

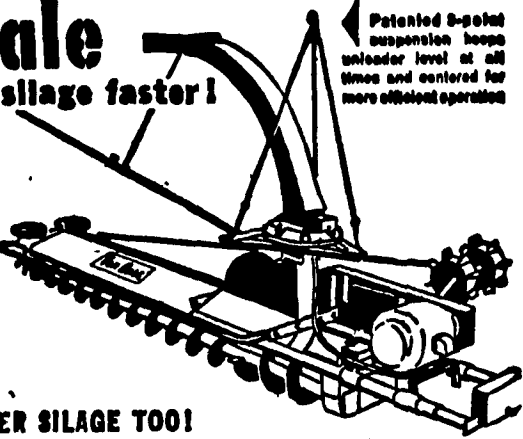
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Crop Roundup

The outlook for many fall crops, including later plantings of corn, is somewhat improved in some parts of the state as a result of weekend rains, according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Serv-

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ice. The showers provided much needed relief in many sections of the state—except the extremely dry south central area, and came just in time for continuation of growth of corn, which had started to dry out again. The showers should improve pasture and

hay prospects also. Cutting of corn for silage is getting into full swing throughout much of the state. Other major farm activities during the week included plowing and preparing seedbeds for fall seeded grains, picking tomatoes and peaches, cutting tobacco and digging potatoes.

CORN

Above normal temperatures last week dried out soils and the corn in many fields started to wilt again. Weekend rains in many areas should give a final boost to corn intended for silage. Cutting of corn for ensilage is underway in most southern and central counties, with much of the crop normally harvested for grain now diverted to silage this year.

GRAINS

Oat harvest still lingers on in a few extreme northern counties, but is practically completed state-wide. Plowing and working ground for fall seedings is well advanced in central and southern counties, with sowing of barley just getting started. Plowing was delayed in some areas because of hard and dry ground.

HAY AND PASTURES

Growth of hay fields and pastures was improved by mid-August rains, but continued hot, dry weather soon halted development. Growth should be improved in many areas by recent showers. The amount of feed being obtained from pasture is still below normal throughout the state, with supplemental feeding still common in most areas. The second crop of alfalfa has been made in most areas, with chances for a good third crop slightly improved now.

FRUIT

Picking of Elberta and other late varieties of peaches is nearing peak in the important Adams-Franklin-York area and is just getting started in the Berks-Lehigh area. The fruit is small but quality is good. Harvest of early apples continues in all areas. Sizing of the later, more important varieties is slow to start, with harvest to get underway shortly. Grapes are still making favorable progress in Erie County, with an above average crop expected. They are coloring fast, and harvest is expected to start at the end of September.

OTHER CROPS

Tobacco cutting is underway in Lancaster County where growth has been very uneven. Nearly one-third of the crop has been harvested. Weekend rains should help potato sizing in the north, where moisture was limited. Harvest of tomatoes for processing continues, with small size and fair to poor quality in most areas. Blossom end rot and cracking are troubling many growers and processors.

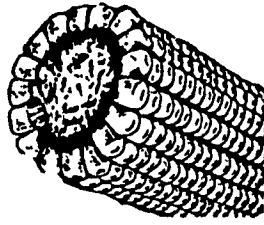
Two County Banks Announce Merger

As of September 1, 1966, the First-Columbia National Bank of Columbia became known as the Columbia Office of the Lancaster County Farmers National Bank of Lancaster. Merger of the two institutions was approved recently by the Comptroller of the Currency in Washington, D. C. Stockholders of the Columbia bank will receive three and one-quarter shares of County Farmers Bank stock for each one share of First-Columbia.

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