

Crop Report Released

FOR THE WEEK ENDING JULY 19

GOOD WEEK FOR FIELD WORK: Five days were rated suitable for field work this past week. Activities for the week included: harvesting small grains, hay, and haylage; spraying corn and soybeans; machinery maintenance; caring for livestock.

SOIL MOISTURE: Topsoil moisture was rated short by 18 percent of our reporters, adequate by 73 percent, and surplus by 9 percent. In the northern region, 11 percent rated supplies short, 78 percent adequate, and 11 percent surplus. In the central region, supplies were rated short by 23 percent, adequate by 64 percent, and surplus by 13 percent. In the southern region, supplies were rated short by 20 percent and adequate by 80 percent.

CORN: By the end of the week, 27 percent of the state's corn acreage was in the silking stage of development. This compares to 20 percent last year and 14 percent on the average. The average corn stalk height was 59 inches, 6 inches taller than last year and 12 inches taller than the five year average. The corn crop condition was rated 2 percent poor, 11 percent fair, 43 percent good, and 44 percent excellent.

SOYBEANS: Across the state, soybeans were rated 3 percent poor, 16 percent fair, 49 percent good, and 32 percent excellent.

WHEAT: Our reporters indicate that 16 percent of the wheat was turning yellow, 42 percent was ripe, and 42 percent was harvested. Last year the crop was 10 percent turning yellow, 38 percent ripe, and 52 percent harvested. The crop's condition was 2 percent poor, 16 percent fair, 54 percent good, and 28 percent excellent.

BARLEY: The state's barley crop was 9 percent turning yellow, 11 percent ripe, and 80 percent harvested compared to 4 percent turning yellow, 19 percent ripe, and 77 percent harvested last year. NOTE: Last week's barley in the ripe stage should have been reported as 17 percent rather than 7 percent.

OATS: Reports show the state's oat crop to be 26 percent headed or heading, 35 percent turning yellow, 28 percent ripe, and 11 percent harvested. In 1986 the crop was 18 percent headed or heading, 42 percent turning yellow, 34 percent ripe, and 6 percent harvested. The oats crop condition was 1 percent poor, 15 percent fair, 48 percent good, and 36 percent excellent.

HAY AND PASTURE: The second cutting of alfalfa hay was 47 percent complete compared to last year's 57 percent. The first cutting of clover-timothy was 92 percent complete compared to 97 percent last year. Quality of hay was rated poor by 36 percent of our reporters, fair by 46, and good by 18 percent. The amount of feed being obtained from pasture was rated above average by 17 percent of our reporters, average by 73 percent, and below average by 10 percent.

FRUIT AND VEGETABLES: Peaches were rated in about average condition by 6 percent of our reporters, average by 75 percent, and below average by 19 percent. Apples were rated in above average condition by 19 percent of our reporters, average by 76 percent, and below average by 5 percent. Early varieties of cabbage and sweet corn are being harvested.

U.S. AS OF JULY 12: Rain spurred crop growth and development across the Corn Belt and Central Great Plains. Crop development continued ahead of normal in most areas. Precipitation eased the dry conditions in the Northern Great Plains. Crops were mostly in good condition throughout the nation. Winter wheat was 70 percent harvested compared with 72 percent in 1986 and 63 percent normally. Harvest increased 10 points despite rain in the Northern and Central Plains and the Corn Belt. Corn condition was mostly good to excellent. In the 17 major corn producing states, silking was 47 percent finished, nearly three times greater than normal. Silking more than doubled from the

Farm Calendar

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Thursday, July 20
York County Holstein Picnic at Earl Fuhrman Farm, Hanover.
Camden County, N.J., 4-H Fair; continues through Aug. 1.

Friday, July 31
Dauphin County Nutrient Management Field Day, Paul Clugston Farm, Route 225, Halifax, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Western Pa. Championship Holstein Show, Mercer, 9 a.m.
Blair County Holstein Sale, Martinsburg.
Lebanon County Holstein Show, 9 a.m.

