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\$2 Per Year

Wheat Quality Lower; Prices Around \$2.00

By ERNEST J. NEILL
Real tough, off color, test weight low. Such are typical comments heard today in a Lancaster farming survey of grain receiving terminals throughout Lancaster County, where continued rains have lowered quality and aroused fears of damage from sprouting in wheat yet to be combined.

Cargill, Inc., at Marietta, advises there is now more moisture and signs of sprout damage in wheat harvested early this week. Scattered truckloads are being received at midweek from on-farm storage that followed this year's harvest between rain showers. "Wheat that is to be cut now may be showing damage from sprouting," Carl added.

"Prices are holding very steady, moving up a week ago last Monday on dry grain, and we have been paying \$2.07 to \$2.08 per bushel the past ten days," this firm told.

Right now the big question mark is, how will the balance of the wheat fare after intermittent rainy weather?

Jumping from the western section of the Garden Spot to the north and extreme south, other reports were similar. The Nelson Weaver firm in Lititz and Quarryville reported no wheat had been received since the rain. Before that time it was real tough, off color, as far as the southern end of the County was concerned.

Around Lititz way, wheat received last week was pretty tough when that originating out of the southern end was OK. Prices are ranging around \$2

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One Laborer Shot in Polanco Camp Dispute

One laborer was stabbed and another wounded by a bullet in a labor dispute at the Gibbs Foods, Inc. cannery work camp near New Texas in southern Lancaster County early Wednesday.

Treated at Lancaster General Hospital for a 22 caliber bullet wound was William E. Pulley, 39, Hyde, Md. Major Wilkerson, 24, of Tennessee was treated for a minor slash wound in the back. Delmas J. Johnson, Charleston, S. C., work camp foreman, has been charged with aggravated assault and battery.

4H MEET POSTPONED

The meeting of the New Holland 4H Baby Beef club has been postponed until 8 p. m. Aug. 3 in New Holland Park. It was originally scheduled for Friday evening.

Combines Busy in County



Combines are busy in Lancaster County, good to excellent, considerable trouble harvesting the heavy 1956 small grain has been encountered by wet weather and crop. Although yields are reported from downed grain.

County Farmers Vote 5 to 1 No On Wheat Quota

Although farmers throughout the nation voted 94,861 to 21,649 for the continuation of federal controls on wheat next year, Lancaster County farmers voted 5 to 1 no, 968 votes against, 579 for.

Eighty-three ballots were challenged.

Neighboring counties also voted no, with Lebanon 10 for, 44 against; York 92 for, 108 against; Berks 47 for, 57 against.

Voting throughout Lancaster County was light, despite the fact Friday was rainy and field work was impossible. This is the fourth consecutive year Lancaster County producers have voted no on marketing quotas.

More Volunteers for Poultry Center Needed

More volunteers are needed at the construction site of the new Poultry Center being erected at the intersection of Route 230 Bypass and Roseville Road, Lewis Mortensen, East Petersburg, secretary of the Lancaster County Poultry Poultry Assn., advises.

Foundations have been poured, and concrete blocks are being laid for walls. Those wishing to contribute labor are urged to phone Mr. Mortensen.

DRAFT QUOTA 1,157

Pennsylvania's September draft quota has been fixed by Selective Services headquarters as 1,157 men all 22 years or older. In August, the call was 1,021.

Poultry Sales in Week Total 194,735

Poultry sales at the Lancaster Poultry Exchange, Rohrerstown, last week totaled 62 lots, or 194,735 birds. Listed were 70 lots, a total of 207,435.

For the corresponding week a year ago, there were 46 lots, 126,765 birds listed, and 45 lots, 126,190 birds sold.

Women's Hobby Show at Steam Engineer Meet

When the annual meeting of the Rough and Tumble Engineers Historical Association convenes Aug. 16-18 at Kinzers, there will be a hobby show for women — a welcome concession to what was once a man's world.

