

# Crops Make Good Growth In County

General: Pastures, hay, meadows, and winter grains were in good condition throughout most of the Keystone State as the season progressed into the last week of April. However, the record hot, dry weather of the previous two weeks has rapidly depleted soil moisture reserves and a soaking rain will be needed shortly to relieve this condition.

After a late start pasture grasses have been growing rapidly but growth is still shorter than usual and will therefore be quickly damaged by continued dry hot weather. Only in scattered areas in the Southeast has any grazing of pasture been done. In northern areas of the State another two weeks growth is needed before grazing. New hay seedings came thru the winter in good shape, but both old and new fields need warm rains to bring growth up to seasonal normals. Both alfalfa and clover fields have uniformly good stands at the present.

Preparation of ground for spring planted crops and planting of oats and early summer potatoes progressed rapidly during the week ending April 25th. During the early part of the week conditions were excellent for working the soil but dry topsoil was becoming a problem in some areas by the end of the week. Nearly all of the intended acreage for oats in the southern third of the State has been planted. In the Central counties oat seeding is about half completed while seeding is just starting in the northern tier of the counties.

Apple blossoming should be at a peak for the Adams County Apple Blossom Festival on May 1, the Crop Reporting Service of the Pennsylvania Dept. of Agriculture said in a weekly Bulletin.

Vegetable planting in most areas is running somewhat behind schedule because of the late spring. There has been little or no planting in northern tier

## Land Judging

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 judges, seven other Future Farmers won the right to represent the area in the contest during FFA week at the Pennsylvania State University in June. These boys with scores ranging from 357 points to 334 points are Kenneth Myer, Elizabethtown; John Hess, Penn-Manor; David Stewart, Kennardale, York County; Wilmer Martin, New Holland; Kenneth Heisey, Manheim, Richard Hosler, Manheim; and Kenneth Bricker.

During the same afternoon Paul Frey, Conestoga R2, won the area FFA Horseshoe pitching contest. In beating out runner-up, Richard Erb, Manheim R2, Frey, a senior at Penn Manor won the right to represent the area at PSU during FFA Week.

Cooperating with the Soil Conservation Service, the

counties. Limited plantings of early peas, sweet corn and onions have been made in central and southwestern counties. However planting of most vegetables is in full swing in the warmer southeastern counties.

There have been no reports of setting canning tomatoes in the field, but some fields of early sweet corn have been planted. Many of the early planted peas in the county are making good growth and will be helped by the cooler temperatures, but some are in need of moisture.

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Penn Manor chapter prepared the sites by digging holes to the full depth of the topsoil and to about three feet into the subsoil.

Amos Funk, chairman of the Lancaster County Soil Conservation District presented a plaque to the winner.

## Farm Calendar

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school, Neffsville.

2:00 p.m. - Meeting of Pennsylvania Best Eggs, Inc. at the Lancaster Poultry Center, Roseville Rd.

May 5 — 7:30 p.m. Meeting of Little Britain Community 4-H club meets in the Little Britain elementary school.

May 7 — 6:30 p.m. - Parent and son-banquet sponsored by the witness Oak chapter FFA at the Donegal High School.

May 8 — 7:30 p.m. - Meeting of the New Holland 4-H club in the New Holland Farmers Bank.

May 13—7:30 p.m. - Meeting of the Boots and Saddles light horse and pony club meets at the home of Mr. Woodrow Sites, Manheim.

## Soil Conservation District Nominated For Second Award

Lancaster County Soil Conservation District, one of last year's winners of the Community Betterment Citations presented by Lancaster Community Council, is again in nomination for one of the 1960 awards.

As before, the organization is nominated in the field of Civic Improvement, for its continuing efforts toward conservation of soil, water, forests, wildlife and other natural resources.

Two other nominees in this same category of Civic Improvement include:

Lancaster Sertoma Club, for its continuing program of improvement at Long Park and the Pilot Club of Lancaster, for its project of restoring the Woodward Hill Cemetery burial plot of President James Buchanan.

There were 2,910 pedestrians killed and 66,030 injured on U. S. roads last year because they crossed between intersections.

Citation awards will be made during the annual dinner meeting of Lancaster Community Council at Hotel Brunswick, May 4.

