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HEIFERS ON THE JAY LANDIS FARM have the run of a lot near the barn. The heifers, calved early last fall are fed hay and grain in the barn but have some pasture where they want it. These thirteen heifers are being kept as herd replacements in the 24-cow herd of registered Holsteins. The farm house in the background shows the neatness and beauty of the farmstead. —L. F. Photo

Corn Crop Has Poor Coloring Because Of Cold Weather

Corn is up on most Lancaster County farms, but the color is poor. Most farmers feel that the light color is due to the cool temperatures and will be overcome with a few days of warm weather. Some fields have been given extra cultivations. Hay and silage making is well under way in the Garden Spot with many farmers who did not spray alfalfa fields last fall, trying to salvage the crop without spraying. Moisture in the soil continued adequate for most crops despite the small amount of rainfall during the week.

Fragmentary reports of low temperatures on the

FARM CALENDAR

- June 3—Evening - Senior Extension square dance at the farm of H. B. Endslow, Marietta R1.
- June 5—4:30 p.m. - Lancaster County Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association meets at Lampeter-Strasburg High School.
- June 6—3:30 p.m. - Elizabethtown - Donegal 4-H Strawberry club roundup sponsored by the Kiwanis club at Aunt Sally's Kitchen, Elizabethtown.
- June 8—8:00 p.m. - County 4-H Officers Training conference at the John Neff School, Neffville.
- June 8—8:00 p.m. - New Holland 4-H community club meets in the New Holland bank building.
- June 6—8:00 p.m. - Town & Country 4-H business club tours the Weis food market on the Lititz Pike.
- June 8—8:00 p.m. - Lititz-Manheim 4-H community club meets at the Fairland School.
- June 9—8:00 p.m. - Boots & Saddles light horse & pony club meets at Mountain View Pony farm near Denver.
- June 12—Joint meeting of the York and Lancaster county baby beef club at the farm of Edward Rishel north of York.
- June 13—8:00 p.m. - County 4-H council meets at the Poultry Center, Roseville Road. Election of executive committee members.

mornings of May 30 and 31 indicate possible freeze damage to fruit and vegetable crops in northwestern and north central counties, the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service said this week. Damage is apparently spoty and is limited to ridges and areas with little natural protection.

Weather during the week which ended May 29 was favorable for farmers to work in the fields. Farmers plowed, disked and planted land in corn, potatoes and tomatoes over much of Pennsylvania. Oats were planted in northern counties. Fresh asparagus continues to move to market in good daily volume. Strawberries in southern Pennsylvania have made good set and early fields are starting to show color. Limited picking is expected during the first week of June.

Lettuce and spring spinach supplies are holding up well. Green peas need higher temperatures for faster growth. Harvest of early peas for processing is expected to start about June 20. Snap bean and sweet corn planting is making progress. Tomato transplanting for the processing crop is about 50 to 75 per cent finished in southern and central counties and is just getting started in the Erie-Crawford production area.

Fruit tree bloom is practically over and fruit development is starting in the southern part of the state. Most fruits seem to have a fair to good set.

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Future Farmer Given Award

Clarence Bauman, president of the Lancaster County chapter as well as the Garden Spot Chapter Future Farmers of America, was named county winner in the state-wide Production Credit and National Farm Loan records contest Monday by James C. Fink, state FFA advisor.

The contest is based on the farming program evaluation and is judged on farm finance and production records.

State winner was Larry Herr of South Lebanon high school. The Lancaster District winner was Ronald Buffington of Upper Dauphin school. Bauman, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Bauman, Lancaster R7 and a student of Lampeter-Strasburg high school, received a \$5 award.

Freeman Asks Dairy Month Cooperation

Secretary of Agriculture Orville L. Freeman today called attention to the 25th anniversary of June Dairy Month to be celebrated next month by the American dairy industry, and praised the Nation's dairy farmers for their contribution to almost 350 years of dairy progress in the United States.

"Constant attention to breeding and farm management, coupled with advancements in processing and marketing, have resulted in a continual abundance of nutritious, high quality milk & dairy products for our growing population," the Secretary said.

