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Cool Weather Retards Corn, Some Oats Uncut

HARRISBURG — The prevailing cycle of cool, wet weather continued in Pennsylvania through the week ended Monday and gave farmers generally poor working conditions, the State Department of Agriculture said today.

Frequent showers and cloudy weather made hay drying difficult as wet ground retarded field work.

Low temperatures during the early part and near the end of the week retarded ripening of corn in northern districts scattered frosts hurt some corn but damage was not extensive, the Department reported. Some corn is being shocked in the Southeast.

The effect of unusual weather this season is pointed up in the fact that in northwestern areas of Pennsylvania some fields of wheat and oats remained to be harvested in mid-September, four to six weeks behind normal schedule.

During the growing season covering the past 23 weeks central-western counties have received the largest amounts of rain. The 12-month average for the State is 42 inches but the Indiana County area has had 30 inches since April 10. The Brookville recording station reports 28.78 inches followed by Emporium 27.11 inches, and State College with 35.32 inches. Pittsburgh has recorded 22.65 inches and Erie 20.46 inches. Allentown, Selmsgrove and Montrose had between 20 and 21 inches. Areas with 15 to 20 inches include Altoona, Wellsboro, Williamsport, Harrisburg, Safe Harbor, Reading, Scranton and Philadelphia.

Peaches are still being picked in all areas and volume is increasing rapidly in northern counties, the survey report declared. Fresh market vegetables are plentiful but movement of tomatoes and corn for processing is past the peak.

Three Philippine Bankers In County

Three bankers from the Philippine Island this week studied rural banking and agricultural loans with Lancaster County banking firms, working Tuesday and Wednesday with County Agent M. M. Smith, and Stanley Musselman, manager-farm relations, Lancaster County National Bank.

The visitors are Miss Adriana Wacoco Almeida, an assistant manager; Melito Concha Salazar a cashier, and Bernardo Villanueva, a bank manager. They represent newly formed banking establishments in San Juan, Rizal; Bacelod City, and Butuan City, banks designed to serve agricultural interests in newly developed farming districts.

They spent Thursday with Paul Leaman, farm representative of Conestoga National Bank, and leave today for New York City.

Pumpkins, Scarlet Sage



Pumpkins—a sure sign of fall—contrast their orange colors with the brilliant reds of Scarlet Sage at Blue Bell Market on Highway 72 south of Lancaster. The John

Dearolf stand takes its name from an old hotel that once stood across the highway. (Lancaster Farming Staff Photo).

Loss in Storm In Northwest County Heavy

By ERNEST J. NEILL

Damage will run into thousands of dollars in a Monday evening windstorm that raked the northwestern section of Lancaster County, leaving in its wake toppled trees, broken power and telephone lines, damaged buildings.

Crops were slashed by tornadoic winds, rain and hail that moved through neighborhoods north of Lancaster, into East Petersburg, Neffsville, Landisville, Mount Joy and Florin. Winds of 68 m.p.h. were recorded at the Lancaster Airport, and were undoubtedly heavier in the storm.

Mount Joy, it appears suffered heaviest damage. There many trees were broken, and on the outskirts to the north and west considerable property damage was noted. At the home of Mrs. Mary Walker on the edge of town, weeping willows and maples were overturned against the brick home. Leaves and branches littered streets.

On the J. B. Hostetter & Sons farm tenanted by Donald Newcomer on R2 Mt. Joy, a 70x40 foot shed filled with new-crop tobacco was demolished. Plate glass windows were shattered and outside displays tossed about at some stores.

Damage was extensive in the Landisville Camp Meeting Grounds, where a number of trees were downed, one striking the corner of a two-story cottage.

It would be difficult to estimate the amount of crop damage dollar-wise, County Agricultural Agent Max M. Smith advises. Damage from hail will be considerable, especially in tobacco and throughout the section producers are busy harvesting the crop before wildfire follows bruise damage. One man reported a three-acre field of tobacco so badly shredded it must be disced under.

Corn was badly shredded and blown between East Petersburg and Mount Joy.

Fortunately, the storm area was restricted in size.

Monday's storm came in the midst of variable weather for the Garden Spot. On Saturday afternoon and evening, a .45 inch rain fell, sprinkles came on the 16th, very lightly on the 17th. A

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Neighbors Help In Clean-Up of Storm Damage

By LF Staff Reporter

Neighbors and friends moved in within almost a matter of hours to help clean up wreckage of a tobacco barn blown 15 feet from its foundation by Monday night's terrific storm that raked the northwest part of the Garden Spot.

