

Crop Summary

Wet Weather Slows Spring Plowing

HARRISBURG — Cool, wet weather has delayed spring planting and new growth on Pennsylvania farms but growers regard the contract from the past two years of drought with a decided air of optimism. The March farm report issued today by the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service in the State Department of Agriculture noted also that winter grains and grasses are greening up and generally are in good condition. Maple sugar camps continued active in early April. Wheat has benefited from a generous winter snow cover and is expected to average 29 bushels per acre. Corn on hand totaled nearly 20 million bushels, or 2 million under a year earlier. Barley stocks were off, but oats, totaling 12,634,000 bushels, topped the corresponding 1963 figure by 41 per cent. Farm wage rates continued to advance. With room and board they averaged \$147 a month, up \$7 from a year ago. With-house rates averaged \$204, up \$3. Hourly rates without room and board were up 3 cents to \$113.

It was in Pennsylvania that the first shot of the French and Indian War was fired—by the order of 21-year-old Col. George Washington!

Our Customers Are Our Best Salesmen



Keystone Hatchery
2556 Creek Hill Rd.
LANCASTER
Ph. Leola OL 6-7851



The Most Famous Name In Corn
Pfister Associated Growers
Lititz, Pa.
Phone 626-8808

Hen Numbers Show Decrease

HARRISBURG — Layers in Pennsylvania poultry flocks at the end of March were down to 145 million, lowest number on hand for the month since 1941, according to the Crop Reporting Service in the State Department of Agriculture.

Cullings were down to 3 per cent, and pullet replacements totaled only 2 per cent or about half the usual rate. But pullets 3 months to laying age accounted for 76 per cent of commercial flocks, or well above average.

Average rate of lay, at 19.16 eggs per bird, was 3 per cent above a year earlier and the highest for March since 1959.

Eggs produced in March totaled 279 million, same as a year ago, but 10 per cent above February.

In spite of Easter demands, the average price received for eggs in the state slipped down

a penny to 37 cents a dozen. With feed prices remaining high, the egg-feed price ratio fell to 9.9, the lowest March ratio since 1957.

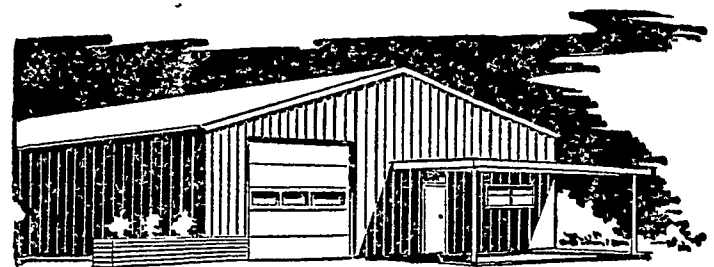
Wait Awhile

Don't let a few warm days push you into the garden while the soil is too wet to work, warns Lynn Smith, The Pennsylvania State University extension floriculturist. Working wet soil puddles it and when dried out, it stays hard all summer.

Frequent Soil Tests Needed
Crops are continually withdrawing plant nutrients from the soil which means there is a lowering of available nutrients. For this reason, soil should be tested at least once in a rotation if the rotation takes place every three to four years, points out James W. Paterson, extension agronomist at The Pennsylvania State University. It may even be practical to test some soils every one or two years, he says.

LOOK to SHARON

FOR THE ANSWER TO YOUR INDUSTRIAL . . . COMMERCIAL BUILDING NEEDS



- *Sturdy, Clear Span Framing
- *Exclusive Trim Feature
- *Attractive . . . Colorful
- *Simple To Erect

*Reasonable Package Prices
CALL US . . . WE WILL GLADLY DISCUSS YOUR NEEDS . . . NO OBLIGATION

CALEB M. WENGER

R. D. 1 Drumore Center KI 8-2116 QUARRYVILLE, PA.

SPRAYING Service

Dairy Barns
Poultry Houses

CARBOLA

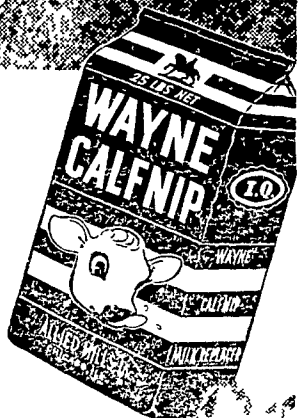
- Disinfecting White Paint
- Dries White
- Disinfects Against Disease
- Kills Flies; 90% Less Cobwebs 8 to 10 Mo.

DISINFECT
POULTRY HOUSES
6 Witmer Rd., R4, Lanc.
Maynard Beitzel
Phone 392-7227

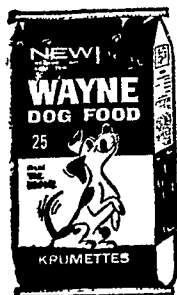


Costs Less To Feed Than Milk!

