

Warm Days Spur Spring Plowing Rains, Cold Delay Full Pasturing

Cool temperatures this week postponed complete pasturing of dairy animals, but grass was beginning to grow more rapidly than at any time in the past month.

Tobacco growers took advantage of the sunny days to sterilize beds and plant seed. Tractors ran many hours in-

to the evening with farmers pushing to finish plowing while moisture conditions permit working the soil.

Signs of spring are beginning to appear on Pennsylvania farmlands despite the excessive rainfall and need for warmer weather in some areas, the State Crop Report-

ing Service said Tuesday in its weekly crop and weather summary.

Meadows and pastures are beginning to green in northern counties, but little or no field work has been accomplished in the area. Central counties are somewhat more advanced but warmer weather is needed to get general farm activities underway. Farmers in southern counties have busied themselves with soil fitting

and planting since the last week of March but has been hindered by heavy rains. Field work was possible only a few days towards the end of last week in southern and central counties because of the inclement weather.

Plowing is about one-fourth completed throughout the state, not quite up to the progress made last year at this time.

Wet weather has also slowed oats planting. However, winter wheat and barley have benefited from the additional rainfall and are showing good growth.

Cherry, early apple and pear buds are "pushing" in the Berks-Lehigh and South Mountain areas. Bud formation is just beginning in the Erie reg-

ion and tying of grape vines is reported about one-third complete in that area. Spraying conditions are less than ideal in most orchards because of wet fields.

Planting of cobbler potatoes, early cabbage, peas and other spring vegetables continues. Harvesting of asparagus and overwintered spinach is getting underway.

Pastures and meadows are in very good condition. However, higher temperatures are needed for better growth and drying before cattle can be turned out to graze.

Heifer calves should be vaccinated against brucellosis between the ages of four and eight months. Rudimentary teats and horn buttons can be removed during the same operation to save labor time and expense of extra handling.

Test Heating Systems
James Dutt, Penn State extension vegetable specialist, urges testing of all parts of heating systems in plant-growing structures before placing any soil over the pipes and wires.

Get Sprayers Ready
A rainy spring day is a good chance to get the sprayers ready for use, say Penn State extension agricultural engineers. Replace worn nozzles, broken or damaged hoses and make other needed repairs. Calibrate the sprayer for accuracy on a warm day.

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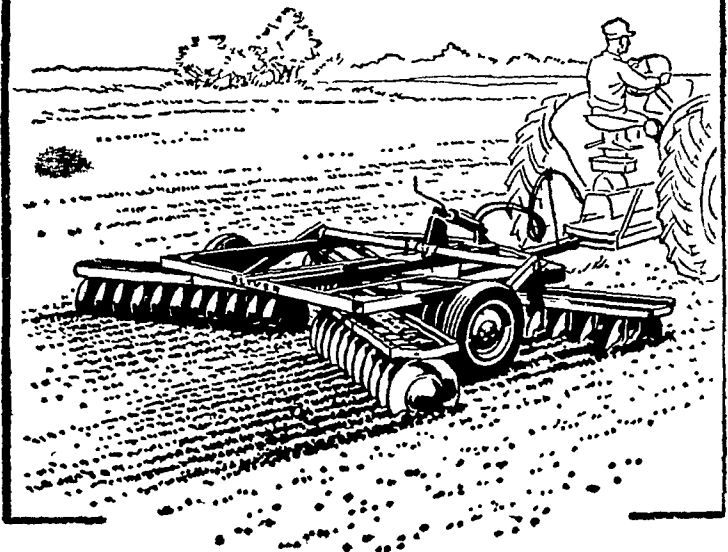
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