

Farmers May Change Soybean Plans

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Don't try to convince most commercial crop and vegetable farmers east of the Mississippi River of the global warming concept. Temperatures have been far below normal during most of the growing season.

Sweet-corn research by a University of Maryland horticulturist indicates that degree-days at the Wye Research and Education Center were only 65 percent of normal during the period from May 5 through June 30.

As a result, commercial growers involved with a wide spectrum of crops may need to change plans to avoid possible economic disaster this fall in the event of early killing frost.

Local Farmers Get Free Market Space

PHILADELPHIA (Philadelphia Co.) — The Reading Terminal Market, located in center city Philadelphia, is one of the country's oldest, continuously operating farmer's markets. Every week 80,000 customers buy food from the market's 75 merchants. Gross sales for merchants exceed \$1,000 per square foot.

On Saturday, July 25, the Reading Terminal Market is hosting Farmer's Market Days, to promote farm fresh foods grown and produced by local and regional farmers. Farmers are encouraged to come to the market on that day to sell products.

Farmers will be provided with a minimum selling space measuring 8' x 8', with an 8' long table. Those participating must arrive at the Market by 8 a.m., and use the loading dock entrance on Arch Street near 11th Street. Parking spaces will be provided at a cost of \$8. No rent will be charged.

More than 15,000 people are expected to shop at the market that day. Saturday is the market's busiest day. Participants can expect to sell a significant quantity of products.

Farmers must reserve a place to participate. Please call Duane Perry at (215)592-8774 to reserve a space or for more information.

Those who plant soybeans after small grain in a double-crop operation are a prime example, according to representatives of the Maryland Institute for Agriculture and Natural Resources (MIANR) in the University of Maryland System.

This year's wheat and barley harvest is running about 10 days behind normal, according to the Maryland Agricultural Statistics Service.

So followup planting of soybeans already has been delayed past the July 10 deadline recommended by agents of the Cooperative Extension Service, a part of MIANR.

Paul L. Gunther, director of the Cooperative Extension Service in Queen Anne's County, advises

farmers involved with double-cropping on the Delmarva peninsula to plant a soybean variety this year from the middle range of the Group III list instead of a later-maturing Group IV variety that would be planted in a normal year.

Information on suitable varieties for various locations around the state can be found in the 1992 edition of Maryland Soybean Variety Tests (Agronomy Mimeo 32), available free from Cooperative Extension Service offices in all 23 Maryland counties.

Gunther urged farmers to waste no time getting soybeans planted as soon as a wheat field is harvested. He calls to mind the long-standing rule-of-thumb: "Every day that planting is delayed past July 10 means a

bushel-per-acre yield loss in the fall."

And he reminded veteran farmers that the shorter maturity height of Group III soybeans being recommended this year is not the cause for concern that it might have been five years ago or more. Short soybeans can still yield well, he noted, and the floating or "flex" heads on modern combines can do a good job of harvesting short plants.

In contrast to hard, dry conditions of recent drought years, most Maryland soils contain sufficient moisture this year to make planting fairly easy.

Gunther recommended adjusting planter depth to achieve good soil-seed contact. On the upper Eastern Shore, this means a depth

of about one inch.

Seeds from the Group III variety list should be planted at a rate of two to three seeds per foot of row if drilled in seven-inch row widths. Plant six to seven seeds per foot of row if using 17- to 19-inch row widths.

Gunther heads the 1993 planning committee for the Delmarva Corn and Soybean Technology Conference, an annual event held each year in the Wicomico Youth and Civic Center at Salisbury. Next year's conference is set for Feb. 10.

Sponsoring organizations include agribusiness organizations and the Cooperative Extension Service at land-grant universities in Delaware, Maryland and Virginia.

29th All-American Dairy Show Announced

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — "A tradition of excellence will dominate at our 29th show, not only in the quality of the 2,000 plus cattle, but of the show's hospitality as well," said Obie Snider as he announced the Pennsylvania All-American Dairy Show dates and judges for 1992.

