

Crop Report

Rain was welcomed

HARRISBURG. Heavy rains over most of the Commonwealth during the week ending Sept 20 kept farmers out of their fields but were welcomed in bringing most soil moisture levels to normal, according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service.

The best soaking rainfall in six weeks amounted to 1.5 to 2.5 inches throughout most of the Commonwealth. More than three inches of rain were measured in Lancaster. Only extreme northwestern counties and the Philadelphia area measured less than one inch.

Soil moisture supplies are rated adequate by two-thirds of the Commonwealth's reporting districts and short by one-third. Most short moisture reports came from southern counties.

Farmers were limited to four days of fieldwork with activities including filling silos, making hay, fall plowing, sowing barley and picking apples.

The weather slowed the tobacco harvest, but it is 80 per cent complete and still a week ahead of the 65 per cent done a year ago.

Potato harvesting is reported as 52 per cent complete, ahead of the 46 per cent a year ago. Quality and yields are above earlier expectations.

Corn for grain is lagging about a week behind last year. The crop is 12 per cent mature with another two-thirds in the dent stage. A year ago 27 per cent was mature.

Fall plowing at 59 per cent complete is six percent ahead of last year. Wheat seeding stands at 34 per cent, compared to 32 per cent in 1975. Barley seeding progressed to 40 per cent, but was still five per cent short of a year ago.

Pastures are providing an average amount of feed. The third cutting of alfalfa hay is 78 per cent complete and a fourth cutting 45 per cent complete.

Solanco boys top dairy judges

HARRISBURG — A 4-H team from Potter County and an FFA team from Solanco won top honors in the Dairy Judging Forum held Tuesday at the Pennsylvania All-American Dairy Show at the Farm Show complex.

A total of 24 FFA teams, 20 4-H teams, and 380 individuals took part in the judging which was limited to persons belonging to 4-H and Future Farmers of America organizations.

In individual judging competition, Douglas Hershberger, Quarryville R1, placed first in 4-H judging while Axel Linde, Oxford R1, won top FFA honors competing with the Solanco FFA.

Chester, Lebanon, Lancaster and Berks County teams placed second, third, fourth and fifth, respectively, in 4-H judging. The second, third, fourth and fifth place rankings in FFA judging were won by teams from Oxford, Kennard-Dale, Red Lion and Northern Bedford.

Members of the Potter County 4-H team were: Mark Bachman, Ulysses; Kevin Risser, Genessee; and Daryl Heisey, Reyville, N.Y.

Members of the Solanco FFA team were: Axel Linde, Oxford; Tom Kirk, Peach Bottom; Scott Heidelbaugh, Quarryville; and Dwayne Peifer, Kirkwood.

Rankings for individual judging in the 4-H competition were: first, Douglas Hershberger, Quarryville; second, Jeffrey Miller, Kutztown; third, Daryl Heisey, Reyville, N.Y., Potter County; fourth, Edward Kulp, Spiece Rd., Pottstown; and fifth, Vincent Arnold, Schaefferstown.

Individual rankings in the

FFA forum were: first, Axel Linde, second, Paul Knight, Arville; with the Kennard-Dale FFA; third, Steve Richey, Roaring Spring, with the Northern Bedford FFA; fourth, Harold Leib, Mechanicsburg, with the Cumberland Valley FFA; and fifth, Ed Breckbill, Oxford, with the Oxford FFA.

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The results of the rest of the show follow:

4-H and FFA STEER SHOW

Light Lightweight

1. Linda High, 2. Tony Eberly FFA, 3. David Witmer, 4. Andy Gehman

Heavy Lightweight

1. Kerry Boyd, 2. Anne Martin, 3. Marcy Gehman, 4. Gary Eberly FFA

Light Mediumweight

1. Jeff Martin, 2. Dan Witmer, 3. Dwight Miller, 4. Jay Reiff

Heavy Mediumweight

1. Linda Martin, 2. Gary Eberly, 3. Darlene Huyard, 4. Dennis Nissley

Light Heavyweight

1. Betty Reiff, 2. Ron Zimmerman, 3. Judy Zimmerman, 4. Ronnie Martin

Heavy Heavyweight

1. Tony Eberly, 2. Ron Zimmerman-FFA, 3. Clifford Sweigart

The Champions

The champion lightweight was owned by Linda High, and the reserve lightweight by Tony Eberly.

In the mediumweight classes, Jeff Martin had the champion while Linda Martin had the reserve. Jeff was also reserve grand champion of show.



Tony Eberly, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mahlon Eberly, showed the grand champion steer of the 4-H and FFA

beef show at the Ephrata Fair. With him is Willis Groff, New Providence R1, breeder of the steer

Tony Eberly's grand champion was also the champion heavyweight, and Betty Reiff had the reserve heavyweight animal.

Showmanship and Fitting

Ages 15 and over
1. Ron Zimmerman, 2. Gary Eberly, 3. Tony Eberly

Ages 12, 13, and 14
1. Marcy Gehman, 2. Linda Martin

Ages 9, 10, and 11
1. Andy Gehman, 2. Darlene Huyard, 3. Jay Reiff

Best Two Fitted Steers
1. Jeff Martin, 2. Darlene Huyard

There was a change in policy for this year's show. An entrant was allowed to show both a 4-H and FFA steer, rather than either FFA or 4-H. The judge for the event was Henry Gruber, Allentown.

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