

Annual FFA Week Activities To Be Held at PSU Next Week

University Park—Some 1,500 vocational agriculture students and teachers from 275 Pennsylvania high schools will get a taste of life on a college campus for three days next week.

They will be members of the Future Farmers of America, taking part in the annual FFA Activities Week and the FFA State Convention at the Pennsylvania State University, June 13 to 15.

Two delegates from each of the State's 27 vocational agriculture supervisory areas will comprise the voting body to conduct the business of the FFA Convention. Election of new officers and decisions on a program of activities for the next twelve months will be among the major business of the convention.

FFA Activities Week will include organization of the FFA band under the direction of James W. Dunlop, professor of music education, and the FFA chorus, directed by Frank Gullo, associate professor of music. The band and chorus will perform at three mass meetings.

Contests will be featured in 12 phases of modern agricultural practices, including dairy, poultry, and livestock. Educational demonstrations are listed for Wednesday and Thursday.

The week's activities are directed by the Department of Agricultural Education at Penn State and the Division of Vocational Education in Agriculture, Department of Public Instruction, Harrisburg. Norman K. Hoover of the Department of Agricultural Education is coordinat-

or. The FFA national vice president, Nathan Cushman of Lebanon, Conn., will address the delegates to the State Convention. The 19 year old national officer owns a half interest in a 341 acre dairy farm.

VARY VEGETABLE PREPARATION

Dress up vegetables and help your family enjoy them suggests Louise Hamilton, a Penn State extension foods specialist. When prepared with correct cooking methods and a dash of imagination, vegetables add interest and glamour to family meals. When diets are short in vegetables, they are apt to be lacking in vitamins A and C and other vitamins and minerals essential for good health and for growth.



Tobacco, Corn, Hay Dominate Farm Work Load During Week

Tobacco transplanting, corn cultivating, and hay making were the three major farm jobs in Lancaster County this week.

Tobacco transplanting was in full swing during most of the week. Plants in most parts of the county are well grown and in good condition. Very little disease trouble in the beds has been reported.

Farmers report fair to good yields of first cutting alfalfa. Rain in some portions of the county early in the week and again Wednesday night caught some farmers with hay on the ground. Several days during the week were overcast and humid with hay curing very slowly.

Strawberries are coming on in volume. Berry size and quality appears to be very good. Reports from around the county point to a top yield, but harvest is seven to ten days later than normal.

Throughout the state farmers made good progress last week in getting their delay-

ed crops planted and Monday the State Crop Reporting Service said that 80 percent of this year's corn crop has been planted.

Soil moisture conditions are favorable in practically all the state and pastures are in good condition. Silage and hay-making operations are general in southern counties and are just starting in central and northern areas. Pastures, however, should develop still further with more warm weather.

Tomato transplanting is completed in southern and central regions and is about 40 per cent done in the Erie-Crawford area. Early sweet corn is being cultivated, although some farmers still are planting sweet corn varieties. Cultivation of row crops is general.

A moderate to heavy drizzle is being experienced in many peach and apple orchards in the Berks-Lehigh and South Mountain producing areas.

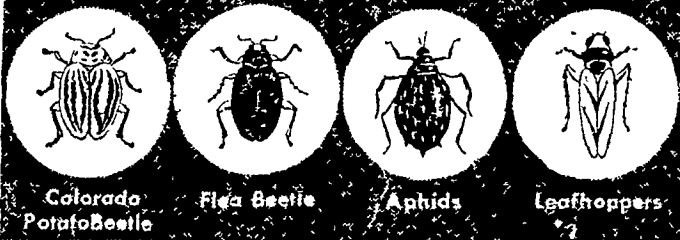
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