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Combines rolled again this week after frequent interruptions by rain.

Area wheat farmers cautioned

EPHRATA - Pennsylvania's wheat harvest is at a critical stage. In most areas of the state wheat is being marketed heavily and is of excellent quality. But this has not been the case in Southeastern Pennsylvania where continual wet weather has hampered harvesting and added to the potential for scab and sprout damage. In addition there may be some withholding by farmers in trying to sweat out the full implications of another Russian grain purchase. To assist growers in attempting to identify wheat scab, Penn Ag Industries Association has extracted the following material from a USDA book entitled Plant Diseases. While scab can

occur on other grains, this reference only applies to wheat.

"Fusarium head blight, or scab (or tombstone) is a disease of wheat which occurs most frequently in the eastern and central Corn Belt in humid areas. The head blight develops at any stage from kernel formation to ripening of the grain.

Infection occurs in the flowers and then spreads up and down the spike. The diseased part of the head soon turns a straw color. Frequently pink mold growth develops around the base of the flower and cements the chaff to the grain. The kernels are shrivelled, white or gray and show a rough scabby sur-

face.

"The fungus grows into the kernels and makes the starch floury, discolored and partly changed to sugars. The proteins are partly broken down into soluble nitrogen compounds. Some of the fats become rancid because of the formation of fatty acids. New compounds are produced that cause

acute vomiting in hogs, dogs and man, but do not affect sheep, cattle or mature poultry. 5 percent infected grain can cause vomiting in hogs. Scabbed kernels in grain therefore should not be processed into human food or used to feed swine. Scabbed kernels can readily be separated from sound

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Lid scarcity scaring orchardmen

By Dieter Krieg

HANOVER — Orchardmen in western York County and eastern Adams County report that they may have approximately 10 percent more fruit to handle this year, as opposed to a year ago, but that doesn't mean they'll make more money - or even as much of it. Why? Because, like those engaged in other segments of agriculture, they are caught between rising costs and a price structure which gives them "whatever somebody wants to pay."

Furthermore, the fruit growers claim they are victims of the so-called "canning - lid shortage or conspiracy," since sales will decrease drastically if housewives can't find the materials to do their canning. The recent increase in sugar prices - just in time for the canning season - may also hamper sales a bit. Production costs, meanwhile, have risen 20 percent.

Stuart Lucabaugh, an Adams County grower who has been in business since 1948, says he can't see

any reason why his costs should be going up so much while prices he's receiving are coming down. He added that orchardmen should receive the same price as last year. Sweet cherries, for example, sold for 20 cents a pound a year ago, compared to 10 cents per pound this year. In grocery stores the going rate is around 79 cents per pound. Lucabaugh said the price of cherries may go up to 12 or 15 cents a pound later this year.

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Soil conservation day held

By Dieter Krieg
COLUMBIA — The Soil Conservation District held its annual field day here last Tuesday on what turned out to be one of the most perfect days of the year. Instead of showers, or sweltering heat,

the weatherman came through with clear blue skies, abundant sunshine, and high temperature of 83 degrees.

Held at the Howard Long farm, the field day featured a plowing contest, land

judging competition, and even a pig and rooster chase. Approximately 40 persons were present for the activities.

Capturing first places in contour plowing and level land plowing were Frank

Burkhart and Richard Binkley, respectively. Burkhart, from Silver Springs Road, Lancaster, amassed 495 points in his bid for qualification to the state plowing contest which takes place next month at the Ag

Progress Days in Mercer County. The Lancaster County farmer is no stranger to state competition, having been there last year and in 1970, coming back both times with state honors. Second place, with 461 points went to

Glenn Burkholder of Washington Boro.

Binkley, Columbia R2, tallied 458 points in the level land plowing event, followed by Harvey Sauder of New Holland with 420 points. The

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Ray Moyer

Lebanon youth enjoys dairy projects

LEBANON - Ray Moyer is a Lebanon County youth who has been interested in dairy operations since he first began FFA project work three years ago.

Ray, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Moyer, Lebanon R4, helps out on his parents dairy farm where

they are presently milking some 65 head of Holsteins.

"My brothers had dairy projects before me and I guess it was just natural that I should chose it too."

Along with taking the dairy projects, Ray has been a member of the dairy judging team from Cedar

Crest High School that competed for honors at State FFA Days and has won county and state awards for his dairy record books.

The Lebanon County youth has shown his dairy animals at the Lebanon Fair and at several district and regional shows. A member of the

Cedar Crest 4-H Dairy Club also, Ray has also taken heifer and cow projects in that area.

Although dairying has been his primary interest, Ray also enjoys raising corn for FFA work. Last year the young man planted five acres of corn and used it as

feed later in the season.

Ray recently represented Cedar Crest High School and Lebanon County at the National FFA Leadership Convention held in Washington, D.C. Since he will be serving his chapter as the sentinel next year, Ray appreciated the opportunity

to learn more leadership skills at the event.

"I enjoyed the program," Ray noted, "but I especially enjoyed meeting the national officers and people from other states."

"We not only learned about leadership for FFA but

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