

Drought Being Felt Across Pa.

The post-Agnes drought was interrupted briefly over the weekend with violent thunderstorms. But the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service says the much needed rain ran off fast, creating additional crop damage

while failing to raise the level of topsoil moisture.

More than three-fourths of the data collecting stations in the state now report that water supplies are short compared with just two-thirds a week earlier.

Through the spring rain, tropical storm and the post-flood periods, plowing was slowed or stopped because fields were too soggy to support equipment. Now plowing is hampered because the soil is hard and crusty.

Adding to the drought conditions was the first warmer than normal week since mid-July. Over half of the stations reported highs in the 90's while the balance were in the mid-to-high 80's.

Crop development is being slowed by the lack of water.

9th Pa. All-American Dairy Show Slated for Sept. 25-29

Dairy farmers, their herdsmen and showmen will be working around the clock primping their prize cattle in hopes of bringing home a bigger share of the rewards being offered in some 227 classes at the Ninth Annual Pennsylvania All-American Dairy Show.

The All-American opens Monday, September 25, 1972, for a five-day stand at the Farm Show dairy barns and main arena.

Although the ribbons, rosettes, banners and cash premiums are much sought after by the dairymen, the opportunity to come home with a real bundle of money exists in the Pennsylvania All-American Invitational Breed Sales.

There are four sales in all on consecutive days through Thursday, September 28. Each is hosted by a state breed association and last year's sales brought a total of \$180,000 in spirited bidding.

Last year's sales also produced a new record for a single animal at a public auction in Pennsylvania. Peters Farm ABC Ivanhoe, a seven-month-old bull calf consigned by Emil G. Peters, Port Matilda, Centre County, brought \$41,000 from a Central Pennsylvania syndicate of dairy breeders.

The Pennsylvania Holstein Association has located another bull calf for the 1972 sale, a paternal brother of Peters Farm ABC Ivanhoe, and sale officials believe he could bring half again as much as his illustrious half-brother. Both were sired by the famous Osborndale Ivanhoe.

The Pennsylvania Ayrshire Breeders Association will be joining the line-up of breed sales for the first time at this year's dairy show. Other groups also holding sales are the Pennsylvania State Brown Swiss Association and the Pennsylvania Jersey Cattle Club, Inc.

The Brown Swiss will be the first to go under the hammer at 7 p.m., Monday, followed by the Ayrshires at 1 p.m. Wednesday

and the Holsteins at 6 p.m., Thursday. All sales are conducted in the small arena at the Farm Show.

Clair S. Eberly Gets Victor Weaver Post

Clair S. Eberly, R.D.2, East Earl, has been named to the position of operations supervisor of Denver Wood Products, Inc. a subsidiary of Victor F. Weaver, Inc., New Holland.


Eberly, a native of Lancaster County, joined the Weaver organization in 1963 as an employee in the Fresh Processing division. In 1965, he was promoted to the position of Assistant Foreman in the Packing Department, and in 1967 became Assistant Supervisor of Weaver's Fresh and Frozen Packing and Chilling division. Since 1969, Eberly has been associated with Broiler Growers, Inc. a subsidiary of Weaver, as a flock serviceman responsible for the broiler grow out operations which supply the parent company.

In his new position, Eberly will be responsible for the daily operations and sales of Denver Wood Products Incorporated, which provides wood shavings for broiler and cattle industries in southern Pennsylvania.

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