

PASS Reports On 1991

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — The Pennsylvania Agricultural Statistics Service (PASS) recently released results from several surveys conducted to compare agricultural production and storage levels over the past year.

Included are reports on turkey production, fruits, hogs, grains and field crops.

The PASS is an agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, located in the state's agriculture department building in Harrisburg and reports on all agricultural production statistics throughout the year.

Turkeys Down

Pennsylvania turkey producers raised 8.4 million birds in 1991, down slightly from 1990, according to PASS.

There were 285 million turkeys raised in the United States during the year, 1 percent higher than the 282 million raised during 1990.

North Carolina ranked first in the number raised with 58 million, followed by Minnesota with 44 million, and California with 29 million. Pennsylvania ranked ninth in the number of turkeys raised.

Producers in Pennsylvania reported intentions to raise 8.6 million turkeys during 1992, which would be 2 percent more than the number raised in 1991.

Producers in the 20 major producing states intend to raise 272 million turkeys, up 1 percent from last year. The number of turkeys actually raised in 1992 may vary from growers' intentions depending on feed costs, supply of hatching eggs, cost of poults, and prices growers receive for turkeys during the next few months.

Crop Production

Based on acreage and production data, Pennsylvania farmers produced less corn for grain, corn for silage, oats, soybeans, wheat, potatoes, rye, alfalfa hay, and other hay in 1991 than in 1990.

Production was up for barley and tobacco.

Corn for grain production totaled 64.5 million bushels, 41 percent below last year's crop due to the drought conditions during the summer and fall of 1991.

Corn acres harvested for grain amounted to 860,000 and yielded 75 bushels per acre.

Corn for silage production was 5.2 million tons, 17 percent below 1990 production. Acres harvested totaled 520,000, 33 percent above last year, while yield dropped to 10 tons per acre, 6 tons per acre below last year.

Alfalfa hay production was 2.03 million tons, 17 percent below last year's production. Acres harvested were 780,000 with a yield of 2.60 tons per acre.

All other hay acres harvested totaled 1.11 million acres which yielded 1.80 tons per acre for a total production of 2 million tons, down 13 percent from last year.

Oats production was 8.4 million bushels, 47 percent less than last year's production. Harvested acres totaled a record low 210,000 and the yield was 40 bushels per acre.

Production of winter wheat was 7.7 million bushels, 27 percent less than production in 1990. Harvested acres totaled 175,000 with a yield of 44 bushels per acre, 6 bushels below last year.

Soybean production, at 9.9 million bushels was 12 percent less than last year's record high. Acreage harvested was 300,000 and yield was 33 bushels per acre.

Barley production was 4.20 million bushels, 1 percent more than 1990. Acreage harvested was 70,000 with a yield per acre of 60 bushels.

Rye production from the 11,000 acres harvested was 297,000 bushels, 40 percent lower than in 1990. Rye yield averaged 27 bushels per acre, 4 bushels lower than last year's yield.

Fall potato production at 3.50 million hundredweight (cwt.) was a record low for the state and 35 percent less than 1990 production. Acres harvested was a record low 20,000, which was 2,500 fewer acres than last year, with a yield of 175 cwt. per acre, down 65 cwt. from last year's yield.

Pennsylvania seedleaf-type tobacco production totaled 13.7 million pounds, 5 percent above last year. Acres for harvest amounted to 6,700, up 300 acres from last year, with an average yield per acre of 2,050 pounds, unchanged from last year.

Maryland-type tobacco production totaled 7 million pounds, 6 percent above last year. Harvest was from 3,800 acres, up 200 acres from last year, with an average yield of 1,850 pounds per acre, unchanged from last year.

Pennsylvania farmers seeded 180,000 acres of wheat in the fall of 1991 for the 1992 crop, unchanged from last year. Rye seedings for all purposes amounted to 50,000 acres, up 5,000 acres from the previous year.

At the United States level, production was up for hay, soybeans, barley, potatoes and tobacco. Production decreases were for corn, corn silage, oats, wheat and rye.

U.S. production of major crops and changes from the previous year are as follows: corn for grain, 7.47 billion bushels, down 6 percent; corn for silage, 80.5 million tons, down 7 percent; alfalfa hay, 83.8 million tons, up fractionally; other hay, 69.7 million tons, up 10 percent; oats, 243 million bushels, down 32 percent; winter wheat, 1.37 billion bushels, down 32 percent; soybeans, 1.99 billion bushels, up 3 percent; barley, 464 million bushels, up 10 percent; rye, 9.8 million bushels, down 4 percent; all potatoes, 418 million cwt., up 4 percent; all tobacco, 1.66 billion pounds, up 2 percent.

Winter wheat seedings during the fall of 1991 for the 1992 crop is estimated at 50.2 million acres, down 2 percent from a year earlier. Rye seedings were 1.59 million acres, down 5 percent from last year.

Sweet Corn, Etc.

Pennsylvania's vegetable farmers harvested 19,000 acres of sweet corn in 1991.

