

# Dairylea Asks Casey To Support Ag

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Recognizing the vital importance of research to the success of a farming operation, Dairylea Cooperative recently urged Pennsylvania Gov. Robert Casey to continue funding the agricultural and research efforts of The Pennsylvania State University and the veterinary medicine program at the University of Pennsylvania.

"Dairy farmers — indeed, all farmers — today are facing increasing pressure to compete in the international marketplace," said Dairylea President Clyde Rutherford. Rutherford said that in order for farmers to maximize their efficiencies to enable them to compete effectively, they look to apply the results of research conducted by colleges and universities.

Equally important, said Rutherford, is that the working relationship between a dairy farmer and a veterinarian is crucial to a dairy

farm's success. Farmers are expected to manage their herds to produce high quality milk, a responsibility that requires farmers to work closely with their veterinarians. If the Pennsylvania Veterinary Medicine School closes, it would make it much more difficult for Pennsylvania farmers to have access to top-notch veterinary care and research, Rutherford said.

Agriculture remains Pennsylvania's largest industry, Rutherford stressed, and dairy farming is the keystone of that industry. "Dairy farmers deserve, and rely on, support from Penn State and the University of Pennsylvania Veterinary Medicine School," he said.

Dairylea, a Syracuse-based milk marketing cooperative with 2,500 farmer members throughout the Northeast, participates in a milk marketing network stretching from Maine to Maryland to Ohio.

## Corn, Oat Stocks Down

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Pennsylvania's corn and oat stocks on June 1, totaled 28.2 million bushels and 2.5 million bushels, respectively, according to the Pennsylvania Agricultural Statistics Service.

At the same time last year, corn stocks were 43.1 million bushels and oats stock totaled 4.0 million bushels.

Corn stocks on farms totaled 22.0 million bushels, down 41 percent from 37.0 million in 1991. Oat stocks at 1.85 million bushels were also down 41 percent from the 1991 inventory of 3.10 million bushels.

Off-farm grain stocks were: corn - 6.17 million bushels, up 1 percent from 6.09 million in 1991; oats - 650 thousand bushels, down 31 percent from 948 thousand in

1991; barley - 170 thousand bushels, down 69 percent from 548 thousand in 1991; wheat - 1.93 million bushels, down 44 percent from 3.46 million bushels in 1991; soybeans - 720 thousand, down 13 percent from 828 thousand bushels in 1991.

Nationally, corn stored in all positions on June 1, 1992, is estimated at 2.74 billion bushels, down 8 percent from June 1, 1991. Barley stored in all positions on June 1, 1992, is estimated at 130 million bushels, 4 percent below the stocks of June 1, 1991. Oats stored in all positions on June 1, 1992, totaled 127 million bushels, down 26 percent from June 1, 1991.

Old crop all wheat in all storage positions on June 1, 1992, totaled 472 million bushels, down 45 percent from June 1, 1991.



WEEKLY CROP and WEATHER ROUND UP

PENNSYLVANIA AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS SERVICE

FOR THE WEEK ENDING JULY 12

**GOOD WEEK FOR FIELDWORK:** Above-average temperatures and below-average precipitation across the commonwealth allowed five days suitable for fieldwork. Activities included spraying, cultivating, top-dressing corn, hauling manure, spreading fertilizer, maintaining machinery, planting, cutting and baling hay, combining, and caring for livestock.

**SOIL MOISTURE:** By week's end, topsoil moisture was rated short by 47 percent of our respondents, adequate by 50 percent, and surplus by 3 percent. Forty-one percent of our respondents in the northern region rated soil moisture as short and 59 percent rated it adequate. In the central region, 53 percent of our reporters rated soil moisture as short and 47 percent rated it adequate. In the southern region, 42 percent of the respondents rated soil moisture as short, 47 percent as adequate, and 11 percent surplus.

**CORN:** The corn crop for the state was rated 22 percent excellent, 50 percent good, 22 percent fair, 5 percent poor, and 1 percent very poor.

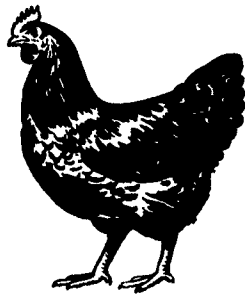
**SOYBEANS:** Soybean planting was 96 percent complete. That was 3 percentage points below last year but the same as the five-year average.

**OATS:** The oats progress by the end of the week was rated 70 percent headed or in the process of heading, 25 percent turning yellow, and 5 percent ripe. Last year at this time, 23 percent of the crop was in the process of heading or in headed stage, 46 percent was turning yellow, 21 percent was ripe, and 10 percent was harvested. Oats condition was rated 22 percent excellent, 57 percent good, 17 percent fair, 3 percent poor, and 1 percent very poor.

**BARLEY AND WHEAT:** Barley was 16 percent in headed stage, 21 percent turning yellow, 20 percent ripe, and 43 percent harvested. At this time last year, 3 percent was yellow, 14 percent ripe, and 83 percent harvested. Wheat was 18 percent in the heading or headed stage, 47 percent turning yellow, 31 percent ripe, and 4 percent harvested. Last year at this time, 10 percent was turning yellow, 33 percent was ripe, and 57 percent harvested. The wheat crop across the state was rated 24 percent excellent, 57 percent good, 15 percent fair, 2 percent poor, and 2 percent very poor.

**FRUIT:** Twenty-two percent of the commonwealth's peaches were rated below average, 72 percent were rated average, and 6 percent were rated above average. Apples were rated 18 percent below average, 67 percent average, and 15 percent above average.

**HAY AND PASTURE:** By week's end the first cutting of alfalfa was 98 percent complete. Last year at this time it was 100 percent complete. The second cutting of alfalfa was 33 percent complete. Last year it was 57 percent complete. The quality of hay made was rated good by 42 percent of our reporters, fair by 50 percent, and poor by 8 percent. The quality of feed being obtained from pastures was rated good by 24 percent of our reporters, fair by 47 percent, poor by 21 percent, and very poor by 8 percent.



## Animal Housing Expo

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more technical when loan amounts exceed a certain limit.

Water testing and sinkhole locations, underground storage tanks and questionable chemical storage facilities must come into play, according to the bankers.

Although not specifically

expressed, this is so because the bank depends on the property for collateral for the loan. If the borrower were to default, the bank would have to recoup through sale of the property. If the property is contaminated with toxins, the value is not there. In fact, it becomes a liability.

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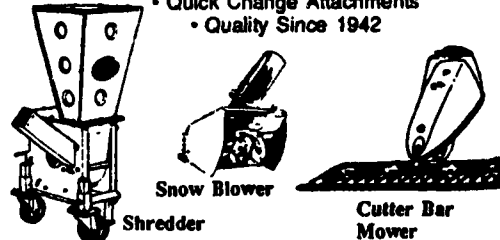
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