

Moisture Still Limiting Factor On Lancaster County Farm Crops

Rainfall up to an inch in some parts of the county last week brought soil moisture supplies up to near adequate, but much of the county continued in need of more rain. Corn came up well in most sections, but farmers around the county expressed the feeling that growth was slow because of lack of rain.

of the most important farm jobs during the week with tobacco planting getting under way on many farms. Plants are in excellent condition in the county and farmers will begin moving them to the fields in volume early next week. More moisture in most sections would help tobacco get off to a better start.

Hay making ranked as one of the scattered showers last week.

Milk Control Commission Says Price Higher Than Neighbors

Pennsylvania Dairy Farmers received a blend price of \$4.65 for milk produced in the month of March 1962, a reduction of 1¢ compared with March 1961. This is 50¢ per hundredweight more than the \$4.18 for 3 1/2% milk received by dairy farmers throughout the United States shipped to Federal Order Markets.

March gross income received by Pennsylvania dairy farmers continued to show dollar increases over last year according to the Pennsylvania Milk Control Commission's Chairman, Simon K. Uhl. Uhl said dairymen earned one quarter of a million dollars more in milk sales during March 1962 over March 1961.

Dairy farmers selling milk at state controlled prices received an average of \$9.09 compared to \$7.48 earned by dairymen selling milk to out-of-state markets according to the milk commissioner.

About 32,000 dairy farmers produce milk commercially in Pennsylvania according to the Milk Commissioner. Uhl noted that state dairymen's gross income received was 27 million dollars (\$27,704,000) during March, 1962 for the production

of 592,148,926 pounds of fluid milk. An increase in March, 1962 production of 7.5 million pounds of milk over that produced in March, 1961 provided dairymen with \$263,093 additional gross income.

About 23,000 dairymen ship to Pennsylvania milk plants for Pennsylvania markets. Uhl said each farmer averaged about 18,645 pounds of milk production during March, 1962, an increase of 1,525 pounds and \$72 more than the dairymen received in March of last year.

Dairymen shipped to out-of-state and non-Pennsylvania price controlled markets received a lesser amount \$48, over last year's milk sales. The 9,600 dairymen who shipped out of state produced an average of 18,010 pounds per month and increased production an average of 1,232 pounds from March last year.

State controlled prices returned to dairymen an average of \$4.88 per 100 pounds of milk at blend prices. This compares to \$4.15 received for milk sold out of state. Thus farmers selling milk within the state received an average of 73 cents more per hundred pounds of milk.

gave only temporary relief to dry farmlands in the Commonwealth. The State Crop Reporting Service said in its weekly crop and weather roundup.

Peaches, apples and cherries are progressing well in all major production areas, although the dry spell may have an eventual effect on the size of fruits. Hail mixed with rain caused minor damage to orchards in the South Mountain area.

Strawberries are blooming throughout the state and the main crop from the south central and southeastern regions should move to market by next week. Most fresh and processing vegetable crops are doing well although there is evidence of some retardation

because of the dry period.

Cobbler potato planting is virtually completed while the fall crop is three-quarters planted. Some tobacco has been transplanted in the Lancaster County area but most seedlings are still in beds.

Oats plowing and planting activities are winding up with some of the crop reported spotty and short from lack of moisture. Corn planting is three-quarters completed, wheat is in the boot stage, and barley is heading well but short for this time of year.

Alfalfa, clover and timothy crops range from fair to good condition and some alfalfa cuttings have already been made.

Hay fields and pastures, ad-

versely affected lack of moisture, are improving over the last week's rain. Pasture burn was reported in areas of high elevation.

● Cardiac Link

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ated, or vegetable, fits individually than do their counterparts in the United Kingdom. In both countries the major part of caloric intake is from saturated fats. The comparative figures were reported by Jolliffe and Archer in 1959 in a study comparing death rates from coronary heart disease of men aged 50 to 20 countries.

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