

PA crop figures released

HARRISBURG — The following crop production figures were released recently by the National Crop Reporting Board. The Pennsylvania figures released by Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service are shown following the national figures for comparison.

CORN FOR GRAIN production is forecast at a record high 8.72 billion bushels (221 million metric tons), up 14 percent from last year and 6 percent more than the previous record set in 1982. The forecast is up over 1 percent from the October 1 forecast. The 90 percent confidence interval for this production forecast is 8.32 to 9.11 billion bushels.

PENNSYLVANIA CORN FOR GRAIN production is forecast at 146,590,000 bushels .. not a record for Pennsylvania. Pennsylvania's record year was 1984 with 148,500,000 bushels produced.

SORGHUM FOR GRAIN production is forecast at high 1.13 billion bushels (28.6 million metric tons), down slightly from the October 1 forecast but 30 percent above last year's crop.

FEED GRAIN production (corn, sorghum, oats and barley) is expected to total 271 million metric tons, up 15 percent from 1984 and nearly double the 1983 output.

PENNSYLVANIA FEED GRAIN production (corn, oats, barley) is forecast at 25,940,000 bushels; Oats: 21,600,000 bushels (unchanged from October 1) and barley 4,340,000 bushels, up slightly from October 1 forecast. While some sorghum is grown, it is not included in the forecast for Pennsylvania.

SOYBEAN production is forecast at 2.13 billion bushels (57.9 million metric tons), 1 percent more than the October 1 forecast and 14 percent above 1984. The 90 percent confidence interval for this 1985 production forecast is 2.01 to 2.25 billion bushels.

PENNSYLVANIA SOYBEAN production is forecast at 4,930,000 bushels, the same as the October 1 forecast, still down about 17% from last year.

FALL POTATO production is forecast at a record high 346 million cwt. (15.7 million metric tons), up 11 percent from last year and 7 percent above the previous record high set in 1978. All potato production totals a record high 400 million cwt. (18.2 million metric tons), up 10 percent from last year and 20 above 1983.

PENNSYLVANIA FALL POTATO production is forecast at 5,500,000 hundred-weight. This is the first estimate on Pennsylvania's potato crop and is not expected to change significantly.

Fines levied for meat violations

WASHINGTON — The president and the plant manager of a Philadelphia meat company have been fined for violating federal meat inspection laws, a U.S. Department of Agriculture official said today.

"The president of Allied Steaks Company, Nathan Verbit, and the company's plant manager, Edward Rosenblatt, both pleaded guilty in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania to preparing hamburger and hamburger patties adulterated with partially defatted beef fatty tissue, an ingredient prohibited in these products," said Donald Houston, administrator of USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service.

Verbit was fined \$3,000 and Rosenblatt \$1,000. In addition, a \$3,000 fine was levied against the company.

The adulterated meat was detected by USDA officials. USDA is responsible for ensuring that all meat sold in commerce is safe, wholesome, and accurately labeled.

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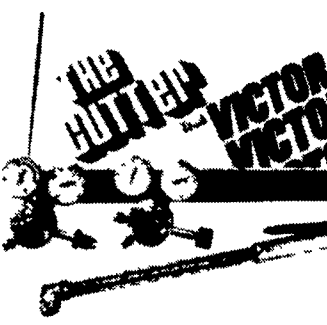


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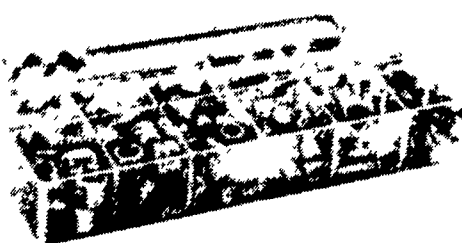
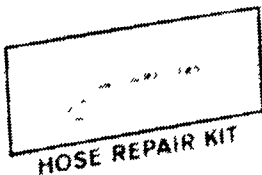
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