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Light Showers On Wednesday Aid to Crops

Light showers that fell Wednesday, and forecasts of continued moisture will help alleviate a drying condition that has beset Lancaster County farmers since the end of a cool, wet spell permitted them to resume field work.

Spring burst out over the County over the weekend, as flowers broke into bloom, peach trees began to blossom, other wild flowering shrubs and trees came into color. There's a pink cast over many peach orchards.

Red Tulips Abundant

Red tulips are abundant, Mountain Pink is at its best and jonquils are strutting their tones. Magnolia trees, Japanese cherry, and other cherry trees have bloomed, adding to a most colorful spring.

Suddenly changing from cold to hot, temperatures Saturday roared about the 80-degree mark, but moderated Tuesday.

"The weekend was really a boost," Lancaster County Agricultural Agent Max M. Smith advises, "It helped farmers catch up, a few days were shaved off behind where farmers found themselves two weeks behind. Some tomatoes are being planted this week, and we could use a good, soaking rain."

Advice on Ryegrass

Mr. Smith gave a word of advice on winter rye pastures adding that small grains are advancing fast. "Domestic ryegrass as a cover crop on corn or tobacco should be plowed under right away. The value lies in the root system instead of in the top growth.

"It will be too much trouble to plow under ryegrass that is six or eight inches tall," he added.

A drive through the countryside tells that summer's here, even if spring was missed. But some plows kicking up dust indicate more rainfall right now would draw no objections.

Almost 600,000 More Birds on 1956 Auctions

Comparing four-month figures for 1955 and 1956, the Lancaster Poultry Exchange reports receipts this year so far have exceeded the corresponding figures for 1955 by 592,931.

In the January-April period last year, 1,556,260 birds were marketed at the auction in Rohrerstown, and in the same period this year, 2,149,191. For the month of April, last year receipts totaled 442,780, while last month the figure was 565,225. Prices by weeks last year ranged higher, averaging for 1955 week ending April 9, 31c; April 16, 27.8c; April 23, 26.2c; April 30, 24.9, and for 1956, weeks ending April 7, 20.7c, April 14, 20.8c; April 21, 22.1c, and April 28, 22.5c.

Rural Boxholder
Conestoga, Pa.

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Good Cows, Good Shade



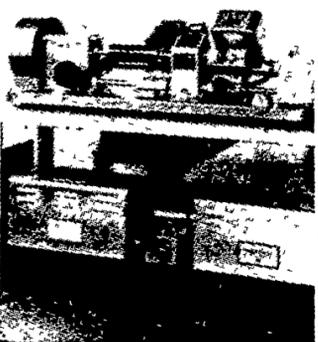
Down on the Twin Oaks Angus Farm in southern Lancaster County, typey cows and two excellent bulls form the basis for one of the area's outstanding herds. Here

Fred Frey is making a careful selection of purebred males and females to build up a herd gaining wide recognition in show circles. (Lancaster Farming Staff Photo).

New Engraving Machine Added By Farm Paper

Installation of a Scan-A-Graver Cadet at Octoraro Newspapers will enable the publications, of which Lancaster Farming is a member, to bring latest farm news pictures to readers.

Produced by Fairchild Graphic



Equipment, Inc., the electronic engraver was installed here by James P. McHugh, customer engineer, from Wormlesburg, Pa. with Mr. McHugh Tuesday, a Sam Dean of State College, Pa. Pictures may be engraved on plastic for newspaper use within minutes. In a test run Tuesday, a photograph was taken at 12:20 noon on a Polaroid camera. A few minutes later the picture and engraving were removed from

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Cattle Showman at Six Now Angus Breeder at 23 in Lancaster County

By ERNEST J. NEILL

Purebred Angus cattle are moving into the winners' ring at major eastern livestock shows and into the beef market as choice quality from a Southern Lancaster County farm that is under operation of a 23-year-old producer as enthusiastic as you'll find in the business.

