

Spring plowing 87 per cent completed in Pa.

HARRISBURG — Farmers in Pennsylvania had six days suitable for fieldwork in the week ending May 13, according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service. This was the fourth consecutive week with little rain, so most farmers welcomed showers late in the week as small grains, hay and pastures had begun to show a need for moisture. Moisture in the past week was rated mostly adequate

to somewhat short before the showers. The south showed the lowest ratings of short soil moisture. At 87 per cent complete, Spring plowing is now two weeks ahead of the 78 per cent a year ago. The north is 83 per cent done, central counties stand at 90 per cent, while the south reports 87 per cent. Corn is 12 days ahead of last year at 42 per cent planted compared to 28 per

cent with the average of 29 per cent. Operators were running late at night to plant during the heat wave. The north is at 18 per cent, central counties report 46 per cent with 55 per cent planted in the south. At 14 per cent headed and 28 per cent in boot, barley is 28 days ahead of the less than five per cent headed last year. Though none is headed in the north, central counties report eight per cent with the south at one quarter. Wheat is one third in boot, 13 per cent ahead of last year's five per cent. The north is at 11 per cent, central counties at 30 per cent and the south reports 49 per cent in boot with a slight amount headed.

Hay and pastures responded well to last week's warmth and moisture. Hay is rated four-fifths in good condition and the rest fair. A slight bit of first crop alfalfa was out, mostly for silage, with quality mostly good. Feed from pastures is average. At 87 per cent in or past full bloom, peaches are 13 days ahead of the 35 per cent in or past full bloom last year. Oriental fruit moth larvae are present on peaches. Cherries are at 86 per cent in or past full bloom, eight days ahead of

last year's 50 per cent. Apples are 11 days ahead of last year at 72 per cent in or past full bloom compared to 21 per cent last year. Rosy apple aphid populations are reportedly high. Weather has been good for fruit pollination. Strawberries are forming as asparagus and early leaf crops harvesting continues. Soybeans are now eight per cent planted, ten days ahead of last year when none had yet been reported planted. Planting has not begun in the north while central and southern

counties are at ten and eight per cent respectively. Oats are 92 per cent sown, 13 days ahead of 87 per cent last year. The south is done, central counties report 94 per cent with 84 per cent sown in the north. Oats seeding was mentioned by operators as being delayed due to late arrival of lime and fertilizer. At 66 per cent planted, potatoes are a week ahead of 58 per cent in 1978. The south is virtually all planted, central counties are at three-fifths with the north 48 per cent complete.

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