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EVENING

SAT., MAY 22 — 1:00 P.M.
— 7:00 P.M.

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Crops revitalized by rain

HARRISBURG — Five days during the week ending May 17 were suitable for fieldwork, according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service.

Crops now up are short and show little growth. Some emerged oats and corn were beginning to dry up, though recent precipitation has revitalized these crops.

Plowing was minimal last week as attention turned to planting corn. Spring plowing is now 93 per cent completed, two weeks ahead of last year's 79 per cent. Most of the plowing to be

done is in the northern counties.

The state's oats crop is virtually sown, about nine days ahead of 1975. Only a small portion remains to be done in the north. The emerged oats appear stunted due to lack of soil moisture.

Potatoes are now 79 per cent planted, a week ahead of last year. Progress in the north is at 68 per cent, central counties at 78 per cent, and in the south, 91 per cent.

Corn planting, at 53 per cent done, is five days ahead of last year's 32 per cent. The south is furthest along at 68 per cent while central and northern areas show 63 and 24 per cent respectively. Northern and central operators fear some replanting may be needed

due to drought conditions and frost.

Barley and wheat continue to develop a week ahead of last year. Barley is 34 per cent headed compared with 13 per cent in 1975. Southern counties show two-thirds headed. Wheat is 48 per cent in boot and six per cent headed compared to 23 per cent with negligible heading last year. No headed wheat is reported in northern counties. For both crops, heading has occurred on short straw.

Condition of alfalfa and clo-tim hay stands is rated only fair, poorer than usual for this date. About eight per cent of the first cutting of alfalfa has been made, all for haylage. Operators fear short supplies unless the crops soon receive moisture.

A lower amount of feed is being obtained from pastures. Operators are refraining from turning stock out as pastures need rain before they could stand grazing.

Fruit crops continue to develop about a week ahead of normal. Apples are in mostly petal fall. Tobacco is making good growth in the beds.

Among the state's vegetable crops, green peas are starting to vine, and tomato transplanting is under way. Some strawberries have been hit by frost. Some sugar peas are ready to pick and the early variety strawberries are ahead of schedule.

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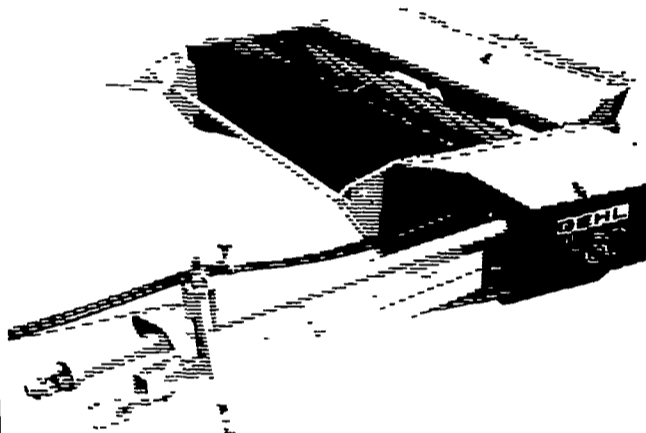
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Bruss succeeds Donald L. Dunaway, 38, who became vice president and assistant general manager of A. O. Smith Harvestore Products, Inc., earlier this year.

Prior to that, he had been vice president and manager of leasing at the Omaha (Neb.) National Bank, one of the largest agricultural banks in the United States and the largest U.S. lender to cattle feeding operations. His business experience also includes positions at two Milwaukee banks - Marine National Exchange and First Wisconsin.

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