

Recent rains help, won't cure drought

LANDISVILLE — Rain this week was a blessed relief from literally months of dry conditions. The National Weather Service in Harrisburg reported as much as 3.5 inches of precipitation fell in the Susquehanna Valley between Williamsport and the Maryland line.

In the Southern areas, less rain seemed to fall than in the Upper Susquehanna. Just under one inch was reported at the Landisville Research Station.

John Yocum reported 0.76 inches of rain Tuesday evening and Wednesday until 4 p.m. From Wednesday afternoon through Thursday morning an additional

0.19 inches of rain and sleet came down.

Because most soils in the area were frozen, the water is not going to soak too deep into the ground.

Yocum said the recent moisture will help small grains since the surface inches of most soil profiles were pretty dry until this week.

But, he added, it probably did little to help subsoil and groundwater levels. The water simply could not penetrate the frozen ground.

Yocum reports the Lancaster County area is quite deficit in moisture, as is the rest of Southeastern Pennsylvania.

Once the soil thaws we will need

frequent rain, Yocum said.

He explained that heavier soils will move water toward the surface — if the water ever gets into the subsoil.

He said this spring's field crops may not be in as much danger from drought stress as it first would appear.

If we get regular rainfall throughout the growing season, crops like corn, small grains and potatoes will have enough moisture to produce good yields.

On the other hand, deep-rooted crops may be in trouble. These would include fruit trees and alfalfa plantings.

Those crops will need deeper recharging of the soil water content.

Yocum said he doubts whether the recent storms did much, if anything, to recharge wells used both for homes and livestock.

"Their need is critical," he said.

The National Weather Service's long-term forecast Friday morning called for a chance of precipitation over the weekend with clearing later in the weekend and early next week.

Unless we have several more downpours in late February and early March like the one we had this week, farmers this spring may find themselves torn between praying for rain for the soil and hoping for clear weather to do fieldwork.—CH

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Fun night held

The FFA members enjoyed basketball and hockey in the gym.

The refreshments were orange drunk and chocolate milk.

The FFA plans to attend a Hershey Bear's Hockey Game in March. They also will hold their Annual Parent-Member Banquet on March 10 at 7:30 p.m. at the Middle School.

CORNWALL — Approximately 25 members of the Cedar Crest FFA gathered Friday, Feb. 6 at the Cornwall Elementary Gym for recreational activities from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

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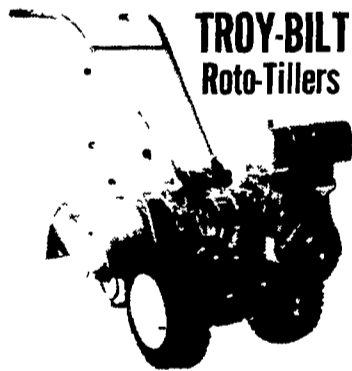
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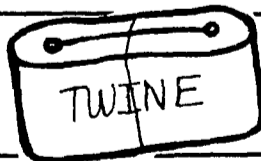
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