

U.S. continues dry in growing areas

WASHINGTON, D.C. — There was some rain in key growing areas of Canada and Mexico this past week but not enough to eliminate the dryness problems that are harming crop and

livestock development in those countries and in the United States, according to a report issued Tuesday by the Joint Agricultural Weather Facility of the U.S. Departments of Commerce

and Agriculture. In major parts of Europe and the USSR, on the other hand, excess moisture has been hurting crop growth. Highlights of the weekly report follow:

UNITED STATES. The heat wave has continued from Texas to the Central Great Plains and is now spreading across the Southeast and into the Western Corn Belt with mixed effects on agriculture.

In the Great Plains, short soil moisture supplies have severely limited forage production for the cattle industry, but the wheat harvest is progressing rapidly. Cotton growth has been speeded by the hot weather in the Delta region but has slowed in the dryland fields of Texas.

Crops at this point are generally in good condition from Iowa into the Ohio River Valley, the Nation's prime corn and soybean region.

CANADA. Scattered rainfall helped crops in Canada's grain belt, though the southeastern and central spring wheat areas are still badly in need of additional moisture. Canada's grain belt encompasses much of the southern portions of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Alberta.

MEXICO. Showers continued to relieve drought conditions in northwestern Mexico where rice, soybean, and cotton crops rely heavily on irrigation. Additional moisture is needed to sustain water supplies since rainfall throughout June was well below normal. The heat wave has severely stressed crops and livestock in northern Mexico.

USSR. Weather conditions varied considerably in the

Guernsey Field Day set for Tuesday

WILLOW STREET — This year the annual Guernsey Field Day will be held Tuesday, August 5 at the farm of Ken and Thelma Garber. The Garbers have 63 cows and a rolling herd average of close to 12,000 pounds of milk.

The judging will begin at 10:15 a.m. with Dick Staner from Crumdale Farm serving as judge. Prizes will be given to the top four winners in each division.

Our meal will be furnished by Herr's Barbecue Service at an approximate cost of \$3.50 a person. This includes 1.25 pounds of chicken, macaroni salad, applesauce, roll/butter, chips and ice cream.

The 4-H will provide cupcakes and drink. The Garbers will provide the milk.

Once again, we will be having a calf drawing contest, the calf will be coming from the herd of Francis Kirk. The drawing will be open to anyone who lives on a farm and is in 4-H or FFA.

Our speaker will be Steve Leiser, a former vo-ag instructor who is now working with Pennfield Feeds.

Directions to Garbers: Eshelman Mill Road is located about one quarter mile south of the Rt. 222-272 intersection. Turn on Eshelman Mill Road, go to the first farm on the right.

USSR this past week. Southeastern areas of the winter grain belt experienced good harvest weather. To the north and west, however, a band of above-normal rainfall interfered with winter grain harvesting in Moldavia and the central Ukraine.

Wet weather has been a problem in much of the Ukraine throughout the spring; June rainfall was nearly three times normal over an extensive area.

Dry, warm weather, on the other hand, has continued to hamper development of spring grains and sunflowers

in southeastern portions of the Volga Valley.

Wet weather continued to compensate for early season dryness in eastern spring grain areas of the New Lands.

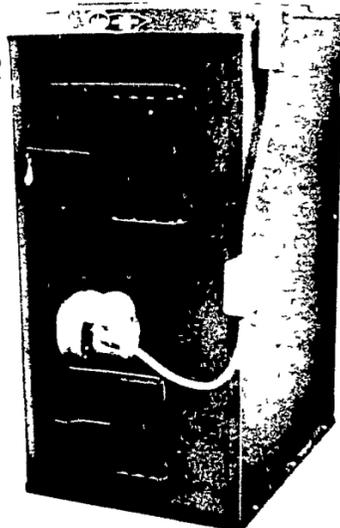
EUROPE. Winter grains and row crops are suffering as heavy rains continue to plague northeastern countries. Cool, wet weather has persisted over the northeastern half of Europe since early June, when rainfall was 50 percent above normal, and crop development continues to lag.

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