Saturday, August 1
Pa. Simmental Field Day, G and J Valley Farm, Spring Grove, 9 a.m.

Berks County Dairy Festival, Grings Mill.

York County 4-H Horse Roundup, 8:30 a.m., Spring Valley Park Animal Arena.

Ram Lamb Sale, Meat Evaluation Center, Penn State, 1 p.m.
Somerset County Holstein Picnic.

Monday, August 3
Eastern Shore Championship Holstein Show, 10 a.m., Queen Anne's County 4-H Park, Centreville, Md.

Penn State 4-H Week, Penn State University Park campus; continues through Aug. 6.

Tuesday, August 4
Fayette County Holstein Show, Fayette County Fairgrounds, Uniontown, 9 a.m.

Pa. CMA Dairy and Nutrition and Herd Heath, Lancaster Farm and Home Center, 10 a.m.
Butler County Holstein Twilight Meeting.

Wednesday, August 5
Lancaster County Conservation District Meeting, Farm and Home Center, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, August 6
Lancaster County Holstein Club Field Day, Harold and Cindy

Shellenberger, Mt. Joy.
Pa. Christmas Tree Growers Meeting, State College; continues through Aug. 8.

Farm City Day, Penn Square, Reading, 10:30 a.m.

Central Jersey Holstein Show, Flemington Fairground, 10 a.m.

Friday, August 7
Lancaster County Poultry Queen Contest, Lancaster Farm and Home Center, 6:30 p.m.

Clinton County Holstein Show, Mackeyville, 10:30 a.m.

Cumberland County 4-H Dairy Roundup, Carlisle Fairgrounds.
Morrison Cove Holstein Show, Martinsburg, 9 a.m.

York County Potato Tour, Extension Service, 9 a.m.

Saturday, August 8
Fox Hill Angus Lawn Sale, Kennett Square.

Eastern Pa. Championship Holstein Show, Kutztown, 10 a.m.
American Association of Meat Processors Convention, Louisville, Ky.; continues through Aug. 11.

McKean County 4-H Horse Show/Roundup, Fairgrounds, East Smethport.

Bradford County Holstein Picnic.
Chester County 4-H Market Hog Sale.

Milk Priced At \$11.35 In Federal Order 2

NEW YORK — Dairy farmers who supplied milk plants regulated under the New York-New Jersey marketing orders during June 1987 will be paid on the basis of a uniform price of \$11.35 per hundredweight, 24.4 cents per quart; the price for the corresponding month last year was \$11.27 per hundredweight. Market Administrator Thomas A. Wilson stated that the price was \$11.30 in May 1987. The uniform price is a marketwide weighted average of the value of farm milk used for fluid and manufactured dairy products.

The seasonal incentive plan removed 40 cents per hundredweight from the dairy farmers'

uniform price for June, a total of \$4 million. Deductions for this fund for March through June 1987 aggregated \$13.3 million. The fund, plus interest, will be distributed in the August through November uniform price calculations.

A total of 14,845 dairy farmers supplied the New York-New Jersey Milk Marketing Area with 1 billion pounds of milk during June 1987. This was a decrease of 3.6 percent, about 37 million pounds from last year. The gross value to dairy farmers for milk deliveries was \$113.9 million. This included differentials required to be paid to dairy farmers but not voluntary

premiums or deductions authorized by the farmer.

Regulated milk dealers used 363.2 million pounds of milk for Class I, 36.3 percent of the total. This milk is used for fluid milk products such as homogenized, flavored, low test, and skim milks. For June 1987, handlers paid \$13.55 per hundredweight, 29.1 cents per quart, for Class I milk compared with \$13.53 a year ago.

The balance, 63.7 percent was used to manufacture Class II products including butter, cheese, ice cream, and yogurt. Handlers paid \$10.96 per hundredweight for this milk.

The uniform price is based on milk containing 3.5 percent butterfat.

previous week. The soybean crop was 48 percent in the bloom stage in the 19 major soybean producing states — more than doubling the 20 percent average.

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