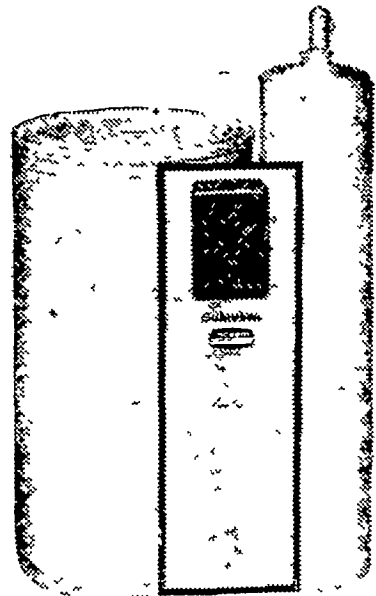


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Soil moisture supplies are now ample in most sections of Pennsylvania, the State Department of Agriculture's Crop Reporting Service said Tuesday.

Rains and local showers over much of the State during the week ended Monday resulted in considerable improvement in pastures and growth of hay crops, the agency says in a weekly summary of crop and weather conditions.

Rainfall varied from less than a tenth of an inch in the extreme northwest to 3 inches in the Allentown area.

Tobacco harvest in Lancaster County, is in progress on a limited basis, but is expected to develop rapidly before Sept. 1st.

Volume harvest of Golden Jubilee, Red Haven and other varieties of the main crop of peaches is reported in southern and central fruit belts. Some early peaches are available in other areas. Quality and color of the peach crop are good.

Early apples continue to move to market in normal supply and some later varieties are being picked. The main crop continues to size well, but continued rains are needed for the crop to reach maximum size and quality at maturity.

Wild mountain blueberries continue in good supply from the Pocono mountains and other northern areas.

Plentiful supplies of locally produced vegetables are available generally throughout the Commonwealth. These include sweet corn, tomatoes, snap beans, cabbage, cucumbers, beets, broc-

coli, cauliflower, pepper, lima beans. Cobblestones are being harvested as weather permits and of later varieties is expected to start the latter part of this month.

Corn, lima bean, and snap bean processing in full swing.

Wheat harvest is practically completed. Some of the main to be combined in central and northern counties. Farmers are plowing to plant fall-sown grains in all sections of the state.

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