

## 20,000 to 1 Odds Beaten by Mare At Penn State

Odds of 20,000 to one have been beaten by a mare and her filly at the Pennsylvania State University. The mare was beaten when she gave birth to twin foals, an American Quarter Horse, gave birth to twin foals (females). The combination of birth and survival of twins in the horse kingdom is something that occurs once in 20,000," says Norman R. Purdy, in charge of purebred livestock at the university. The chance of twin colts being carried full term and delivered alive is reported to be once in 200. The chances are 100 to one that both colts will not survive after birth. Peaches and her "cream and sugar" are doing fine, adds One filly has been named Miss Chief. The other

colt is dark colored, like the sire, and has been named Sorrel Miss. The sire is Sorrel Chief and is also owned by the Department of Animal Husbandry at Penn State. The Department maintains a number of Quarter Horses for use in classroom instruction. Training includes horse selection and the care and management of horses. Since Peaches couldn't provide enough milk for both youngsters, their diet was supplemented with grain when they were a week old. Usually, colts don't start on grain until they are a month old. The fillies were the second set of twin foals born at Penn State last spring. They were foaled April 29. Both sets were from the same sire. The other twins were premature and did not live.



MISS CHIEF AND SORREL MISS, left and right, twin fillies born to the Quarter Horse, Peaches, at the Pennsylvania State University foaled April 29. The fillies were two weeks old when this photograph was taken. Both are doing fine, although birth and survival of twin foals is rare.

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### ● Crops

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May was rapid, but much of the hay will not be first quality because harvesting was delayed past the peak during the wet weather. Color of the hay treated with a hay conditioner this week is bright green in most areas of the county. Some alfalfa

fields are pushing bloom for the second crop. Corn fields, neglected because of the push to make sweet corn is in silk, but the growth pattern varies widely for their first cultivation. Even with the competition of the weeds and the damage done in some fields by the cutworms, corn is making rapid growth and looks generally good though somewhat shorter than normal at this time of year. Some early wheat crops in the county have been cut with the binder and are in the

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## ● Wheat Variety

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ed and named by Purdue University, matures about 4 days earlier than Pennol, but it is Hessian fly resistant making it possible to plant it earlier in the fall. Redcoat has also proved more winter hardy than Pennol at the University. "It looks like Redcoat might well become the leading variety of winter wheat in the county and the state," Pifer said.

## ● Marketing Order

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in a price reduction at this time. In addition to a revised supply-demand adjustment, the recommended decision also called for updating the economic index in the Class I price formula and aligning it with prices under the New York-New Jersey Federal milk order. This suspension action is taken pending further developments with respect to issues contained in the recommended decision.

shock. A small amount of lodging is reported around the county, but generally farmers are optimistic about the crop.

Tobacco planting is continuing about as fast as plants become available. The warm weather has pushed plants somewhat and those in the field have made satisfactory growth. Reports indicate that some cutworm and wireworm damage is showing up in the county.

Canning tomatoes are in blossom and the set appears to be good in most sections. Vine growth is good and weed control appears to be excellent in the face of the rains of the past several weeks.

With the exception of corn cultivation and some tobacco planting, farm work is almost on schedule in the county.

## Wheat Quotas For New Farms Are Available

Any farmer in Lancaster County who does not have a wheat allotment for his farm and wants an allotment for 1961 should make application by July 1. Such an application must be filed in writing, according to Landis G. Becker, Chairman of the Lancaster County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee.

The law under which acreage allotments are authorized provides that not more than three percent of the county wheat allotment may be used for allotments to "new wheat farms."

The formal application for a "new" farm wheat allotment must be made in writing on a form provided for that purpose and filed at the County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation office not later than July 1. Employees in the county Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation office will assist those desiring to file applications.

Farms that have not had a wheat allotment for the past 3 years are considered as "new wheat farms" under the wheat allotment-marketing quota program.

### CONTROL WHITE GRUBS

You can kill the grubs which sometimes damage lawns, according to Edgar Udine, Penn State extension entomologist. Use a half-pound of 50 per cent chlorodane per 1000 square feet. You can mix it with sand and apply dry, or mix it with water and apply with a sprinkling can over the area.

Cold milk is a summertime refresher, as well as a nourishing food.