

Lancaster Farming

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TOBACCO FIELDS GOT HAND TREATMENT on most county farms this week. Planting is virtually completed, but some reports indicate a few scattered acres are still in need of plants. The dry weather has not apparently slowed the growth of plants in the field. The threat of cutworm damage seems to be lessened since the weather is somewhat drier. Larger weeds in corn and tobacco fields are quite persistent, but control of small weeds in most parts of the county seems to be quite easy with the few inches of dry topsoil.

Tobacco, Wheat Share Farm Work Spotlight

Tobacco and wheat shared the farm work spotlight this week as farmers pushed to finish the tobacco planting and begin the big push to get wheat in the bin before the good weather breaks.

Most of the county tobacco acreage was planted by the latter part of the week and wheat harvest was beginning by the middle of the week. Most of the wheat harvested was Thorne, Dual, or Seneca, with the Pennoll carrying too much moisture until very late in the week. Most millers were recommending that Pennoll be left in the field until the week of July 11.

Millers and warehousemen anticipate a large flush of grain next week.

Corn continues to make satisfactory growth after a late start. Weeds which were a serious problem earlier are becoming easier to control with the smaller amount of moisture available. Cool nights, if they continue could cause serious slow down of corn growth soon.

A very few Washington Boro area tomatoes hit the market this week, but the crop generally is ten days to two weeks later than normal. Substantial quantities of the fruit is expected to be ready to harvest next week.

Reports from receivers of grain indicated that moisture in the crops harvested Wednesday and Thursday averaged between 13 and 15 percent. Quality of the grain is good, but some of the yields are disappointing. Farmers believe that the large amount of rain during the blossoming season was one factor in the smaller

Early sweet corn will move on the markets in small amounts next week. The higher temperatures and reduced rainfall have had a beneficial effect on most vegetable crops.

Second cutting alfalfa is ready to be cut on some county farms and late cut alfalfa and clover is making rapid growth.

Children Use More Milk With Special Program

Children who attend schools participating in the Special Milk Program drink more milk in a 24-hour period than children attending other schools, according to a report issued recently by the Department of Agriculture.

The Special Milk Program enables schools to offer milk to children at reduced prices, in addition to milk provided

under the National School Lunch Program. The study reported recently was undertaken by USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service to learn whether the Special Milk Program increased consumption of milk among school children, or merely caused the children to drink more milk at school and less at home than they would drink without the program.

Researchers interviewed 8,444 children in 100 schools in Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, and West Virginia. The children were enrolled in grades five through nine. Half the schools participated. (Turn to page 12)

Mulch Controls Garden Weeds

By doing a good job of mulching, home gardeners can go vacationing and forget the weeds, gardening specialists agree. Mulch also saves soil moisture, prevents soil puddling, helps keep soil temperatures uniform and releases plant nutrients when it decomposes.

Hay and straw mulches should be 3 to 4 inches deep for best results, while 2 inches is deep enough for ground corn cobs, sawdust and shavings. A lot of different materials can be used for mulching, experts suggest avoiding those that contain a lot of weed seeds.

Sometimes materials, such as straw, chopped corn cobs and sawdust, are low in nitrogen and may cause nitrogen deficiencies in the soil. (Turn to page 12)

Wayne Rentschler Accepts Vo-Ag Position at Kutztown

Wayne B. Rentschler, manager of membership relations with Lancaster County Farm Bureau, has resigned the position to become teacher of vocational agriculture at the Kutztown Area Schools.

Rentschler, who resides at Lampeter where he was teacher of vocational agriculture in the high school for

conservation District, since 1951 and the County Agricultural Council since 1955.

Working to coordinate the work of all county farm cooperatives, Rentschler has served as president of the Lancaster County Council of Farmer Cooperatives since its inception in 1954.

During 1959, Rentschler headed up the International Farm Youth Exchange Committee in the county which made possible the sending of James Hess, Strasburg, to Peru for a year. During 1958 and 1959, Rentschler was state chairman of the now defunct Chicken of Tomorrow contest. Since then he has been state chairman of the FFA conservation contest sponsored by the State Soil Conservation District.

