

# Lancaster Farming

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## Weather Wet And Cool Here, Work Delayed

Unseasonably chilly and unusually wet might describe the current Lancaster County weather situation. There have been pleasant days, chilly nights, a dusting of snow and sprinkles of rain, all delaying field work probably ten days.

Tobacco beds are being steamed and this activity is in full swing as Lancaster County growers seek to make up for lost time. Seeding of spring oats, field peas and early potatoes has been delayed until this activity is also running a bit behind schedule, County Agent Max M. Smith advises.

### "Things to Really Pop"

On the other hand, once the weather turns warm, "things will really pop" on the farm front. It won't take long to make up for lost time, Mr. Smith added, but the continued cool temperatures are delaying drying of soil in the Kirkwood area, however, drying has been quicker and that area is showing more progress than most in Lancaster County.

So far this month, 1.84 inches of precipitation has fallen on the County, more than half of the month's normal 3.45, according to Bernard White of the U. S. Weather Bureau station in Lancaster. Temperatures over the weekend were cool, when the region was dusted with light wet snow, catching the edges of a storm that dumped as much as 17 inches on the Hazelton, Pa. area.

### Rain, Wind — And Cool

Daytime temperatures Monday and Tuesday were pleasant, but a low pressure area moving north from the Carolinas may bring more rain, wind and cool temperatures. This cool condition is expected to remain throughout Friday. Here the weekend was downright chilly, with a Saturday high of 49, a Sunday high of 39.

Elsewhere over the nation, the weather picture has been as varied as possible. Mrs. Dale Shelley of Montgomery county, Iowa, who publishes the Flying Farmers of Iowa newsletter,

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## Fulton Grange for Domestic Parities

Favoring a domestic parity plan for wheat and rice, such as that now before Congress, Fulton Grange 66 went on record to that effect this week.

At the same meeting in Grange Hall, Oakryn, the group opposed strongly the House Bill 885, which purportedly would establish a "closed shop" in the plumbing trade.

A new class will be admitted at the next meeting, April 23, and first and second degrees will be administered.

## Spring Plowing — Lancaster County



Bank barns and good earth — a touch of spring chill in the air, and work to be done. It's a busy time for Lancaster farming as the growing season begins, as the earth is being turned to receive seeds that will carry the continuity of growing

through the summer season to the climax of fall harvest. But there's much to be done, the soil's a bit wet, but the earth is turning nicely as shown in this picture of M. B. Ober on R3 Lancaster.

## Congress Passes New Farm Bill; Benson Objects

WASHINGTON — The United States Congress late Wednesday afternoon and evening voted in the pending farm bill which Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson said " . . . is not acceptable to me in its present form."

It passed the House earlier 297-181.

Wednesday night it was reported the bill could not go back to committee, but would proceed to the President unchanged. Both the White House and the office of the Secretary of Agriculture expressed dissatisfaction with the measure in its present form.

From Augusta, Ga., it was reported the President still doesn't think the measure is a good bill as it now stands, but there was no indication whether or not he would veto the measure.

In Des Moines, Iowa, former President Harry S. Truman called the opposition the most flagrant example of political betrayal he had ever seen.

Senator Lyndon B. Johnson (D-Texas) said he would keep the Senate in session Wednesday night to try to get a vote, and clearance might be granted at a late hour.

Earlier Republican House leaders sought support for the substitute bill which they hope President Eisenhower would sign.

Emerging from a Senate-House conference committee was a measure which called for reinstatement of rigid price supports at 90 per cent of parity. The Administration proclaimed it unacceptable after a meeting of Secretary Benson and others at the White House.

The President earlier had said he would not make any decision on the measure until it had passed both Houses, then returned to him for action.

President Eisenhower is now vacationing at Augusta, Ga., but is keeping in touch with both national and international developments.

