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Standholders and customers at Root's Country Market and Auction have been treated to a summer of outdoor business. The market's main building burned down in June and is now being rebuilt.



The interior of the new main building at Root's Country Market and Auction is expected to be filled with standholders and customers in the next three to four weeks.



Stands at Root's were loaded on Tuesday with homegrown produce.

Root's Mkt. Recovering From Fire

It's been business pretty much as usual at Root's Country Market and Auction ever since fire destroyed the main building and 80 stands on June 28.

Standholders and shoppers have been treated to an outdoor market place during a summer which has been good for outdoor shopping, if not necessarily for crops.

Stands this past Tuesday were, however, loaded with lots of homegrown concord grapes, plums, celery, canteloupe and sweet corn and other produce.

Construction is well along on the new main building. Abraham Root, who owns the auction, told LANCASTER FARMING that it will be another three or four weeks until the stands are all under a roof again. "We're trying to beat the cold weather," Root said, "and the way construction has been going I'm sure we're going to make it."

Root said the new building will be almost exactly the same size as the burned out structure. He added, however, that some of the stands have been eliminated so the aisles could be made a little wider.

In S.E. Pennsylvania

Last Week's Rains Didn't Dent Drought

Drought continues to plague the southeastern part of the state. Some rain fell this past week, but farmers throughout Lancaster, Lebanon and Chester Counties reported getting only a half-inch or less.

John Yokum, manager of the Southeast Research Center in Landisville, said Thursday that the rains earlier this week had very little effect on crops at the research farm. "There simply

wasn't enough rain to do any real good. We measured only three-tenths of an inch, and we needed at least a good inch," Yokum explained.

Late planted tobacco at the farm could do well if it gets enough rain in the next ten days or so, and if the frost holds off. "Our normal date for frost is October 10," Yokum said, "but in the last few years we haven't been hit until later. There's still a possibility that yields from some tobacco fields could be helped by rain."

On the subject of silage corn, Yokum said that most of the early corn is going into the full dent stage right now. "Once it gets that far, more water isn't going to help. Silage yields from early corn aren't going to be hurt too much. The plants are near normal height, because of the rain we had in the early part of the growing season. One bad point, though, at least here at the research farm, is that the ear tips aren't filling out too well."

A portion of the early corn crop hasn't done well, though, because the rains in June and July leached a lot of nitrogen from the soil.

Often, silage gas is a problem when a period of wet weather is

followed by a long dry spell such as we've had. Asked if silo gas would be a special problem this summer, Yokum said, "You've always got to be careful, of course. When the ground is wet, corn plants absorb a lot of

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Farm Calendar

Tuesday, Sept. 19

7:30 p.m. - Garden Spot Young Farmer meeting, vo-ag room, Garden Spot High School.

8:00 p.m. - Ephrata Young Farmer meeting, vo-ag room, Ephrata High School

NEPPCO Convention, Concord Hotel, Kiamesha Lake, N.Y. Sept. 19-22.

Wednesday, Sept. 20

7:30 p.m. - 4-H roller skating party, Overlook Skating Rink, Lititz Pike, Lancaster. Open to everyone.

Southern Lancaster Co. Fair, Quarryville, Sept. 20-22.

Friday, September 22

Third annual Pennsylvania State Grange weekend conference, Edgewater Acres, Sept. 22-24.

Solanco Fair Schedule

Wednesday, September 20

10 a.m. - Judging Dairy Cattle and various other judging

7:30 p.m. - Formal Opening of the Fair

8 p.m. - Talent Contest and Crowning of the Harvest Queen

Thursday, September 21

10 a.m. - Lancaster County FFA Judging Contest

12:30 p.m. - County-wide Tractor Driving Contest, 4-H, FFA and Open Class

1 p.m. - Swine Judging

6:30 p.m. - Baby Beef Judging

8 p.m. - Tug-of-War Contest

Friday, September 22

10 a.m. - Baby Parade

2 p.m. - Fat Hog and Baby Beef Sale

6:30 p.m. - Parade

9 p.m. - Rural Youth Awards



First Place After All!

Echoes of the 20th Olympiad sounded here this week when Lancaster County's dairy judging team was awarded top place in the State 4-H Days competition at Penn State. The contest was held the week of August 7, and the local team had placed second, by a scant four points, to a team from Tioga County. It was discovered later, however, that one of the Tiogans had attended college, a fact which automatically

disqualified him from the competition. Therefore, the entire Tioga County team was disqualified, and the records were changed to show that Lancaster County's team won the top award. Team members, left to right, are: Robert Hess, and Richard Hess, both from Strasburg R1, Marlene Harbold, Elizabethtown R1, and Gary Akers, Quarryville R1.

Lancaster County Fair Schedule

Quarryville Fair
Ephrata Fair
Lampeter Fair
New Holland Fair
Manheim Fair

September 20-22
September 26-30
September 27-29
October 4-7
October 11-13