

## Crop Summary

### Tobacco Harvest Beginning

Tobacco harvest has begun in the Garden Spot. Very few crops have been cut up to this time, but scattered reports from around the county indicate a fairly heavy crop is in prospect. Many of the later crops have a lot of growing to do yet and will not be ready to top for several weeks. Sprayed crops appear to be making growth about on a par with the hand suckered crops.

No report on curing has been received since so few lath have been hung in the sheds and since it has been harvested so recently. Some growers have expressed the hope for lowered humidity before much more of the crop is ready for the drying sheds. Muggy weather during the past several years at tobacco harvest time has resulted in a great deal of soft tobacco at stripping time.

Small grain harvest is virtually complete in the county with just a few scattered fields of wheat still awaiting the combine.

One of the major activities on farms this week was the seeding of alfalfa. Dry soil conditions in the extreme southern parts of the county are beginning to cause some wilting of tobacco and a slow down in corn development, but the situation is not considered severe enough to cause any difficulty in establishing a legume stand. Many pasture fields and lawns in southern Lancaster County and in the northern edge of Chester County are beginning to show brown. The rest of the county has had ample moisture, and in some areas of heavy thunderstorm activity, soils were too wet to work late in the week.

Corn is earing well and appears headed for a good yielding crop. Color of the crop is excellent with no evidence of firing in any area of the county.

As anticipated following 2 weeks of warm, humid weather, an outbreak of late blight of potatoes was reported Tuesday in the weekly crop and weather summary.

#### 4-H Wildlife

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herds

After constructing a turkey feeder in the camp area near Coudersport, the club members attended the Woodsmen's Carnival at Cherry Springs State Park where they saw wildlife and conservation exhibits as well as sawing, log rolling and log chopping contests by the woodsmen.

Reporter for the club is Linda Stauffer, Litzitz R3

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nish, Quarryville R2. She produced 17,084 pounds of milk and 700 pounds of fat in 305 days. She tested 41 per cent.

Only six other cows in the association had over 650 pounds of fat during the first 305 days of their lactation. The Smucker and the Fritz and Harnish herds each had one other cow with over 650 pounds while Christ E. Stoltzfus had two and Paul B. Zimmerman, Ezra Martin, and Clair E. Kreider each had one.

Other herds with over a 55 pound average included J. Wade Groff and Jacob N. Good Harry Noll, Jr., R. F. and L. A. Witmer, Lloyd Wolf, John J. Oberholtzer, Earl L. Groff, Titus M. Hurst, J. Rohrer Witmer, John U. Stoltzfus and Jacob L. Kurtz all produced over 50 pounds per cow during the month.

of the Penna. Crop Reporting Service.

The Service said that two instances of infection, both in Lehigh County, have been reported thus far. Late blight is a downy mildew caused by a fungus. It develops best when temperatures average 70 to 75 degrees and the relative humidity reaches the 90 per cent mark. Late blight was responsible for the 1845 potato famine in Ireland.

These same weather conditions made hay making difficult and slowed the harvest of wheat and oats. However, the corn crop continues to make rapid growth and has started to tassle in northern counties.

Pennsylvania vegetables are becoming available in most retail outlets. Sweet corn is being picked across

volume of sweet corn should increase during this week. Some picking of tomatoes for fresh market is started, but the bulk of the crop will not be ready for picking until next week. Early Washington Boro tomatoes are now declining in volume.

Snap beans continue to be harvested although slowing in volume in many parts of the state. Some lima beans are expected to be ready for fresh market in about a week but the processing crop will not be ready until early September. The supply of cabbage moving to market is expected to increase during the next few days.

Summer apples and peaches are being harvested. Diseases do not appear to have affected the apple crop, but red mites have been reported in some orchards.

Grapes are in good condition in Erie County with little disease damage. Last week's weather was favor-

### Good Prices At Zook Cow Sale

Top price of \$755 was paid for cow and calf at the H. L. Zook dispersal sale last Saturday. The average price on the top seven cows in the sale was \$631.25.

A Registered Holstein heifer bred to freshen in the fall sold for \$560 and one 10 months old calf was bought for \$500.

Prices on the top seven cows ranged down to \$540. The second through seventh highest prices were \$750, \$660, \$605, \$600, \$590, \$550 and \$540.

Diller and Kreider were the auctioneers at the complete dispersal of the 40 registered Holsteins on the Zook farm between Lancaster and Strasburg. Clarence Lyons was in charge of pedigrees.

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farming program such as dairy calf, steer, poultry, field crops, etc. The supervised farming program is of the most important phases of vocational agriculture through it a boy can actually practice what he learns in classroom, Ayers said.

For those boys who wish the opportunity and wish to pursue college training in agriculture, the county vocational Agriculture program provides a sound foundation for college work. Students with proper guidance can receive college entrance requirements.

Ayers, a June graduate of The Pennsylvania State University said, any boy who is interested in taking the Vocational Agriculture course and any parent in the Eastern area who desires information about it, are invited to contact him at high school.

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