

# Field work schedule close to last year

**HARRISBURG** — Only three days were rated suitable for field work for the week ending May 6, according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service. Activities included spreading lime, fertilizer and manure, spraying, harvesting rye for green chop and silage, cutting asparagus, plowing and planting oats, corn, alfalfa and potatoes.

**Moisture**

Statewide, topsoil moisture was rated surplus by 62 percent of reporters and adequate by 38 percent. In the northern region 46 percent rated it surplus and 54 percent, adequate. In the central region 65 percent rated it surplus and 35 percent, adequate while in the southern region of the state 80 percent rated soil moisture surplus and 20 percent, adequate.

**Plowing**

By the end of the week spring plowing was 40 percent complete. Last year at this time 45 percent was complete while the five year average for this date was 64 percent complete.

**Oats**

Approximately 52 percent of the state's oat crop was seeded compared with 50 percent seeded at this time last year.

**Potatoes**

Statewide, 19 percent of the potato crop was planted compared with 27 percent planted at this time last year.

**Barley, wheat**

Statewide, 13 percent of the barley crop was in the boot stage compared with 8 percent in boot at this time last year. Virtually all of the wheat crop was in the pre-boot stage.

**Corn**  
By the end of the week 8 percent of the corn crop was planted compared with 7 percent last year. The five year average for this date was 16 percent planted.

**Hay, Pasture**

Both alfalfa and clo-tim stands were rated good to fair. Statewide,

66 percent of reporters rated alfalfa stands good and 34 percent rated them fair. Clo-tim stands were rated good by 70 percent and fair by 30 percent. The amount of feed obtained from pastures was rated average by 54 percent, below average 29 percent, and above average by 17 percent.

**Fruit**

By the end of the week 32 percent of the state's peach trees were in the pink stage and 33 percent were in full bloom or past. Last year at this time 25 percent were in the pink stage and 58 percent were in full bloom or past. Cherries were reported as 42 percent pink and 29

percent in full bloom or past compared with 24 percent pink and 55 percent in full bloom or past last year. Statewide, 24 percent of the apple trees were in the pink stage and 9 percent were in full bloom or past compared with 32 percent in the pink stage and 24 percent in full bloom or past last year.

## Mystery Tipper milk promotion goes statewide

**STATE COLLEGE** — Looking for a unique way to promote milk and the dairy industry during June Dairy Month? The Pa. Holstein Association may have the answer.

Throughout the annual June Dairy Month celebration, the Pa. Holstein Association, in cooperation with the Pa. Restaurant Association and the Department of Agriculture, is sponsoring a "Mystery Tipper" program. The program was first initiated during Farm Show week in which \$350 was paid in tips to waiters and waitresses asking "would you like milk with your meal."

According to Doug Hershey, the Holstein Association's director of membership services, designated

representatives - a dairy farmer, a feed salesman, a bull stud representative and the such - will be equipped with \$10 bills for tips. While dining, if their waiter or waitress asks in some form "would you like milk with your meal," they will receive the \$10 tip in addition to their regular tip. They will also receive a card stating, "Congratulations! You have just won \$10 for suggesting MILK with my meal."

If the waiter or waitress doesn't ask to serve milk, the representative will hand her a card stating, "I'm terribly sorry! I was instructed to give you a \$10 tip if you would have suggested MILK with my meal."

Agribusiness representatives, as

well as farmers, will have the opportunity to participate in this program, Hershey said. To do so, they must pledge the amount in tips they plan to pay and record that information with the Holstein Association. They will then receive the cards mentioned above.

To date, bull studs, milk cooperatives, county milk promotion committees and other agriculture organizations have been contacted and are "very

excited about participating," Hershey said. In addition, over 4,000 restaurants have been informed about the "Mystery Tipper" program.

To help with this program, Lancaster Farming will run copies of the cards in up-coming issues. This will allow all farmers and interested persons to participate in the program and do their part in milk promotion.



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