On the farm of J. B. Hostetter & Sons, tenanted by Donald Newcomer, R2 Mount Joy, the 40 by 70 foot barn, full of new-crop tobacco, was blown away.

Tuesday morning crews came in to pull away wrecked lumber and timbers to salvage what they could of the still green crop.

Helping were Clarence, Arthur and Paris Hostetter. Clarence Gruber, Norman Gruber, Elam Shearer, Earl Witmer, Wilbur and Earl Brubaker, Daniel Will, Mark Newcomer, Ray Summy, Clarence and Robert Duple, Paul Stauffer, Ralph Hostetter and Dick Newcomer.

Pull-Off Tobacco Brings 14-15 Cents

Lancaster County pull-off tobacco damaged by hail in the Landisville neighborhood, was reported selling to one independent firm, A. K. Mann Jr., at 14 and 15 cents a pound this week.

Very little pull-off tobacco is expected this year, with a superb crop for all but those districts struck by Monday night's storm.

Solanco Fair Opens, Champion in Livestock Named; Awards Tonight

By ERNEST J. NEILL

Three fairs this week are heralding the tanbark season in Lancaster County, the Southern Lancaster County Community Fair at Quarryville, the Lititz and Elizabethtown Fairs.

At Quarryville livestock judging took place Wednesday afternoon, opening day, with C. Richard Hastings showing the champion gilt and the champion boar, both Chester Whites.

Grand champion in the steer show was an Angus shown by Ernst Frey of R2 Quarryville; reserve, also an Angus, by Donald Herr of Refton. Judging the livestock show was Roger Halstead, extension livestock specialist from the Pennsylvania State University.

One of the largest parades in the seven-year history of the fair wound its way through the downtown business section Wednesday night. The 1956 Harvest Queen was crowned before one of the largest crowds in the fair's history. Displays of farm machinery and livestock are more extensive than before.

One of the finest and most extensive art displays in the his-

tory of the Solanco fair was judged by a committee of three, including Mrs. John Roberts, president of the Octoraro Art Association, Oxford; George A. Smith of Quarryville, and Ken-

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Deadline to Sign In 4H Baby Beef Project October 6

The time for farm boys and girls to enroll in the 4-H Baby Beef project is at hand, advises M. M. Smith, Lancaster County Agricultural Agent.

Youth 10 to 20 years of age are eligible, and the deadline for signing up in this feeding project has been set as Saturday, Oct. 6. The project requires that each club member feed out a steer calf of one of the major beef breeds. This steer is purchased in November weighing around 400 lbs, fed about one year and placed on the market at the time of a district or county show and sale.

The Red Rose 4-H Baby Beef Club is the countywide organization for the baby beef projects. Interested boys and girls may enroll by giving their name and address to any present member of the Red Rose Club not later than Oct. 3, or by contacting one of the following adult club leaders: Ira L. Rutt, Peach Bottom; Fred W. Linton, R2 Quarryville; Mylin R. Good, R3 Lancaster; Jay R. Nissley, R4 Manheim; Harry S. Showalter, R1 Reinholds, or Victor M. Longenecker, R3 Elizabethtown.

Enrollments will also be accepted at the Extension Service office, 202 Post Office Building, Lancaster.

WEST LAMPETER FAIR

Moving next in line in Lancaster County Community Fairs will be the 32nd Annual West Lampeter Community Fair, Sept. 26, 27 and 28. Events will be on the grounds and at the Lampeter Community Center. Included in the program will be entertainment, judging, horse Gymkhana, Antique Auto events and many others.

Miss Nancy E. Bower Joins County Office

Miss Nancy E. Bowers has joined the Lancaster County Extension Office as assistant home economist. Miss Bower and Miss Ruth K. Kimble, county home economist, are making plans for the adult extension homemakers program for the fall.

First meeting will be Oct. 16 in the Raub Supply Co. at 10 a. m. Topic of this, the first leader training meeting, will be "Laundry Supplies."

Communist China is planning a record \$12 billion budget for 1956. The budget called for higher state expenditures for heavy industry and agriculture. However, it included a cut in defense spending.