

Harvesting continues throughout Pa.

HARRISBURG — Weather conditions continued fairly dry throughout the state during the week ending October 2. Small

amounts of rain in the east over the weekend did little improve the soil moisture levels, which were short by 70 percent of Pennsylvania Crop

Reporting Service Reporters. All three regions of the state reported five days suitable for fieldwork over the past week.

Activities for the week included harvesting potatoes, cabbage, haylage, tomatoes, apples, grapes, tobacco and soybeans; haymaking; seeding small grains; and fall plowing.

Moisture levels were rated adequate by 28 percent of field reporters and surplus by two percent. In the northern region, soil moisture was reported to be 50 percent short, 44 percent adequate and six percent surplus. In the central region, it was rated 79 percent short and 21 percent adequate, while in the southern region, reporters considered topsoil moisture to be 80 percent short and 20 percent adequate.

By the end of the week 48 percent of the corn for grain crop was mature, while harvest was just underway at five percent. Last year, 44 percent of the corn crop had matured while the five-year average for the time period is 49 percent. In the northern region 45 percent of the crop was mature. In the central region only 40 percent of the acreage had matured, while 68 percent was mature in the southern region.

Corn for silage was 65 percent harvested compared with 65 percent harvested at this time last year. In the northern region 56 percent was harvested, in the central region 66 percent was harvested, and in the southern region 79 percent was harvested.

Statewide, 65 percent of the fall potato crop was harvested, well behind last year's progress of 79 percent. In the northern region 61 percent was harvested, in the central region 64 percent was harvested, and in the southern region of the state 79 percent of the crop had been harvested.

By week's end, harvest of the

third crop alfalfa moved nearer toward completion while harvest of the fourth crop alfalfa gained momentum. The service reported 44 percent of the fourth crop harvested, compared to 39 percent harvested last year. In the northern region 48 percent was harvested, in the central region 27 percent was harvested, and in the southern region 63 percent was harvested.

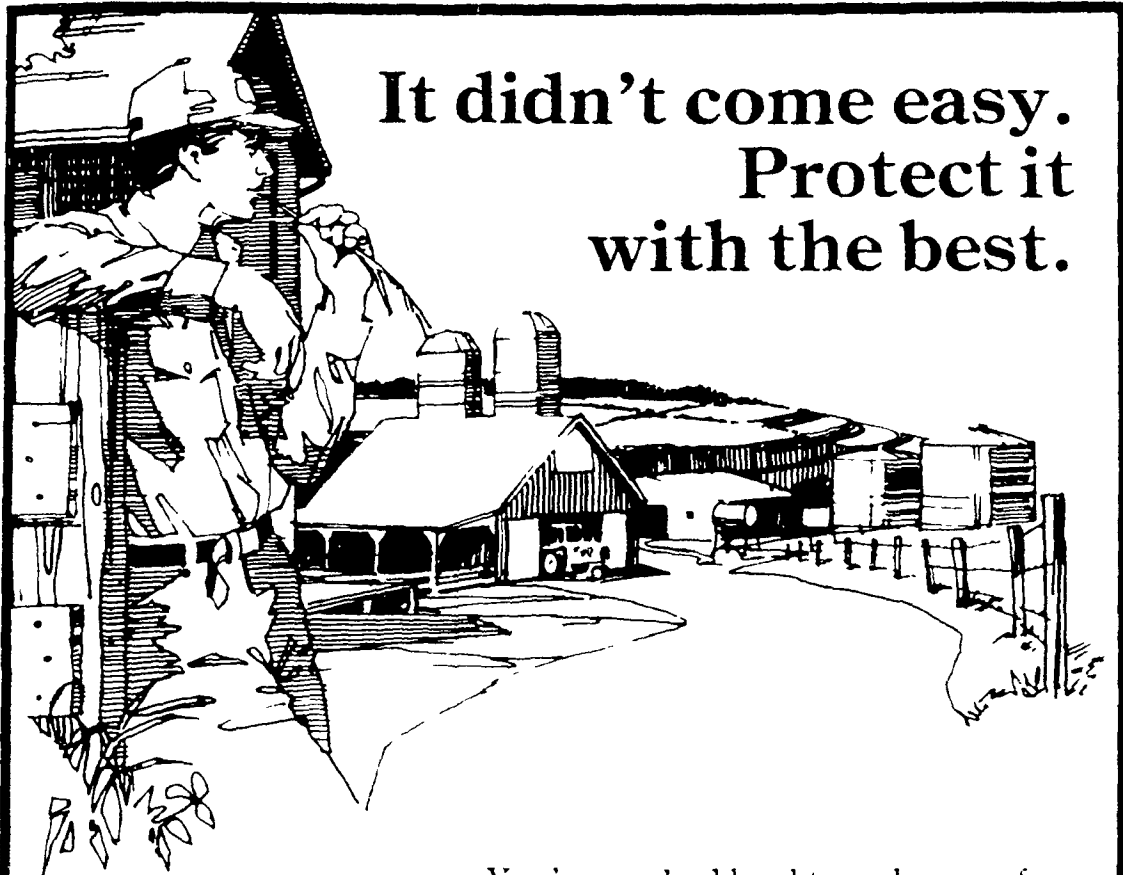
At the same time, nearly all the state's tobacco crop had been harvested, well in line with last year's finish.

Statewide, 74 percent of the barley crop was seeded compared to 84 percent on the same date last year. In the northern region 71 percent was planted, in the central region 78 percent was planted, and in the southern region 67 percent was planted.

Approximately 43 percent of the wheat crop was seeded compared to 52 percent on this date last year. In the northern region 52 percent was planted, in the central region 43 percent was seeded, and in the southern region 29 percent of the wheat was planted.

Fall plowing was 68 percent complete by week's end compared with 80 percent last year and the five-year average of 78 percent complete. In the northern region 69 percent was complete, in the central region 70 percent was complete and in the southern region 64 percent was complete.

The quality of hay made during the week was rated poor by five percent of Crop Service Reporters, fair by 24 percent and good by 71 percent. The amount of feed obtained from pastures was rated below average by 75 percent of reporters and average by 25 percent.



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Adams County Extension Home Economist Named

GETTYSBURG — Eleanor L. Garris is serving as Adams County's new Extension Service home economist. She replaces Helen D. Tunison who retired July 1 after 26 years of service in the county.

Ms. Garris is responsible for Extension programs in the areas of family life and child development.

Before coming to Adams County, Ms. Garris worked in Franklin County as associate home economist, a position she held in partnership with Nancy Hogg. Ms. Garris has a bachelor's of science degree in vocational home economics from Indiana College and a master's of arts degree in home economics education from Ball State University, Indiana. Prior to joining the Extension staff in 1979, she spent five years teaching home economics.

Ms. Garris has been a 4-H youth group leader and a liaison consultant with the Girl Scouts. She has served as a regional director for the Pennsylvania Association of Extension Home Economists. Her position in Adams County was effective October 1.

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