Aug. 17.  
Kutztown Fair, Kutztown; continues through Aug. 17.  
Montour DeLong Community Fair, Washingtonville; continues through Aug. 17.  
Servickley Township Fair, West Newton; continues through Aug. 17.

**Tuesday, August 13**  
Cochranton Community Fair, Cochranton; continues through Aug. 17.  
Elk County Fair, Kersey; con-

tinues through Aug. 17.  
Lawrence County Fair, New Castle; continues through Aug. 17.

Schuylkill County Fair, Schuylkill Haven; continues through Aug. 17.  
Venango County Fair, Franklin; continues through Aug. 17.

**Wednesday, August 14**  
Annual meeting, Pa. Flower Growers, Penn State University; continues through Aug. 16.  
Annual meeting, Pa. Christmas Tree Growers Association, Split Rock Lodge, Lake Harmony.  
Conestoga Classic, 7:30 p.m., Lampeter Fairgrounds.

**Thursday, August 15**  
Middletown Grange Fair, Wrightstown; continues through Aug. 17.  
Findlay Township Community Fair, Clinton; continues through Aug. 17.  
Middletown Grange Fair, Wrightstown; continues through Aug. 17.  
Juniata County Conservation and Energy Field Day, William People's Farm, R1 Mifflintown, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Saturday, August 17**  
Central Pennsylvania Holstein Championship Show, Huntingdon Fairgrounds.  
Westmoreland County Fair, Greensburg; continues through Aug. 24.

**HARRISBURG** - Development of the commonwealth corn crop continued ahead of schedule as five days were rated suitable for fieldwork during the week ending July 28, according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service.

Corn averaged 62 inches in height, compared to 57 inches at this time last year. Overall crop condition was rated by reporters as two percent very poor, three percent poor, 15 percent fair, 43 percent good, and 37 percent excellent.

Activities for the week included harvesting second cutting hay, wheat, oats, peaches, apples, sweet corn, garden vegetables, baling straw; and spraying alfalfa. The average temperature for the week was 69 degrees, two degrees below normal. The average precipitation was 1.39 inches, .53 inch below normal.

Throughout the state, topsoil moisture supplies were rated by reporters as 32 percent short, 59 percent adequate and nine percent surplus. In the northern region, moisture was rated as 25 percent short and 75 percent adequate. Central region reporters indicated 27 percent short, 55 percent adequate, and 18 percent surplus. Southern region reporters indicated moisture levels as 45 percent short, 45 percent adequate and 10 percent surplus.

The wheat crop across the commonwealth was reported to be three percent headed, two percent turning yellow, 30 percent ripe and 65 percent harvested. Northern region reporters estimated 10 percent headed, seven percent turning yellow, 44 percent ripe and 39 percent harvested. Central region reporters indicated one percent turning yellow, 37 percent ripe and 62 percent harvested.

Southern region reporters indicated eight percent ripe and 92 percent harvested. Statewide, crop condition was rated one percent poor, 13 percent fair, 55 percent good and 31 percent excellent.

Statewide, one percent of the barley crop was reported as turning yellow, 12 percent ripe and 87 percent harvested. Northern reporters indicated five percent turning yellow, 24 percent ripe and 71 percent harvested. Central region reporters indicated 12 percent ripe and 88 percent harvested. Southern area reporters indicated 100 percent of the crop harvested.

Reporters throughout the state estimated oat development as eight percent headed, 32 percent turning yellow, 37 percent ripe and 23 percent harvested. This time last year, 30 percent of the crop was headed, 50 percent turning

yellow, 17 percent ripe and three percent harvested. Northern region reporters indicated 23 percent headed, 55 percent turning yellow, 20 percent ripe and two percent harvested. Central region reporters estimated 28 percent turning yellow, 49 percent ripe and 23 percent harvested. Southern region reporters indicated 11 percent turning yellow, 44 percent ripe and 45 percent harvested.

Across the commonwealth the first cutting of alfalfa and clo-tim was reported as virtually complete. Second cutting alfalfa was estimated as 79 percent complete. Quality of hay was estimated as nine percent poor, 24 percent fair and 67 percent good. The amount of feed being obtained from pastures was rated as 42 percent below average, 49 percent average and nine percent above average.

