

Crop Summary

Late Harvest Unnerves Farmers

Lancaster county farmers this week were beginning to show signs of the pressure the feel at not being able to get into the wheat harvest. Rain and wet weather kept the grain tough and hard to thresh. Straw is dead ripe in most fields and some farmers are expressing fear that the heavy heads will soon begin to break the straw.

Some farmers are combining whenever weather permits them to get into the field even though the grain has to be dried artificially. A Willow Street R1 farmer said this week, "The young grass is coming up pretty high, and that means we are going to be losing straw soon. I think I am going to go ahead and cut even if I have to have it dried."

The county tobacco crop is making rapid growth, but some fields show signs of too little cultivation. Weeds are making rapid growth too, and most fields are too wet for the cultivator.

Pennsylvania's corn crop, late planted and reduced in acreage, will be vulnerable

to an early freeze, the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service said Tuesday in its weekly crop and weather summary.

Much of the same condition existed last year. However, one of the latest falls in recent years allowed the crop to mature. This year's crop has been slow growing because of cool weather, but recent rains coupled with the warmer days and nights should give the crop a needed boost.

Some early peaches have been picked in southeastern Pennsylvania for sale at roadside stands. A few sum-

mer apples will be ready to pick this week.

"New potatoes," forerunners of an expected 722,000 hundredweight crop of Pennsylvania summer potatoes are starting to move into roadside stands and other retail outlets.

Vegetable crops are late, but harvest is starting to gain momentum. Tomatoes are starting to turn color in southern counties and stake tomatoes in the York-Lancaster areas are being harvested. Green wrap tomatoes should begin moving to market within the next few days. Sweet corn is about two weeks late with harvest expected to start about the last week of this month. Snap beans are being harvested with good yields and quality. Some trouble is being had by machine pickers because of uneven maturity and ripening of beans. A few fields of lettuce are ready to cut and some leaf lettuce is available. Cabbage is being marketed in most areas. Green pea harvest has started with quality

and yield of the crop reported as good. Rains last week replenished soil moisture that becoming quite short in areas of the Commonwealth.

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Irvington Pride Admiral, a Holstein bull owned by W. L. King & Son of Irvington Farms near Gaithersburg, Maryland, has been sold to Curtiss Breeding Service, Inc of Cary, Illinois, along with his younger brother, Irvington Pride Commander, for a total of \$60,000. This is reported to be a record price for a single transaction involving two full brothers.

At a seeing-off ceremony held at Irvington Farms, "Admiral" was paraded before a group of dignitaries, including Governor J. Millard Tawes of Maryland, as well as the entire King family.

"Admiral," a 6-year old bull weighing 3300 lbs was Grand Champion at several State Fairs in 1957. Classified "Excellent" by the Holstein-Friesian Association with a score of 92 points, he recently won a Silver Medal Type award for the outstanding conformation of his daughters.

"Admiral" and "Commander" are the sons of Suttan Oaks Pride Borba, an 11-year old bull still in service in the Irvington herd. Their dam, Octoraro Baroness May, was classified "Excellent" and was honored with a Gold Medal, highest award of the Holstein Association.

Frozen semen from the bulls is being made available through the Curtiss Artificial Insemination program which operates exclusively with frozen semen using liquid nitrogen as a refrigerant. The storage temperature of minus 320° F. enables the semen to be kept for an indefinite period of time, says the local area representative, William H. Walker, Quarryville.

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