The nutritional value of milk and dairy products in the daily diet of young and old alike is widely recognized, Secretary Freeman said, adding that the nutrients in dairy foods represent a tremendous bargain the year around.

"We estimate that dairy foods are about 28 percent of our total food supply, yet only 19 cents out of each market basket dollar goes for dairy products," he pointed out.

The Secretary urged consumers and all segments of

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Records Build Production For DHIA President

Nestled along the east bank of the Conestoga Creek just south of Millersville is the 120 acre farm operated by Mr. and Mrs. Jay E. Landis and their three sons.

The farmstead, almost hidden from traffic on Wabank Road, is neat, clean and well cared for. Buildings in excellent repair and painted a gleaming white are set off by well trimmed lawns and carefully pruned shrubbery.

As you drive toward the picturesque farmstead, you think this must be a show place where most of the time is spent keeping the grounds in order, but you soon find out this is a real dairy farm.

With corn planted and first cutting of hay made, Jay Landis, president of the Red Rose Dairy Herd Improvement Association took a breather this week to show us around his barn and grounds. All the work is done by Mr. and Mrs. Landis with an occasional assist from a 17 year-old neighbor

student. The three Landis sons are eight, five and two years old.

The herd of about 24 milk-

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Red Rose Herd High In DHIA Second Time

A registered Holstein cow in the herd at the Red Rose Research Farm completed the highest 305 day lactation during April in the Red Rose Dairy Herd Improved Association. The record of "Lora" 17,984 pounds of milk and 713 pounds of butterfat and a 4.0 test, put the Research farm at the top of the list for the second consecutive month.

The herd of George Rutt, Stevens R1 had the high butterfat average for the month.

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Cutworm Damage May Be Severe Spray Soil To Control Pest

Cutworm damage in tobacco fields may be severe because of the recent weather conditions, assistant county agent Arnold Lueck said this week. For control, growers are advised to treat the soil before, transplanting the tobacco plants into the field.

Wireworm damage is also likely, but treatment for this pest can be applied with the transplanting water.

Lueck recommends any of the following chemicals and amounts to be applied to prepared soil at least three days before the transplanting is to be done, Chlordane, three pounds of 50% wettable powder, three pints 45% liquid, or 30 pounds of 5% dust per acre; DDT, three pounds of 50% wettable powder, three quarts of 25% liquid, or 40 pounds of 5% dust; Toxaphene, four pounds of 40% wettable powder, 1½ quarts 60% liquid, or twenty pounds 10% dust; Heptachlor two pounds 25% wettable powder, one quart 2-E, or 25 pounds of 2½% dust. (Heptachlor should not be used this year on ground growing root crops or any forage crops.)

Lueck says the material should be applied at least three days before transplanting time in order for the material to kill the worms. The chemical may be applied with a high volume and high pressure sprayer or a low volume weed-type sprayer, but at least 20 gallons of the spray should be put on each acre at 40 to 80 pounds pressure.

For wireworm control, Lueck recommends one pound of 25% Aldrin, or ½ pound of 50% Chlordane, or ¼ pound of 50% Dieldrin in the wettable powder, or ¼ pint 5% Lindane liquid in the transplanting solution. The wettable powders should be stirred occasionally to keep the materials in suspension and get good distribution. Lueck suggests that growers use ample transplanting solution to insure wetting of the soil around the plant.

ADA Schedules Dairy Month Kickoff Dinner

Cleveland, Ohio - June, traditionally a time of lush pastures, contented cows, and brimming milk buckets, will literally bust out all over Cleveland this year.

The city will serve as the launching pad for the 1961 edition of June Dairy Month—the milk industry's nationwide sales promotion festival.

Launching ceremonies are scheduled for June 7, at the 76th Annual Convention of The Holstein - Friesian Association of America in the Sheraton-Cleveland Hotel

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FIVE-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

Saturday - Wednesday
Temperatures during the next five days are expected to average two to six degrees below the normal range of 59 at night to 80 in the afternoon. Somewhat cooler by Saturday night followed by a gradual return to seasonable temperatures by Monday and a change to cooler temperatures again on Tuesday night or Wednesday. Rain may accumulate up to 0.6 inches falling mainly Monday night or Tuesday.