

# Crop Roundup

## RAIN CONTINUES TO HINDER FIELD WORK

For the second week in a row, Pennsylvania farmers were unable to accomplish much field work because of rains which lasted nearly all week, according to the State Crop Reporting Service. Field work was mainly limited to silo filling between showers. Soil moisture supplies are considered adequate for present requirements in practically all sections of the Commonwealth. In some areas, where heaviest rainfall has occurred, fields are very muddy, and reports indicate a surplus supply of soil moisture.

## CORN

Silo filling continued when possible during the week, and is about 70 percent completed throughout the State. Some frosted corn has been ensiled, with other frosted corn due to go into silos this week. Nearly 40 percent of the State's crop is still not mature, and further frost damage is possible.

## SMALL GRAINS

Although weather conditions hindered the planting of barley and wheat, the rain was very beneficial to the early plantings. Most early fields that are up have very good stands, and are making good growth. Barley sowing is nearly 75 percent completed, and should be completed shortly

if weather conditions permit.

## HAY AND PASTURE

Recent rains improved the condition of hay fields, but were unfavorable for hay making. Most farmers who harvest hay fields again will make silage, rather than gamble with uncertain weather. Pastures have greened up considerably, but need warm weather to improve growth. The amount of feed being obtained from pasture is normal to below normal in most areas.

## POTATOES AND TOBACCO

Wet fields have kept most potato growers from harvesting late potatoes, but as soon as soil conditions permit, digging should get into full swing. Yield and size are better on the late crop, since

## Diverted Acres May Be Grazed Starting Oct. 1

Any of the approximately 590 Lancaster County farmers participating in the 1966 commodity diversion programs may now start grazing diverted

acres, according to county ASCS chairman Fred G. Seldomridge.

With the end of the six-month, no-grazing provision October 1, there will be no loss of program benefits for those who graze their diverted acres.

However, Seldomridge cautioned, this program relaxation regarding the use of acreage applies only to grazing the acres diverted from commodity production. Hay on such acres still may not be harvested.

Land diverted under the Conservation Reserve Program may not be either grazed or harvested through the whole year.

growth has been stimulated by recent rains. In many areas of the State, vines are still green and growing, with vine killer not taking effect because of the weather conditions. Tobacco cutting is nearly completed in Lancaster County and should be finished this week. Earlier rains helped the late crop considerably. Most reports indicate that the crop is curing well.

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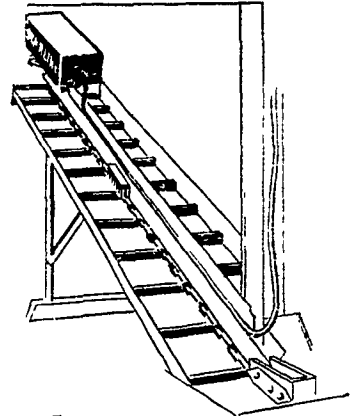


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