For three days the old steamers on hand in the lot of Arthur S. Young & Son Implement Co. east of town will huff and puff, along with steamers brought in by other enthusiasts of the old-time farm implements.

Vice president of the association is Everett Young, who advises the event will include sawmilling exhibitions, dynamometer tests, demonstrations of old-time threshing techniques, pulling contests, and a men's hobby exhibition of steam engine models.

New officers will be elected at a business meeting opening night, Thursday, Aug. 16.

Thousands are attracted to the beehive of activity on Highway 30 each year when smoke rolls to the sky, when steam whistles blast back memories of old-time threshing rigs, when good folks get together.

INJURED IN FALL

John B. Miller, 67, R1 Bird-in-Hand, was injured Tuesday afternoon when he fell from a ladder while working in a barn on his farm.

Financial Loss In Crops High; Rains Blamed

HARRISBURG — Farmers of Pennsylvania are faced with heavy financial losses because of wet weather preventing harvesting of hay and small grains, observers in the State Department of Agriculture declared today.

In addition, potato growers were warned by the Harrisburg office of the Pennsylvania Co-operative Potato Growers Association that the build-up of heavy rainfall during June and thus far in July has created conditions favorable to epidemics of late blight.

"Nothing but dry weather from now on through July and August and more and better spraying will ward off a major disaster," said Dr. E. L. Nixon, association director. Blight spreads quickly under wet and humid conditions, he added. Spraying of potatoes has been retarded by rain and wet grounds.

Rainfall last week ranged from one-third inch in Pittsburgh to nearly three inches in the Williamsport area. Northwestern counties had light rains, moderate to heavy elsewhere. Southeastern counties received over two inches on Saturday. The forecast for this week is one inch in Western Pennsylvania, three-fourth inch in the eastern part of the State from showers and scattered thunderstorms.

Federal-State surveys for the week ended Monday showed it to be the second consecutive week of cool and cloudy weather.

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Weather Wet; Crops Suffer, Spuds Delayed

By LF Staff Reporter

In direct contrast to last year's dry, hot July, temperatures and moisture this month have thrown grain and vegetable schedules out of kilter in Lancaster County.

According to Bernard T. White of the Weather Bureau office in Lancaster, by midweek, 4.84 inches of rain have been received in Lancaster County for the month to date, compared to a norm of 4.37 for the entire month.

Rainy, cool, damp. "Temperatures have been averaging two degrees below normal," Mr. White told. Where July 1955 was continued hot and dry, this month has had but three days with temperatures of 90 degrees or more. "There has been some rain on 14 of the first 24 days of July, 1956," Mr. White reported from his records.

In the five-day forecast, which extends through next Monday, temperatures in the mid-Atlantic states are expected to average near normal, warm and less humid through Friday, with showers and thunderstorms likely Saturday and Sunday.

Considerable damage to crops has been reported throughout the County, where heavy rains flattened corn and small grains. Combining has been hampered by downed grain, but corn has perked up and a considerable percentage has already tasseled.

Friday night showers dumped 1.36 inches of rain on the County in a 24-hour period that found flash floods striking parts of western Pennsylvania and Maryland. Temperatures a year ago now here were in the high 90s, with 99 reached in a seven-day period of rising temperatures.

Some Reports of Wildfire

Tobacco in Lancaster County is starting to top, and there are reports of wildfire in some fields where no spray control was exercised in seed beds. Otherwise there is none. "You can do a good job of controlling" (Continued on page 16)

Saturday Deadline To Plow Up Wheat

In line with other extensions granted under the Soil Bank agricultural act, the deadline for farmers over planting wheat who wish to plow under part of their crop to meet acreage requirements has been extended until this Saturday.

The deadline for plowing under corn remains July 31 to bring acreage into qualifying levels. Storm damage to wheat in the past week may encourage some farmers to plow under part of their crop to receive federal payments.

INJURED BY COMBINE

Robert G. Hambleton, 52, New Providence, was treated at Lancaster General Hospital early this week for fractures and cuts on three fingers of his left hand. He reported he was injured while working on a grain combine.