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Farm bill goes up in smoke

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. House of Representatives on Wednesday plowed under a proposed emergency farm bill which would have given government aid to grain and cotton farmers. The vote made President Carter happy since he considered the measure inflationary, and also won approval from several farm organizations which had opposed the plan. Carter had repeatedly an-

nounced he would veto the bill were it to get passed by the House. The Senate had approved the measure by a vote of 49-41 on Monday.

Even if the proposed emergency legislation surfaces again, it is not given much hope for passage. Also, were it to have won in the House, history records that Congress has never enacted a farm bill that was vetoed by the President. Fur-

thermore, with Spring in our midst, time is running out.

The voting on the bill took place this week in both houses of Congress with striking farmers looking on. A number of them because very vocal when the negative vote was reached in the House on Wednesday. Organizers of the American Agriculture Movement vow to work for the defeat of

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Fertilizer slow in coming

By KENDACE BORRY

LITITZ - There were some sunny days this week and as a result, farmers could be seen starting to work in their fields. A survey across the Lancaster Farming area showed that most farmers were finding their fields dry enough to start the plowing, with a stiff breeze helping the ground dry faster.

Alfalfa seemed to be the

main crop being prepared at the moment, with farmers complaining that they were behind in their schedule of getting the seed planted. "It's still wetter than normal," one Lancaster County farmer commented, "and colder, too. People are finally just starting with their fieldwork, and we're quite a bit behind. But if it doesn't get too wet over the next couple of weeks, we should be in good shape by

the time we're ready to plant the corn."

A Lebanon County Farmer commented that although some of the ground still looks wet that farmers are getting to work there too. Lots of plowing can be seen, he commented.

According to a report in York County, field work started on Wednesday. And a farmer in Berks County

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Hog marketing jeopardized

By DIETER KRIEG

LANCASTER - Lancaster County swine producers may find themselves without a buyer in some cases once stockyards open their gates on Monday.

Due to continued discoveries of swine tuberculosis, buyers are threatening to pull out of the Lancaster area. At least one buyer who frequents Lancaster County auctions has emphatically announced that he will not come to

Lancaster if market hogs are not identified with tattoos.

The Lancaster County Swine Producers Association, which is very much concerned over the matter and has for the past two weeks helped with hog identification programs at stockyards, will not continue to work on a volunteer basis, a spokesman told Lancaster Farming this week.

Up until today (Saturday) some members of the

Lancaster County Swine Producers Association had given of their own time to help with tattooing projects. The tattooing is necessary so that market hogs can be identified and traced back to farms of origin should tuberculosis be found in their carcasses.

While the occurrences of swine tuberculosis pose no health threat to consumers, they represent a financial loss for packing houses

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