Of this total, 15,700 acres were for fresh market with production totaling 659,000 cwt. This is 26 percent less than the 1990 production for fresh market.

Average value of fresh market sweet corn was \$21.80 per cwt., up \$3.60 from the \$18.20 per cwt. value in 1990.

Production for processed sweet corn amounted to 11,560 tons, a decrease of 28 percent from 1990's production. The average value for processed sweet corn decreased from \$58.90 to \$56.40 per ton in 1991.

Nationally, 175,400 acres of sweet corn was harvested for fresh market in 1991 and 542,260 acres were harvested for processing.

Fresh market production totaled 14.8 million cwt. and was valued at \$17 per cwt.

Processing production totaled 3.4 million tons in 1991 with an average value of \$71.60 per ton.

Sixty percent of the processing production was utilized for canning and 40 percent was for freezing.

Pennsylvania's 1991 fresh market tomato production was estimated at 344,000 cwt., down 44 percent from 1990. Area harvested was 4,300 acres.

The average value was \$21.90 per cwt.

Pennsylvania's production of tomatoes for processing was 27,600 tons, down 21 percent from a year ago. Total acreage harvested was 2,000. The average value per ton decreased from \$94.70 in 1990 to \$93.10 in 1991.

United States' production of fresh market tomatoes was 33.4 million per cwt. in 1991, 1 percent less than 1990. The area harvested was 129,630 acres. Average value of tomatoes for fresh market was \$32.70 per cwt.

Production of tomatoes for processing was 10.9 million tons. Harvested acreage was 355,980 compared with 354,700 in 1990. Average value per ton was \$66.40 in 1991.

In Pennsylvania, 6,200 acres of snap beans were harvested for processing in 1991, down 27 percent from the previous year. Total production was 9,420 tons with an average value of \$218.00 per ton.

Strawberry production for fresh market and processing was 61,000 cwt., harvested from 1,600 acres. Average value per cwt. was \$105.00.

At the U.S. level, 233,450 acres of snap beans were harvested for processing in 1991. Total production decreased 3 percent to 775,780 tons. Canning utilized 544,980 tons of the production. Average value decreased from \$183.00 per ton in 1990 to \$174.00 in 1991.

U.S. strawberry production in 1991 is estimated at 14 million cwt., up 12 percent from 1990. Acreage harvested was 46,680; the average value per cwt. was \$47.30.

Grains, Hay Storage

Pennsylvania's corn stored in all positions on Dec. 1, 1991 was 57.6 million bushels, down 45 percent from Dec. 1, 1990.

On-farm corn stocks amounted to 55 million bushels, while off-farm stocks were 2.6 million bushels.

Wheat stored off farms totaled 5.7 million bushels. Soybeans stored off farms totaled 8.8 million bushels. Barley stored off farms was 699 thousand bushels.

Oats stored in all positions was 6.3 million bushels, 5.4 million on-farm and 934,000 off-farm.

Pennsylvania's on-farm stocks of wheat, soybeans and barley are not published separately but

instead are included with an unallocated national total.

Hay stocks on-farms on Dec. 1, 1991 were estimated at 2.58 million tons, down 23 percent from a year ago.

On Dec. 1, 1991, there were 349 off-farm storage facilities (mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals and processors) with a total grain storage capacity of 45 million bushels, up fractionally from Dec. 1, 1990.

On Dec. 1, 1991, on-farm storage capacity was 180 million bushels, unchanged from Dec. 1, 1990.

Nationally, corn stocks in all positions on Dec. 1, 1991 was estimated at 6.54 billion bushels, 6 percent less than on Dec. 1, 1990. Of the total stocks, 4.29 billion bushels were stored on the farm, 12 percent less than last year; and 2.24 billion bushels were stored off the farm, up 9 percent from last year.

All wheat stocks in all positions on Dec. 1, 1991 are estimated at 1.44 billion bushels, down 24 percent from a year ago. Wheat stored on farms was 565 million bushels, while off-farm stocks totaled 877 million bushels, down 23 percent. Off-farm stocks made up 61 percent of total wheat stocks.

Soybeans in all storage positions on Dec. 1, 1991 totaled 1.78 billion bushels, up 6 percent from Dec. 1, 1990. Farm stocks totaled 810 million bushels, 7 percent above last year, and accounted for 46 percent of total soybean stocks. Off-farm stocks are placed at 968 million bushels, 4 percent above a year ago.

Barley stored in all positions on Dec. 1, 1991 totaled 329 million bushels, 8 percent above stocks a year ago. Of the total barley stocks on hand, 195 million bushels were stored on farms, 11 percent above a year earlier; and 134 million bushels or 41 percent of the total were stored off farms, 4 percent above last year.

U.S. hay stocks on farms on Dec. 1, 1991 are estimated to be 111.6 million tons, 6 percent above a year ago.

The total number of off-farm storage facilities in the U.S. on Dec. 1, 1991 was 12,854 with a total grain storage capacity of 8.91

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