- Easy to Mix - Easy to Feed
- Looks like Milk - Stay Mixed!
- Reduces Digestive Upsets
- A More Uniform Ration
- A Successful Dairymen Says: "Calnap enables me to control scours"



...also ideal for Pigs and other small animals



J. K. STAUFFER & SON
Lawn and Bellare

HERSHEY BROS.
Reinholds

GRUBB SUPPLY CO.
Elizabethtown

ROHRER'S MILL
R. D. 1, Ronks

POWL'S FEED SERVICE
R. D. 1, Quarryville
R. D. 2, Peach Bottom

MILLERSVILLE SUPPLY CO.
Millersville

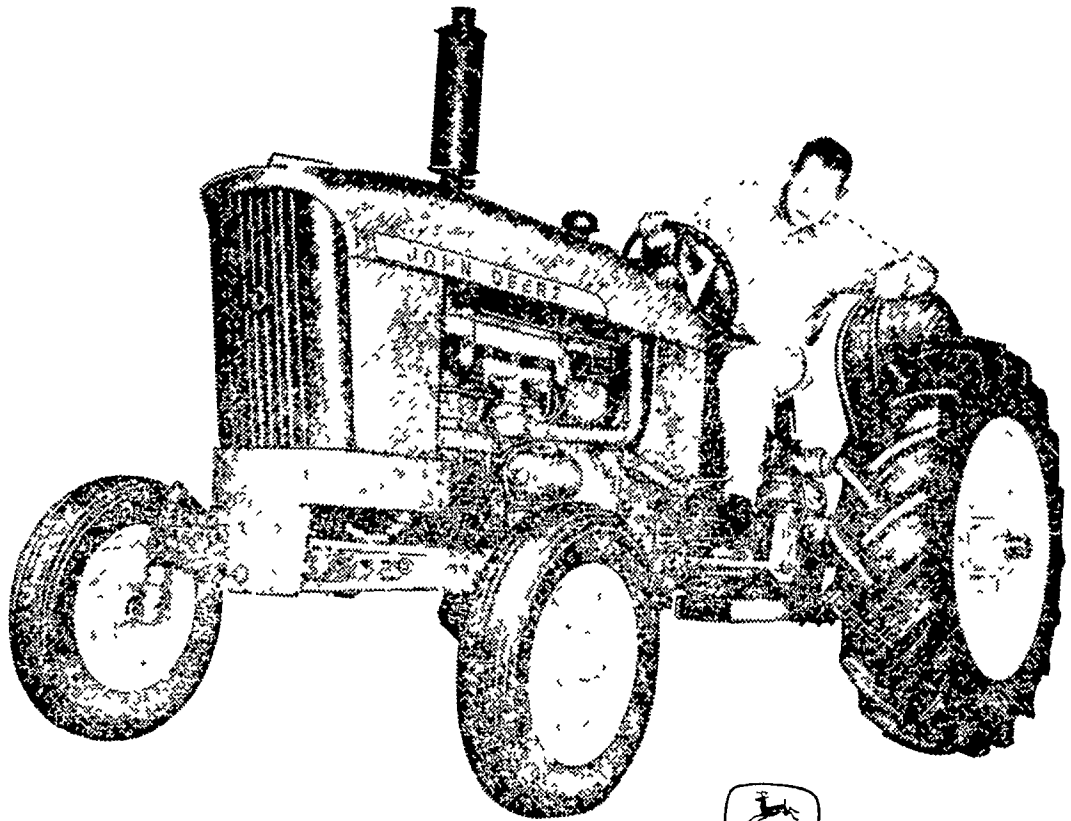
C. E. SAUDER & SONS
R. D. 1, East Earl

DUTCHMAN FEED MILLS, INC.
R. D. 1, Stevens

MOUNTVILLE FEED SERVICE
R. D. 2, Columbia

H. M. STAUFFER & SONS, INC.
Witmer - Ronks - Leola

Quality at a NEW LOW PRICE!



John Deere 36 h.p. 1010 Special Row-Crop Utility

See Us For A Demonstration

- | | |
|---|---|
| Alan Beyer
Christiana LY 3-5687 | Wenger Implement Co.
Buck BU 4-4467 |
| A. B. C. Groff, Inc.
New Holland 354-8001 | H. S. Newcomer & Son
Mt. Joy 653-3361 |
| Landis Bros. Inc.
Lancaster 393-3906 | Shotzberger's
Elm 665-2141 |
| M. S. Yearsley & Sons
West Chester 696-2090 | |

