



WHILE SOME PARTS OF Lancaster County got enough rain to remove any serious threat of drought during the last week, other portions remained in the grip of a severe water shortage. Corn in this field in the north-central part of the county is pushing tassel at barely more than three feet in height. Joan Young, Lancaster Farming secretary, holds two of the wilted leaves of the plant to show the stunted appearance and total height of the crop. L. F. Photo.

● Spotty Rains

(Continued from Page 1) with the ruling of the committee but were glad that the committee left the door open to review the situation at another meeting on July 25.

Fred G. Seldomridge, committee chairman, said the committee feels that conditions haven't reached the point to classify Lancaster County as a disaster area at this time.

The committee estimated that hay, silage and other roughages about one third of normal for this time of year and pastures only 10 per cent of the carrying capacity of last year.

Farmers wishing to report conditions to be considered at the next meeting, are asked to contact the county Agriculture

Stabilization and Conservation Office at 119 N. Queen Street, Lancaster.

Other members of the committee instigated by the U.S. Department of Agriculture are County Agent M. M. Smith and Richard Hoover, manager of the Lancaster office of the Farmers Home Administration.

Meanwhile, the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service said in its weekly report, 'All crops in Pennsylvania are in need of rain.'

With more than half of the counties in the State certified by Governor David L. Lawrence to Washington for classification as emergency disaster areas, the dry spell continued into its 10th week. Since April 1, the beginning of the growing season, rainfall has totaled about 30 per cent below nor-

mal throughout most of the Commonwealth.

Records indicate that the current dry spell is the most severe in several years, although similar occurrences were recorded during the 1950's. In the northeastern counties, particularly the Scranton area, it was the driest spring and early summer period since the turn of the century.

The fall potato crop is beginning to show the effects of the drought. Growers set up for irrigating have been

watering to the extent that in the eastern section of the state the water supply is becoming critical. The late summer crop of Cobblers is being marketed but volume movement is not expected for another week.

Dry weather has had its effect on tobacco causing some wilt in the Lancaster area. No permanent damage is expected but rain is needed soon.

Thus far, the state's fruit crop is continuing to withstand the dryness well.

Hay quality has been good but hay fields cut and seeded to millet, soybeans and sorghum showed only slight germination. Pastures are burned badly in all areas and growth has come to a halt. Farmers were busy last week with the second cutting of alfalfa. However, in some northern sections, there was little or no second crop to cut.

The state's corn crop continued to look surprisingly good despite another week of dryness.

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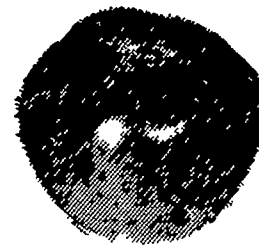
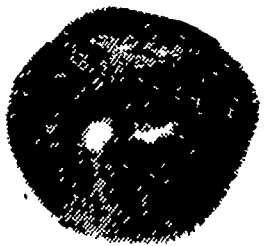


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