## Earl Groff Heads State ABC Group

Earl L. Groff, R1 Strasburg, has been named to this third term as President of the Pennsylvania State Association of Artificial Breeders. Meeting recently on the state university campus, the group named these additional officers: vice president, George L. Carlson, Turtlepoint, McKean County, secretary-treasurer, J. Lewis Williams, Uniontown, Fayette County, and director, Howard H. Lutz, Kempton, Berks County. Donald L. Williams, Tunkhannock, Wyoming County, was named director to succeed Albert E. Madigan, of Towanda, Bradford County.

An appropriation of \$9500 was voted to Penn State for dairy breeding research at Pennsylvania State University.

**SOIL BOARD MEETS**  
Directors of the Lancaster County Soil Conservation District will meet at 8 p. m. Monday in the Lancaster County courthouse.

## Annual Meeting Chester County Farm Women

Mrs. Gordon Toot, from Chester County Society of Farm Women 3, will be president of the Chester County Farm Women's Societies for the coming year. Her election, with election of other officers, highlighted the fifth annual meeting in the Oxford Methodist Church April 3.

Other officers are Mrs. Mildred Sweed, Sr., Society 2, vice president, Mrs. Alfred Sharpless, Society 1, secretary, and Mrs. George Gates, Society 2, treasurer.

Lunch was served prior to the meeting by the Winners Class of the host church. Invocation was given by Mrs. Arthur Hayes, Society 2, at 1.45 p. m. Mrs. Theodore Mathias called the meeting to order.

### Guests Offer Comments

Devotions were given by Mrs. Irvin McMullen, Society 1, reading from Matthew 6, followed by prayer and words written by Virginia Parker. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited, and Miss Nina Morris offered two accordion solos, Carnival of Venice and Polka.

Comments were made by the following guests: Mrs. Thomas

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## Fat Steers Set New Stock Yard Record

Receipts of fat cattle set a new daily high at Lancaster Union Stock Yards Monday of this week when shippers sent in 3,300 slaughter steers, breaking the earlier record of February 1951 by 100 head.

Salable cattle Monday totaled 4,800, tops for the year to date. One load of prime 1270-lb steers brought \$22.90, and a part load of 1019-lb prime yearlings \$23.50.

## Live Hogs Up 40 Per Cent Since Jan. 7th

The price of live hogs — subject of so much comment during recent months — recently has advanced sharply, and by last week had jumped an average of 40 per cent, as compared with the week ending Jan. 7, an American Meat Institute analysis reported today.

"During the past month alone," said the Institute, "the increase in the price of barrows and gilts on the Chicago market jumped approximately 27 per cent."

The average price of barrows and gilts at Chicago last week was \$15.25 per cwt. During the comparable week of March the price was \$12.01 per cwt., and during the week ending Jan. 7 the average price was \$10.87 per cwt.; meaning that over the past three months the average price increase amounted to 40 per cent.

"Last week prices were the highest in any week since Oct. 15, 1955, when the average was \$15.35 cwt."

## Trout Fishing Opens Sunday; Outlook Good

A record stocking of trout and an excellent carry-over in the streams and ponds of the state from last year was the word today from William Voight, Jr., Executive Director of the Fish Commission, to Pennsylvania's anglers looking to the opening of the 1956 trout season on Sunday.

"Both circumstances can be credited to a great degree to the elements. As far back as our hatchery people can recall, never have water and weather conditions been more favorable to trout production, both in the hatcheries and natural, than during the past year," he said.

### Record Crop Raised

"As a result," the Director continued, "our hatcheries have raised a record crop for distribution, and according to our wardens, with the exception of a few 'Diane' ravaged streams in the northeast, a greater natural propagation and carry-over has been noted."

In elaborating upon the production in the Commission's six trout hatcheries, the Director reported a pre-season stocking of 1,804,669 trout — 749,669 of the brook variety, 648,000 brown and 407,000 rainbow. Majority of those released were between 6 and 10½ inches. These were bolstered by last year's "breeders" which ranged up to 16". The latter were equally distributed among all shipments. Similarly, the allotments to all

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