

Thundershowers Break Drought Rainfall Still Below Normal

Between a half and three quarters of an inch of rainfall Wednesday night brought much needed moisture to farms in the Garden Spot.

Thundershowers during much of the night broke the drought which had threatened to bring a short end to pastures and cut into hay production. Some alfalfa crops will be shorter than normal because of the dry conditions but most pastures have a new lease on life.

Corn fields sprang into life late this week as sprouted kernels pushed through the surface and made rapid growth during the warm days.

Earlier in the week the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service in its weekly report said rainfall shortage could develop to serious proportions unless there is relief fairly soon. The Lancaster weather station reported Thursday that the rain during Wednesday night was fairly general over the state.

The State Crop Reporting Service said Tuesday in its weekly crop and weather summary that lack of moisture had brought on insect infestations in southern and central portions of the Commonwealth. Farmers have stepped up spraying and dusting activities to cope with the pest.

Good yields of strawberries are expected despite some recent frost damage with first harvest about June 1. Tomato plants also injured by the recent freeze are being replaced but work has been

Milk Drinking Increase Noted First Quarter

Secretary of Agriculture Orville L. Freeman said today that total consumption of fluid milk and fluid milk products in 74 major U. S. markets during the first quarter of 1962 increased by 15 per cent over the same period a year ago.

Secretary Freeman stated "While this overall increase in milk consumption appears to be smaller than the increase in population, it does indicate that the sharp decline in per capita consumption of a year ago has been slowed down."

"This improvement is encouraging, but it does not signify that the end is in sight to the problem of dairy surpluses. Milk production is still running strongly ahead of consumption and the Commodity Credit Corporation is accumulating dairy products considerably faster than they can be used."

"While three months is too short a period to show a conclusive trend, the current increase is a gratifying indication that American consumers recognize milk and dairy products as essential components of a healthy nutritious diet."

"Since the National Conference on Milk and Nutrition in January, the Departments of Agriculture and Health, Education, and Welfare have cooperated closely in bringing to the public factual information concerning the safety and value of milk to good nutrition."

"In regular reports and public statements radio and television appearances and messages to State and city health departments and home economists, the facts have been stressed about the importance of milk to the human diet

impeded by lack of rainfall in the southeast. The aspirin crop is at its peak with a good harvest reported. Some early lettuce plantings have been

market

Tobacco seeding has been completed in and around Lancaster County and transplantings will begin shortly. Cobble potato planting is virtually finished and planting of the fall crop is well under way.

Alfalfa cover and timothy cover are reported to be in good condition. Some alfalfa

is being harvested. Hay and oats plantings are almost at the finishing stage, while corn planting is at the half-way point. Winter grains are looking good, with some spottiness reported from winter damage. Barley is short for this time of year but heading rapidly.

Most of the state's fruit crop has passed the bloom stage. Apples are in an

exceptionally good apple and peach crop. Sizing has started in the South Mountain area, and only the degree of some of sour cherries in that area is reported questionable at this time.

Pastures and meadows are in average condition. Low soil moisture has slowed up of pasture lands despite good growing weather.



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