



New Holland Young Farmers Hold Tractor Driving Contest

By: Gene Daugherty
 Charles Martin is the Garden Spot Young Farmer Chapter's Safe Tractor Driving Champion. Charles, the son of James Martin, New Holland, R. D 1, resides at his 60 acre dairy farm near Parkesburg in Chester County. Being a member of the Garden Spot Young Farmer Chapter of New Holland, made Charles eligible to compete with the other young farmers in the Safe Tractor Driving Contest which was held at the Garden Spot High School, New Holland. Below are some of the skills that are required of each contestant:

1. Tractor inspection of fuel, oil, water, brakes, and tires.
 - 2 Starting the tractor to check neutral position, brake setting, clutch position, and throttle setting.
 - 3 Check oil pressure, ammeter reading, and temperature reading during operation
 - 4 Back the tractor to the manure spreader, spotting at drawbar, driving through an obstacle course, and backing spreader into a stall
 - 5 Hitch tractor to a four-wheel wagon, haul wagon in the course, and back into a narrow stall
 - 6 Written test on tractor selection, operation, maintenance, and safety
 - 7 Trouble shooting which a careful driver should do as he operates the tractor in a safe and efficient manner
 - 8 Identification of tractor parts
 - 9 Have considerable experience in driving a tractor
- This contest is held each year for the purpose of showing the importance of safe operation in limiting the number of farm tractor accidents that happen on our Lancaster County farms.

Crop Summary

Rain Is Welcome To Local Crop

General rains during the week brought some relief to drought stricken crops in the county, but many areas are still too dry for good crop growth and dry subsoil prevents rapid growth of pastures and hay crops

While most tobacco crops will benefit from the rains, many of the County's corn crops are too near maturity to be helped a great deal. Newy seeded alfalfa fields will make good use of the moisture, but need more to become well established before frost

Topping of early tobacco is under way and some very early crops are being harvested, but maturity is lagging. Many county farmers are eyeing school opening only a few days away when they will lose much

of their harvest help

Heavy showers in western and northern counties during the week ended August 19 helped ease drought conditions in those areas, according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service

Since April 1, rainfall has been below normal in all sections of the state, the PCRS reported. Deficiencies range from half an inch at Montrose to nearly 12 inches at Lancaster.

Fall plowing is under way in southern counties where soil conditions permit, and a few fields have been seeded with barley

Second cutting of alfalfa is nearing completion, and the third cutting has been started in the south. Growth of all hay crops has been limited by the dry weather. In some instances stands were too short to be cut

Corn is progressing well in the north, with prospects of an excellent crop. Cool weather during the week helped slow growth in southern counties

The vegetable harvest is progressing in all areas. Tomatoes generally are small, with many off grade. The fall crop of cabbage is heading and looks good. Snap bean quality remains good, with a very good crop reported in Potter County

Late maturing potatoes need rain for sizing. The harvest of Cobblers is about half completed

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A Great DAIRYMAN and FEEDMAN

ALTHOUGH HE retired several years ago as manager of the dairy feed division, of one of the National Feed Co., D. H. (Dan) Van Pelt, of Kinderhook, N.Y., still closely observes the pulse of the dairy and feed businesses as consultant for D. E. Horn & Co., York, Pa.

IN MY 37 YEARS of work with people engaged in the feed business, Van Pelt is one of the very few who possess a gifted knowledge of dairying and salesmanship. Over a span of



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Hilltop Farm, Spartanburg, S. C.

IN 1914, WITH characteristic foresight, and visioning a great future for the livestock feed business, Van Pelt made the quite natural transition to that field. In the years that followed, many well-known feed manufacturers benefited from his services.

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