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**Tobacco Fungi
To Be Studied**

Fungi and their toxin-producing potential on tobacco leaves will be identified and examined by scientists at the University of Kentucky Research Foundation, Lexington, under an \$89,020 contract awarded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The two-year study will involve: identification of fungi that may produce toxic products on tobacco leaves, definition of the environmental conditions that influence toxin production, and isolation and description of the toxic compounds with an explanation of their possible actions.

The biological effects of the compounds on laboratory animals also will be studied.

Further evaluations will be made of the effects of pH, temperature, nutrients, and age of the fungi upon potential toxin production.

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Crop Roundup

Recent showers spurred continued growth of crops, according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service. Cultivation of corn for weeds and grass, along with hay making when possible, were the major field activities during the week. Other activities included spraying of crops for weeds and insects, silo filling, and green chopping livestock feed. High humidity and temperatures along with showers during the week held field work to a slow pace. Soil moisture supplies are reported near adequate in most areas.

GRAINS

Corn utilized the recent rains to make growth. Stands are generally good, with cultivation underway. Barley is coloring rapidly, with harvest expected to start later than usual. Lodging is severe in some areas. Wheat continues to head, and shows some lodging, but a good crop is expected. Oats are heading in the south on short straw, with the moisture received expected to well fill the heads.

HAY

Hay making proceeded very slowly during the week, with conditions poor for drying. Second cutting hay crops are making good use of the moisture received.

VEGETABLES

Late summer cabbage is

growing well with some limited quantities being harvested. Early fall cabbage is being planted now. Snap beans are growing well with some early plantings in bloom. Strawberry harvest continues as northern areas are picking. Pea harvest continues as later plantings in northern areas reach maturity. Sweet corn is making good growth and in some areas early plantings are knee high. Tomato plants are bushing out and beginning to blossom profusely.

growth during the week due to recent rains, and early planted potatoes are blooming. Spraying and cultivation continues. Excessive rainfall in scattered areas caused some fields to wash badly.

TOBACCO

Transplanting of tobacco in Lancaster County is nearly 90 percent complete — about 10 days later than normal. Excessive rainfall in scattered areas of the county covered, or washed out, numerous plants. Growers report some cut worm damage.

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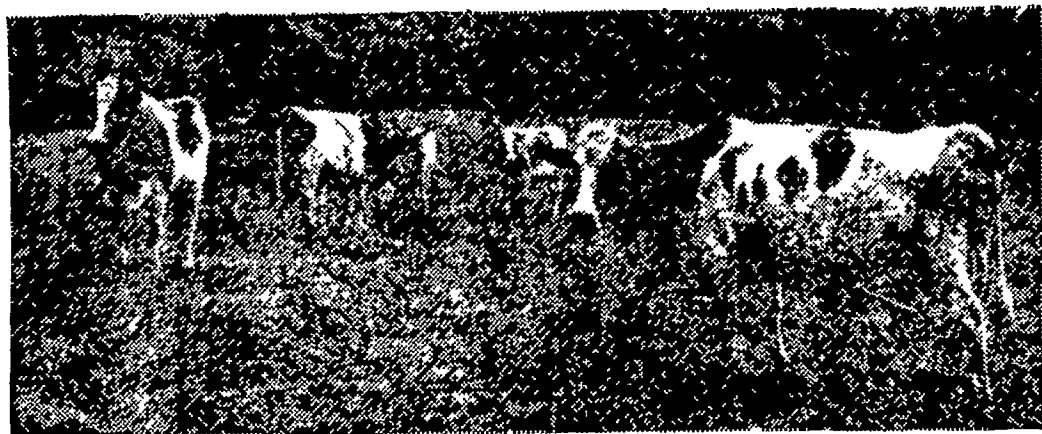
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