## Cattle numbers off four percent

**HARRISBURG** - Cattle and calf inventory in the United States on July 1 was estimated at 116 million head, down four percent from July 1 a year ago and six percent below July 1, 1983, according to the Pennsylvania Crop and Livestock Reporting Service. This is the lowest July 1 cattle inventory estimate since mid-year estimates were begun in 1973. The current estimate is the fourth consecutive year of an inventory decline after only two years of expansion. Information for Pennsylvania and other states is not available.

Cows and heifers that have calved, at 46.3 million, are down five percent from 1984 and seven percent below 1983 levels. Milk cows were up two percent while the beef cow herd was seven percent down from 1984.

Beef replacement heifers were down 11 percent from last year while milk replacement heifers were up one percent from a year ago. For the first time since mid-year class estimates have been made, milk replacement heifers (5.0 million) exceed the number of beef replacement heifers (4.9 million.) The other heifer class was up three percent from a year ago and reflect the large inventory of heifers in feedlots on July 1.

Steers and bulls 500 pounds and over are down three percent and eight percent respectively from a year ago. All calves under 500 pounds are down five percent.

The 1985 U.S. calf crop is expected to total 41.1 million head, down three percent from 1984. This would be the smallest calf crop since 1961.

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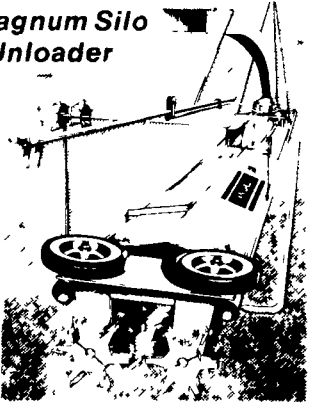


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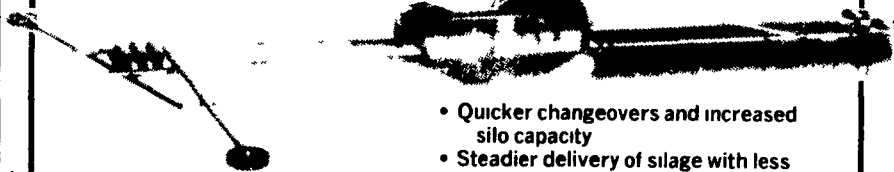


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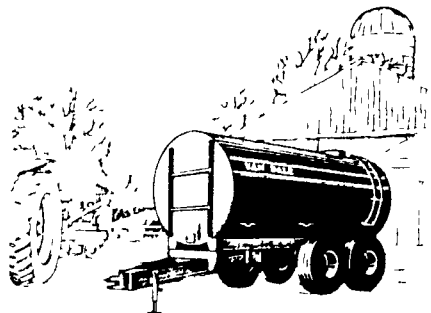
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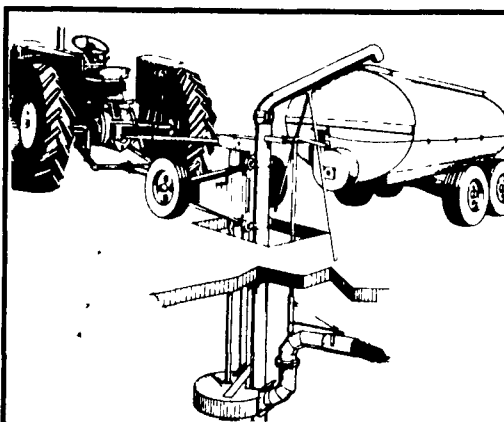
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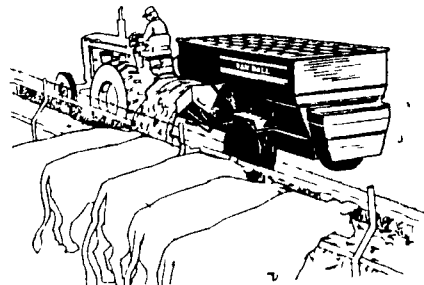
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