While he was a teacher at West Lampeter, Rentschler saw 32 of his students receive the Keystone Farmer degree and six were awarded the American Farmer degree.

Mr. and Mrs. Rentschler plan to move to Kutztown about the third week of July. They will then reside about 25 miles from Bernville, where the two attended high school.



WAYNE B. RENTSCHLER

20 years from 1927 to 1947, is active in many farm organizations.

Serving the West Lampeter Community Fair association as secretary-treasurer for his 31st term, Rentschler has seen the organization grow and develop along agricultural lines. He has been one of the forces in keeping the non-agricultural elements out of the fair.

Rentschler has served as secretary-treasurer of the Lancaster County Soil Conservation District.

Look for these major faults in animals to avoid when buying sires or replacement livestock:

Avoid buying animals with crooked legs. This can lead to lameness and cut the reproductive life of the individual.

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FIVE-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

Saturday - Wednesday
Temperatures during the next five days will average near normal to four degrees above the normals of 87 in the afternoon and 66 at night. A warming trend is expected Saturday through Monday cooling Tuesday or Wednesday. There is a chance of scattered thundershowers Sunday night or Monday with the average precipitation expected to be less than 1 inch.

County Vegetable Growers Invited To Attend Tour

The annual tour of the Pennsylvania Vegetable Growers Association will be conducted on July 25 and 26, according to information received from Amos Funk, Millersville, president of the association.

Main attraction on the tour will be a visit to four outstanding vegetable growers in Erie County. Growers will have the opportunity to observe both the production and marketing operations followed by the Erie County producers. Roadside markets operated by several farmers will be visited.

Erie county farmers plant approximately 7,600 acres to commercial vegetable crops annually. Total value of vegetables, including potatoes, produced in Erie county is nearly 25 million dollars.

The major vegetable crops to be seen on the tour will be cabbage, potatoes, beans, tomatoes, sweet corn, melons, cucumbers and asparagus.

At one stop, the growers on the tour have an opportunity to observe a mechanical bean picker in operation on the farm of James Hall. Mr. Hall grows about 120 acres of wax and green beans.

The new dwarf tomato variety, Epoch, will be on display at one of the stops on the tour.

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Select Sires With Caution Experts Suggest

Selection of the sire for the farm beef or swine herd or the farm sheep flock often does not receive the attention it deserves, warn extension livestock specialists.

Too often the cheapest animal is purchased, and this turns out to be expensive rather than cheap in too many cases. If a second rate sire is selected it could turn out to be a non-breeder, or one that produces the wrong kind of offspring. Buy from reputable purebred breeders, because they will make adjustments for non-breeders.

FARM CALENDAR

- 11th - 8 a. m. - Lancaster-Strasburg Junior FA summer tour meet at high school. Schedule for tour to end at 5 p. m.
- 12 p. m. - Twilight meeting at the Southeastern Pennsylvania Artificial Feeders Cooperative. Rte. 100 By-pass near Landisville.
- 4:45 p. m. - Regular meeting of the Lancaster County Soil Conservation District Directors in the courthouse.
- 7 p. m. - Meeting of the West Jersey 4-H club at the home of Paul Herr, Millersville R1.
- 8:12 - 9:30 a. m. to 4 p. m. - Southeastern district vegetable judging practice at the Farm Bureau auditorium, Dillerville.
- 10:00 a. m. - Group of German youth will tour the county beginning at the home of Harry Mumma, Millersville R1.
- 11:13 - Southeastern District 4-H dairy judging practice on the W. H. Dreitz estate farm near Millersville, Berks County.
- 12:00 p. m. - Meeting of the 4-H Guernsey club at the home of Harry Mumma, Millersville R1.
- 1:14 - 8 p. m. - Joint meeting of the Lititz Manheim and Elizabethtown-Mechanicsville 4-H community groups at the home of Robert Hottel, Lititz R3.