

# Pennsylvania Commodities Report

HARRISBURG — Pennsylvania's corn and oats stocks on June 1, 1987 totaled 61.5 million bushels, compared to 71.4 million bushels in 1986, according to the Pennsylvania Agricultural Statistics Service.

Stocks on farms of corn and oats, at 54.7 million bushels, were down 16 percent from 65.5 million bushels in 1986, and off-farm stocks, at 6.8 million bushels were up 15 percent from 5.9 million bushels in 1986.

Off-farm stocks of corn, oats, wheat, barley and soybeans were 9.3 million bushels, up 16 percent from 8.0 million bushels last year.

Corn stored in all positions totaled 57.4 million bushels, 8 percent lower than last year's 62.7 million bushels. Oats held in all positions amounted to 4.1 million bushels, down 53 percent from 1986's 8.7 million bushels.

Nationally, corn stocks in all positions on June 1, 1987 totaled 6.33 billion bushels, 27 percent more than the June 1, 1986 level of 4.99 billion bushels. Old crop oat stocks in all storage positions totaled 133 million bushels, down 28

percent from June 1, 1986.

Old crop barley in all positions on June 1 set a record high at 336 million bushels, 4 percent more than the previous record of 325 million bushels last June 1.

Old crop wheat stored in all positions is estimated at 1.81 billion bushels, down 5 percent from the record high 1.90 billion bushels stored on June 1, 1986. Soybeans stored in all positions on June 1, 1987 totaled 865 million bushels, up 2 percent from a year earlier. Sorghum in all storage positions on June 1, 1987 totaled 822 million bushels, 30 percent more than on June 1 last year.

## BROILER CHICKS

Placement of broiler chicks in Pennsylvania during the week ending June 17, 1987 were 2,541,000, 4 percent above the previous week and 7 percent above the corresponding week a year earlier.

Average placements during the past nine weeks were 13 percent above a year ago. Settings for broiler chicks were 3,302,000, 1 percent below the previous week but 23 percent above the same per-

cent from June 1, 1985. Milk cows were down 5 percent, but the beef cow herd was fractionally above the previous year.

Expected marketings, based on placements 7-9 weeks earlier less mortality allowance, in Pennsylvania for the week ending Aug. 22, 1987 will be 2,405,000, 12 percent above a year earlier.

Broiler-fryers slaughtered in Pennsylvania under Federal Inspection week ending June 17, 1987 totaled 1,773,000 with an average liveweight of 4.05 pounds.

## CATTLE AND CALVES

All cattle and calves on hand in the United States on June 1, 1987 are estimated at 112 million head, down 2 percent from June 1 a year ago and 5 percent below June 1, 1985, according to the Pennsylvania Agricultural Statistics Service.

This is the lowest June 1 all cattle inventory estimate since mid-year estimates were begun in 1973. Information for Pennsylvania and other states is not available.

Cows and heifers that have calved, at 45.0 million, are down 1 percent from June 1, 1986 and 3

percent below June 1, 1985. Milk cows were down 5 percent, but the beef cow herd was fractionally above the previous year.

Beef replacement heifers were unchanged from June 1 of last year while milk replacement heifers were down 2 percent from a year ago. The other heifer class was down 7 percent from a year ago.

Bulls 500 pounds and over are unchanged from June 1 of last year. Steers 500 pounds and over are down 2 percent from a year ago. All calves under 500 pounds were down 2 percent.

The 1987 U.S. calf crop is expected to be 40.7 million head, down 1 percent from 1986.

## HOGS AND PIGS

Inventory of all hogs and pigs in the United States on June 1 is 52.3 million head, according to the Pennsylvania Agricultural Statistics

Service. This is 7 percent above a year ago and slightly above June 1, 1985.

Breeding inventory, at 7.03 million head, is 10 percent above 1986 and slightly above two years ago. Market hog inventory, at 45.3 million head, is 7 percent above a year ago but nearly the same as two years ago.

The December 1986-May 1987 national pig crop was 43.2 million head, 7 percent above last year and 2 percent above two years ago. Sows farrowed during this six-month period at 5.54 million were 6 percent more than the previous year but fractionally below two years ago. U.S. hog producers intend to farrow 5.84 million sows during June-November, an increase of 8 percent from the same period in 1986 and 3 percent above two years ago.



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