Crop Summary

Harvest Slow, Growth Excellent

Poor harvesting condit.on. continued to plague Lancaster County farmers this week. With as much as 60 per cent of the crop still standing in some areas, late in the week growers were harvesting some of the grain to keep it from going to waste. Reports from the Quarryville area indicate some sprouting in the fields and farmers combining the grain even though it is high in moisture in mnay instances. Grain in the north and eastern areas of the county appears to be in somewhat better condition, but with much of the acreage yet to be harvested.

While the moist conditions were far from ideal for the wheat harvest, the tobacco crop was benefitting from the muggy weather. All but the latest plantings are beyond cultivation and many fields are weedier than normal, but growth is generally described as excellent. The county corn crop, though it was about 2 weeks behind schedule, is making excellent growth and many fields are showing tassel. Pastures continue to furnish good amounts of feed, and hay crops are responding to the heat and moisture.

The hot, humid weather of the past week pulled the Commonwealth's corn and potato crops out of the doldrums, according to the weekly crop and weathr summary of the Pennsy'vania Crop Reporting Service.

Temperatures last week we.e higher than normal for all reporting stations except Pittsburgh and Emporium where they were average for the week. Lancaster and Well.boro experienced temperatures seven degrees higher than normal.

The potato crop had been slowed because of lack of moisture and the corn crop needed warm days and nites with plenty of moisture to make up growth lost from late planting and poor growing conditions.

Some tomatoes, summer cabbage, snap beans, beets, green peas and cucumbers are being moved into ocal markets. Locally grown sweet corn will be available in about two weeks. Canning tomatoes in Lancaster are producing large amounts of foilage but fruits are ripen ing slowly.

Sour cherry harvest is hitting its peak in the northwestern growing area. Sweet cherry harvest is about completed.

Some ear y apples are being harvested as are some of the ear iest peach varieties.

Farm activity during the past week included combining wheat and oats in southern counties, planting buckwheat in northern and western sections, and haymak.ng throughout the state. Barley harvest is about completed.

Despite the fairly general r.infall throughout Pennsylvania, there still is a 5.5 in. deficit in the A toona area and a 5 inch deficit in the Scranton area s nce the start of this crop season. Erie has been the wette-t place in Pennsy'vania this crop season with 2 76 inches more rainfall than usual

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Dr John made the statement from a folder distributed nationwide to 7,000 leaders in agriculture and rural life—and nearly 700 members in 46 states and 40 foreign countries. The folder was prepared by a committee on development of rural sociology

"Problems arise," he added, "when changes in certa'n areas of rural society—such as schoo's, churches, and health agencies—require adjustments in other aspects of community life. Some-imes these changes in basic

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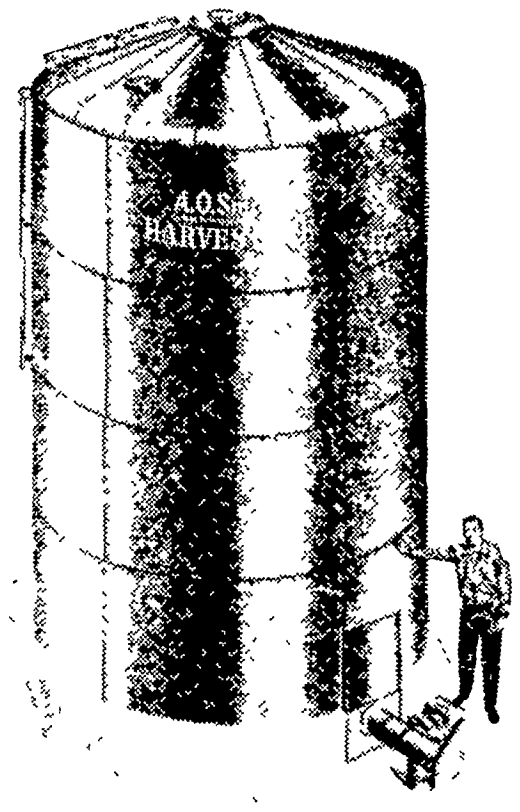

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