Snider, president of the PA Dairy & Allied Industries Association, added, "This spectacular dairy event will open on Sept. 21 at the Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg. In four days, over more than 2,000 cattle, from six breeds, are to compete in six national shows.

The Pennsylvania Junior Dairy Show will kick off the show ring competition on Monday, Sept. 21. In addition to the cattle show, youth from all over the nation will compete in the Invitational Youth Dairy Cattle Judging Contest. This cattle judging contest features 4-H, FFA, and collegiate competition.

On Tuesday, Sept. 22, Brown Swiss breeders will be competing in the Eastern National Brown Swiss Show with Richard Keene, Gilbertsville, N.Y. as judge. Additionally, the Milking Shorthorn Show will be Tuesday with Jim Patterson, Greenville, Ohio, officiating.

The Eastern National Ayrshire

Show is to be held on Wednesday, Sept. 23 with Lowell Lindsey of Guelph, Ontario, officiating. A National Guernsey Show is also to be held Wednesday, with Robert Fitzsimmons, of East Montpelier, Vermont, officiating.

Holstein breeders need to mark their calendar for Thursday, Sept. 24, when the Eastern National Holstein Show is to be judged by Gary Estes of Ozark, Missouri.

Also, on Thursday, the All-American will host the Mid-

Atlantic Regional Jersey Show, with Dennis Patrick of Woodbine, Md., officiating.

In addition to the national shows, dairymen will have the opportunity to purchase some outstanding cattle as the All-American hosts the Invitational Brown Swiss Sale, Pennsylvania Elite Ayrshire Sale and the Eastern National Holstein Sale.

Continuing on the tradition of excellence, the show will culminate with the selection and recog-

ognition of the top dairy cow, the naming of the Pennsylvania All-American Supreme Champion, on Thursday afternoon, Sept. 24.

The Pennsylvania All-American Dairy Show is sponsored by the Pennsylvania Dairy and Allied Industries Association in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, and the Pennsylvania Farm Products Show Commission. Call 717-787-2905 for entry forms and additional information.

N.Y., N.J. Market Pays \$12.93

ALBANY, N.Y. — Dairy farmers who supplied milk plants regulated under the New York-New Jersey marketing orders during June 1992 will be paid on the basis of a uniform price of \$12.93 per hundredweight (27.8 cents per quart); the price of the corresponding month last year was \$11.04 per hundredweight.

Market Administrator Ronald C. Pearce also stated that the price was \$12.36 in May 1992. 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 has been suspended for April-November 1992. The plan would have removed 40 cents per hundredweight from the dairy far-

mers' uniform price for June. The monies deducted, plus accrued interest, would have been returned in the August through November uniform price calculation.

A total of 12,185 dairy farmers supplied the New York-New Jersey Milk Marketing Area with 970,501,794 pounds of milk during June. This was an increase of 3.9 percent (about 36 million pounds) from last year.

The gross value to dairy farmers for milk deliveries was \$126,171,279.96. This included differentials required to be paid to dairy farmers but not premiums, deductions authorized by the farmer, or assessments.

Regulated milk dealers (handlers) used 356,795,589 pounds of milk for Class I, 36.8 percent of the total. This milk is used for fluid milk products such as homogenized, flavored, low test, and

skim milks. For June handlers paid \$13.88 per hundredweight (29.8 cents per quart) for Class I milk compared with \$12.46 a year ago.

Handlers used 169,032,782 pounds of milk for Class II products, 17.4 percent of the total. Class II products include fluid cream, eggnog, cottage cheese, ice cream, and yogurt. Handlers paid \$13.07 per hundredweight for this milk.

The uniform price is based on milk containing 3.5 percent butterfat. For June there was a price differential of 7.1 cents for each one-tenth of one percent that the milk tested above or below the 3.5 percent standard.

All prices quoted are for bulk tank milk received from farms in the 201-210 mile zone from New York City.



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