



PENNSYLVANIA AGRICULTURE SECRETARY Leland H. Bull, second from left, presents to Governor William W. Scranton, a dozen double yolk eggs from the state's Certified Egg Program in the Egg Month ceremony at the State Capitol. Looking on, left, H. Robert Houser, York, president, Pennsylvania Poultry Federation, and Richard I. Ammon, Trenton, N.J., Executive Sec. of NEPPCO (Northeastern Poultry Producers Council).

Crop Summary

Spring Work Is On Schedule

HARRISBURG — In its first 1963 weekly crop and weather summary on Tuesday for the week ending April 15, the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service said the state's farmers were making good use of "excellent weather conditions," and that plowing, oat planting and other spring chores were off to a good start.

Soil moisture was reported adequate to short in nearly all areas of the state, with some sections already reporting a shortage. Run-off of winter precipitation and drying spring winds contributed to this early season deficit.

Fall seeded wheat and barley looked good. Heavy snow in most areas protected these crops from the severe cold. Lack of spring rainfall has limited early growth in the central region, but in other sections good growth was reported. Pastures and meadows are also "greening up," but the cool, dry weather has retarded growth, and very few cattle have been turned out.

The severe winter was very

harsh on the over-wintered spring spinach. Lack of snow cover in the southeastern areas caused much of the crop to be frozen out. Some early plantings of cabbage, peas, lettuce and potatoes have been completed.

The weekly weather summary, prepared by N. M. Kauffman, state climatologist at the Harrisburg-York Airport, added this note:

"After a few days of 70 and 80-degree weather early in April, spring seemed to be get-

ting off to an early start. Since then, however, temperatures have been mostly several degrees below normal although bright sunny skies have continued through the month. Only brief showers have interrupted the generally fair weather pattern. During this past week mild and dry but rather windy conditions prevailed. Maximum temperature readings were mostly in the 50's and 60's while over-night lows dipped into the 40's in the southeast and into the 20's and 30's elsewhere. Rainfall during the early part of the week totaled less than .10 inch generally.

4-H Beef Show Dates Released

The annual Southeast District 4-H baby beef show and sale will be held this year on November 5 and 6 in the Lancaster Union Stockyards.

Plans were made for the two-day, four county show at a meeting Tuesday night in the exchange room of the stockyards. In the planning meeting were extension service personnel from the four counties of Chester, Dauphin, Northampton and Lancaster along with Henry Moon, assistant state 4-H leader and Lester Buidette, extension livestock specialist from the Pennsylvania State University.

Judging of the steers by breed and weight classes will be held on the morning of Nov. 6 with the sale, sponsored by the Lancaster Livestock Exchange, at 2 p.m.

At present there are 137 4-H steers on feed in the four counties.

Hardwoods Follow Pines

Penn State's School of Forestry has found that in an unused field growing back into timber, the first crop of trees will be predominately pine. Hardwoods follow with the help of squirrels, birds, and wind distributing seeds.



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Plow Contest

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Publicity: Robert H. Hartford, Phoenixville; Richard E. Denison, Leon P. Miller, O. W. Rittenhouse, and N. M. Eberly, chairman, all Harrisburg.

Safety: Richard Lighter, Gettysburg; Amos H. Funk, Millersville, Dr. Herbert Cole, Jr., University Park, and Carson F. Mertz, Harrisburg, chairman.

Contour plowing: Henry E. Warner, chairman.

Level Land plowing: Ralph E. Patterson, University Park, chairman. Grey and Rittenhouse were named a committee on related activities.

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State	Position	Bu. per acre
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Table 4B	1st	84
Table 5A	1st	164
Table 5B	1st	153
Table 6	1st	160
Table 7	2nd	109
ILLINOIS		
Table 14	1st	131.4
Table 5	3rd	135.0
Table 8	2nd	134.3
Table 9	1st	142.7
IOWA		
Table 4	1st	127.0
Table 7	3rd, tie	128.0
Table 9	2nd, tie	137.0
Table 10	2nd	142.0
Table 12	2nd	137.0
Table 5	14th, tie	120.0
NEBRASKA		
Table 5B	1st	104.0
Table 6C	1st	166.0

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