

Hot, dry weather takes toll of crops

HARRISBURG — Continued dry weather over central and southern Pennsylvania is causing some problems for the state's farmers. Many farmers are reporting corn and field crops are not up to quality.

"Farmers from across the state are telling us that their corn is curling and wilting, that vegetable growth is being slowed, and that pastures are drying up," says state Ag Secretary Penrose Hallowell.

"The Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service has also confirmed that in this week's Crop and Weather Roundup. Statewide, soil moisture is now reported as 47 percent short and 47 percent adequate for farmers' needs."

The southeast, from Allentown to Philadelphia, shows from one inch to nearly three inches less rainfall than normal.

Hallowell said while northern farmers rate soil moisture as 84 percent adequate and eight percent short, central and southern counties have been hard hit by the hot dry weather over the last six weeks.

"Central counties are rating soil moisture as 67 percent short and only 27 percent adequate, and southern counties are faring little better, with 64 percent short and 36 percent adequate."

The Agriculture Secretary said it was too early to predict a major loss for the 1980 crop year, but noted a continuation of the dry trend would certainly affect production and crop quality.

During the week ending July 14, corn reached an average of 32 inches across the state, five inches taller

than last year. Some corn in the south is now beginning to tassel. Average corn height is 26 inches in the north, 29 inches in central counties and 41 inches in southern counties, according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service.

Feed from pastures was rated at 51 percent average and 49 percent below average statewide, with below average ratings predominant in central and southern areas. Feed from pasture was 64 percent below average and 36 percent average in central counties and 55 percent below average and 45 percent average in the south.

Only northern counties showed average ratings of feed from pasture, at 80 percent with another 20 pastures percent rating northern below average.

Potato growth has been slowed due to lack of soil moisture, but green pea yields look good. Early cabbage, sweet corn, tomatoes and snapbeans are being harvested.

Barley is now 16 percent turning, 25 percent ripe and 59 percent harvested, compared to progress last year of 11 percent turning, 33 percent ripe and 56 percent harvested. Northern areas

report 65 percent turning, 28 percent ripe and five percent harvested.

Central counties rate barley at one percent turning, 30 percent ripe and another 69 percent harvested.

In the south, barley is 18 percent ripe and 82 percent harvested.

Wheat is 46 percent turning, 39 percent ripe and 13 percent harvested; last year's figures at this time were 44 percent turning, 45 percent ripe and eight percent harvested. In the north, seven percent is headed, 92 percent is turning, and less than five percent is ripe.

Central counties show 38 percent turning, 55 percent ripe and seven percent harvested.

In the south, 11 percent is turning, 52 percent is ripe, and 37 percent has been harvested.

Oats are 55 percent headed, 36 percent turning, five percent ripe and less than five percent harvested statewide. Last year, 70

percent was headed, 21 percent turning and less than five percent ripe. Nine percent of the northern crop is not yet headed, 76 percent is headed, seven percent is turning and eight percent is ripe.

In central Pennsylvania, 59 percent is headed and 41 percent turning, and in the south, 23 percent is headed, 62 percent turning, 11 percent ripe and four percent harvested.

First cutting of alfalfa is virtually complete, with second cutting at 31 percent compared to 24 percent last year. The north is nine percent done, central

counties are at 29 percent and the south is at 50 percent of the second cutting.

Clover-timothy stands are 94 percent harvested compared to 89 percent last year. The north is at 93 percent harvested, while central and southern counties are now 94 and 96 percent harvested, respectively.

Hay quality for the week was mostly good to fair. Northern operators rated hay at 50 percent fair to 40 percent good, central operators rated hay 50 percent good to 43 percent fair, and southern operators

rated their hay at 73 percent good to 18 percent fair.

Apples and peaches are reported as sizing well. All fruit growers indicate the best fruit crop in the past five years.

Fuel supplies throughout the state are reportedly mostly adequate to surplus. LP-gas was rated 87 percent adequate to 13 percent surplus. Diesel fuel was rated 90 percent adequate and ten percent surplus, while gasoline was rated 91 percent adequate and nine percent surplus.

Klassy Klippers to hold roundup

LANDISVILLE — The Landisville Klassy Klippers Klub held its fifth meeting at the Centerville Junior High School home economics rooms.

The members nominated Amy Mays for Junior Queen and Sue Ayars for Senior Queen. Amy Mays

demonstrated liquid embroidering and Nancy Mays talked about Regional Day.

It was decided that the Round-up would be held next meeting July 31 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Amos Herr Park in Landisville. Reported by Barbara Todd.

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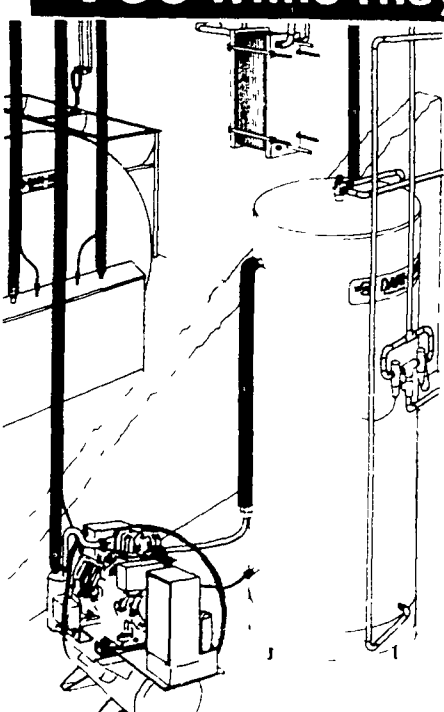
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