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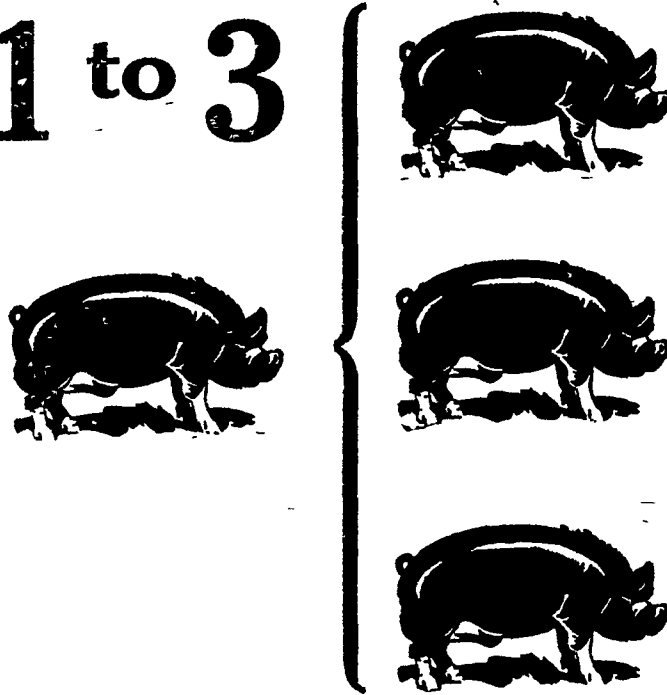
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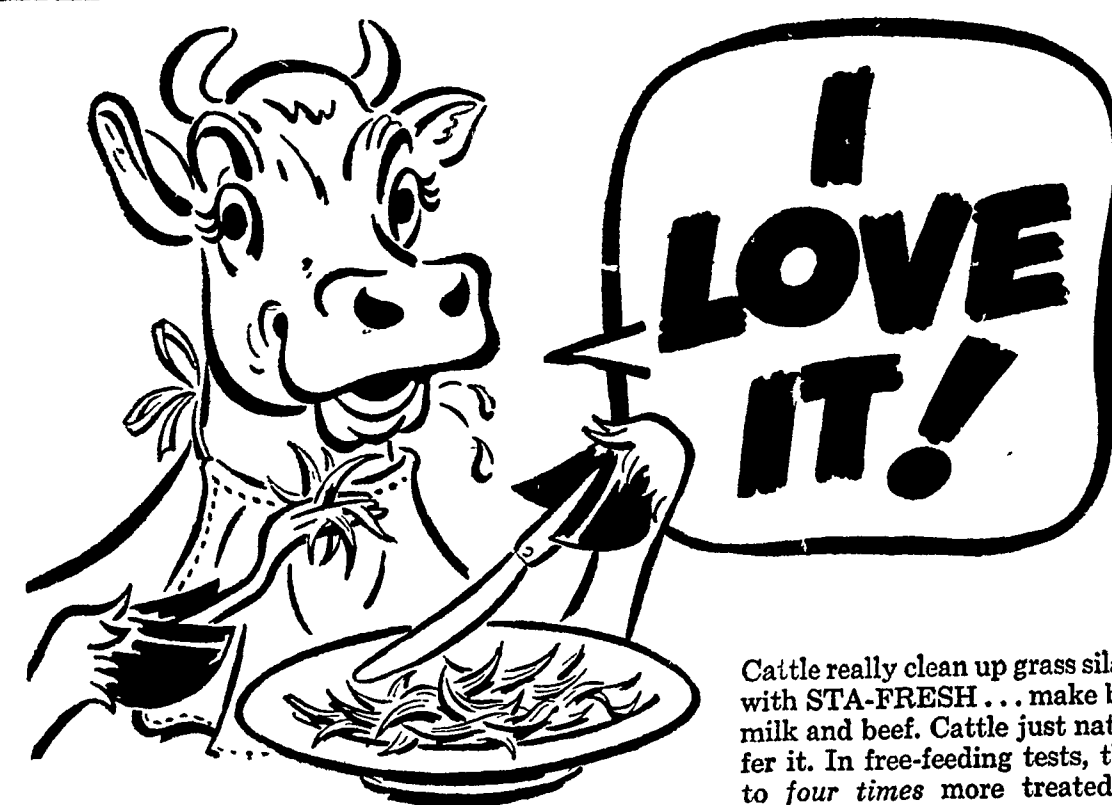
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