

Young Farmers Discuss

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lets the farmer know what germination percentage of seed he is buying.

Stesslow explained that certified seed is of a benefit to the farmer since pure seed (99.8 percent) insures that the seed will be of top quality with no noxious weeds, or other crops seed contained.

"It should be noted," Stesslow stated, "that the weed concentration should be checked on seed as although some may be only in .05 percentage it may

grow thick and quickly like pig weed."

Reist reinforced Stesslow's comments by explaining that certified seeds often cut back on the amount of disease in small grains.

Stesslow then explained some of the workings of the State Certified Seed Division, showing slides of various certified growing areas in the state.

"We have five seed inspectors that work during the summer along with

myself and Luke Burkhardt, a field inspector," Stesslow explained.

The inspectors visit the various certified seed dealers in the state to insure that their crops are without disease and meet the standards for sale.

The State Seed Certification and Analysis Division is funded by the general state fund with some money coming from the taxpayer himself. It is an extension of the Department of Agriculture in the State of Pennsylvania.

Commenting on the economics of growing cer-

tified seed, Henry Reist explained that there had been no great increase in growers wanting to raise seed for certification.

"It is not a business which brings in a lot and we have seen no great increase in growers who are interested," Reist explained. "We usually stay with our present growers, calling them each year to see if they are still interested."

"We do have standards which we keep in mind when selecting growers," Reist stated, "we insist that the growers have clean fields, clean equipment, spread no

manure on the fields and we supply the grain."

Reist did tell the audience however, that anyone wishing to begin growing certified seeds were welcome to inquire further on the matter.

The young farmer program at the Elizabethtown High School is under the direction of James Green, agriculture instructor.

York Co. 4-H Pig Club

The York County 4-H Pig Club held a meeting June 3 at the home of vice president, Nathan Sheffer. Wayne Bankert, president, gave a demonstration on clipping and washing a market hog. Peggy Brown, the leader, discussed the proper procedure for showing a hog. A question and answer period followed the demonstrations.

During the business meeting, Tony Doborsky, extension agent, discussed numerous upcoming events. The annual pork barbeque will be held June 14 at Elicker's Grove. The July 4-H Pig round-up is scheduled for July 7 at Sechrist Auction, Stewartstown. Members will be receiving more information by mail. The judges for this round-up will be Terry Shearer and George Dutrey. A motion was made by Steve Trostle to have the "Nickels for Profit" program enforced by deducting from members checks at the round-up. It was also announced that the County Pork Producers are offering junior memberships to 4-H members for the fee of \$1.00 per year.

A discussion was held and temporary plans were made for the Club members to have a booth at the York Fair to promote the 4-H Pig Club.

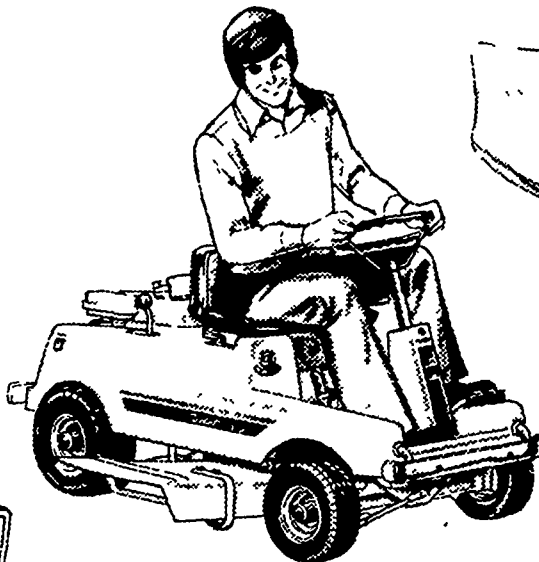
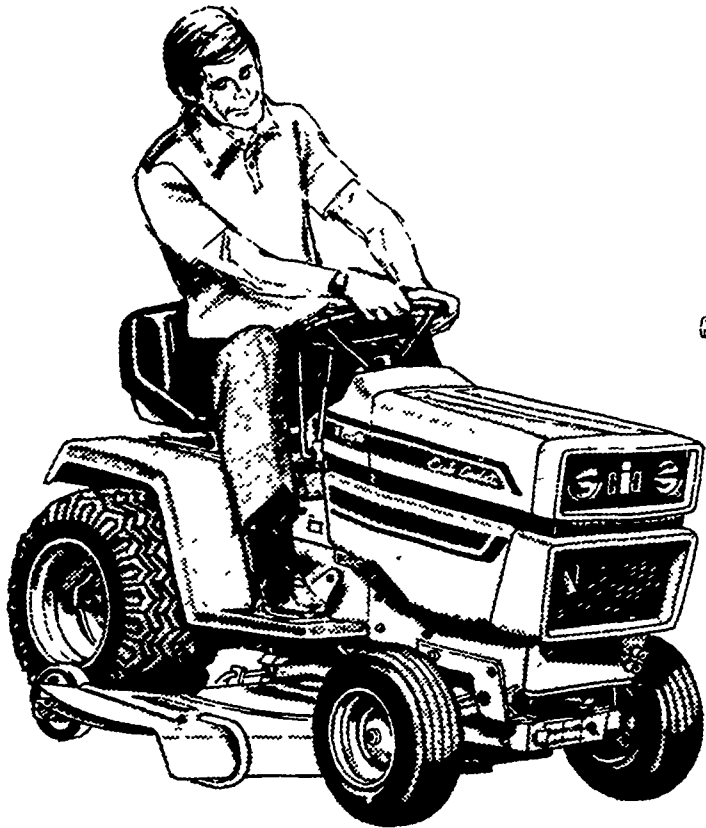
Growing Degree Days

In Lancaster County for the week ending June 9, 1975, the average temperature for the week was 67 degrees or two degrees under the normal average for this time of year. Growing degree days for 50 degrees numbered 663 and for 40 degrees numbered 1235. Rainfall for the week totaled at 1.79 inches and from April 1st. 11.06 inches.

Weather Summary
After nearly two weeks of unseasonably warm and humid conditions, the Pennsylvania weather picture turned considerably cooler and wet during the week. Cloudy and damp conditions combined with a northwest breeze kept temperatures 4-6 degrees below normal and 6 degrees lower than the previous week. Daily high readings remained largely in the 60's and 70's while lows dipped into the 40's and 50's most nights. Philadelphia reached 82 degrees Friday afternoon while Montrose recorded 41 Saturday morning. Active weather systems throughout much of the week brought a variety of weather to the Keystone State. High winds, funnel clouds, even a tornado in Beaver County, severe thunderstorms with hail up to 1 inch in diameter and heavy rain were most noteworthy. 1-2 inches rainfall in 12 hours was reported Wednesday night in numerous areas with frequent thunderstorms throughout the period. Weekly rainfall ranged from 1.0 inch in the Pittsburgh area to 3.5 inches in several central counties. Most sections received 2.0-2.5 inches for the wettest week since the end of August.

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