

Crop Summary Tobacco Replanting Is Started

Farmers took advantage of the damp soil to replant tobacco in early-planted fields this week. Early tobacco seems to be recovering from frost damage, but dry weather has caused poor stands in many beds, and transplanting is behind schedule.

Tobacco planting, along with hay and silage making occupied most Lancaster County farmers during the week, but haymaking was somewhat dampened by showers early in the week. Hay crops are somewhat shorter than normal, but alfalfa seems least hurt by dry weather.

Rain last week improved conditions on Keystone State farmlands but warmer weather is needed for good crop growth. Soil moisture is adequate in most sections of the commonwealth except in southern counties, according to the weekly crop and weather summary issued Tuesday by the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service.

Severe damage to all fruit in most areas from winter-kill and frost was noted, although the full extent of loss could not yet be determined. Nearly all peaches and cherries have been lost in the Erie county area except for orchards bordering Lake Erie. Reports of peach and cherry damage in southern counties vary from complete loss to very good crop.

Approximately 85 per cent of the state's corn acreage has been planted. Some early planted corn stands were yellow because of cool weather, but recent showers and warmer weather aided growth. Wheat and barley, both short strawed, were heading rapidly. Most oat fields were doing well.

Most of the vegetables hit by the freeze of May 24 have been replanted. Hardest hit were tomatoes and strawberries. Sweet corn is up in most sections. Strawberry harvest has started with good quality and fair yields. Some beets were severely frosted. Asparagus, lettuce and spinach are being harvested. Green peas are nearly all planted with harvest

expected in about two weeks.

Hay making and silo filling continued in southern areas but weather conditions were not favorable for field curing. Hay is making better growth but the first cutting will be short. Pastures improved greatly during the week and the amount of feed being obtained from pasture is nearly normal in most sections.

Weekly temperatures averaged below normal for the third consecutive week. Thunderstorms provided welcome rainfall in a number of areas. Weekly amounts were mostly in the .25 to .75 inch range.

Farm Women Donate To 3 Causes

Mrs. Neil Clark entertained the Society of Farm Women No. 1 on Saturday afternoon at her home at Spruce Villa with Mrs. C. V. Smith as co-hostess. Mrs. Abram Bollinger, the president, was in charge and the roll call was answered by the members telling of the favorite trip they had taken.

Robert Marvel of Lancaster, was the guest speaker and showed pictures of his travels through the West and Canada.

Contributions were given to Heart Haven, the Cancer Society, and to the Future Farmers of America fund to send

Kenneth Myer of Elizabethtown on a good-will tour to Europe.

Announcement was made of a tea to be held at the home of Mrs. Paul Witman, Monday, June 10, at 7:30 p.m.

County Extension workers, two new members, Mrs. John Erb and Miss Elizabeth Gibbel, were received into the Society.

The president also announced that Mary Groff, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Landis Groff, Lititz R2, would receive the prize of \$10 given by the Society to the outstanding student in the Home Economics in the Warwick Union High School.

The next meeting will be the Family picnic on Sunday,

June 30 at 1 p.m. at the Middle Creek Church Pavilion. It will be a covered dish supper.

Spruce Up
June is dairy month and the time when everyone should lend a hand to strengthen the market for dairy products, reminds Joe S. Taylor, Penn State extension dairy specialist. He believes advertising begins at home, and urges every dairyman to keep his farmstead clean, neat and attractive.

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