Fred Frey might be called more energetic, for he has been showing cattle — Angus cattle — since he was six years old, and only ten years later was operating a 345-acre Lancaster County farm for his mother, three sisters and four brothers.

Showing Champ at Six

Just as Fred was to start his junior year at Southern Lancaster County Joint Community High School, his father passed away. There was no choice but to leave school and take over.

"I was always interested in cattle," Fred told Lancaster Farming, "and had been showing every year since I was six. My first grand champion steer was at the 1939 Garden Spot show."

Since the Garden Spot, Fred and his Black steers have placed between first and seventh. In the 1952 Eastern National Livestock Exposition at Timmonium, he showed the reserve grand champion over all breeds, moving up from grand champion 4-H steer and reserve grand champion Angus steer.

Atlantic Royal Champ

In 1953, Fred's steer was open class Angus champion at the Atlantic Royal Show in Richmond, Va., and only last fall one of his Angus placed fifth in a carcass class of 35 at the In-

ternational Livestock Exposition — the highest of shows — in Chicago.

There's still time for Four-H work, although Fred left it as an active member in November



Fred Frey, Jr., 23, has added touch of range country to the rolling hills of Southern Lancaster County, at the same time developing one of the topnotch herds of Angus in the Garden Spot. (See accompanying story). (Lancaster Farming Staff Photo).

1952. But two months later, in January 1953, and ever since, he has been a club leader. He is one of two leaders in the community 4-H Tractor Club, and

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Temperatures Jump; Growth Of Buds Rapid

HARRISBURG — Mid-summer temperatures over the past weekend brought rapid development of fruit buds, grasses and all vegetation on Pennsylvania farms, the State Department of Agriculture reported today.

Temperatures are expected to average near normal this week, warmer Thursday through Saturday and cooler Sunday, the U. S. Weather Bureau said. Rain is likely again late Saturday or Sunday. Total precipitation may run one-half inch to an inch.

Weekend temperatures in the 80's and 90's caused early blooming fruit trees to burst into bloom in a very short time. Reports to the Department from Adams County were to the effect that apple, cherry and peach orchards are blooming simultaneously for the first time in years. Cool weather had delayed cherry and peach bloom but thousands of these and early apples should be showing this Sunday when organized blossom tours will be conducted out of Biglerville, Adams County and Boyertown, Berks County, according to fruit growers in those areas.

During the week ended last Monday Federal-State surveys found that continued cool weather and showers, Monday through Friday, hindered farm operations and growth of vegetation. Field activities ranged from practically none in the north to very heavy in the southeast near the end of the week. Rainfall was light to moderate with some locally heavy amounts in the mountains. Soil moisture ranges from adequate to surplus.

Hay, Pastures Good

Hay and pasture fields look generally good but growth is slow, the Department said. Some seeding that were severely damaged by drought last summer are making poor stands. Some spraying for spittlebug is reported.

Winter wheat and barley seem to be in good condition but cool weather delayed growth. Oats are being sown generally in the southeast. Some early planted oats are sprouting. A few early planted potatoes are showing above ground.

Asparagus is reported nearly ready to cut. Harvesting of spinach, beets and parsnips continues. Some onions, peas, lettuce, radishes and cabbage are being planted for fresh market. Vegetable acreage for processing has been confined mostly to peas and cabbage. Strawberries are reported in good condition.

REPORT TO APRIL 23

Further delay of spring weather kept Pennsylvania farmers out of their fields in most sections of the State during the week ended Monday, April 23, the State Department of Agriculture said today. Cold, rainy weather with snow flurries in northern and western counties slowed up spring planting and plowing, according to the weekly-Federal-State weather and crop survey.

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21 CARS DERAILED

Twenty-one freight cars were piled up along the right-of-way and six or seven cars tumbled into the Susquehanna River near Fishing Creek Tuesday morning. The cars, on the Port Deposit line of the Pennsylvania, were part of a 135-car string. Cause has been undetermined.