

Field work continues to move ahead

HARRISBURG — Two days were rated suitable for farm field work during the week ending June

3, according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service. Farm activities for the week including

plowing; spraying; disking; harvesting hay, haylage and ryelage; planting corn, potatoes and soybeans; and harvesting asparagus and rhubarb. In the southern region of the state tobacco planting is now starting on a small scale.

Topsoil moisture was rated surplus by 75 percent of farm reporters and adequate by the remaining 25 percent. In the northern region of the state 87 percent rated soil moisture surplus and 13 percent rated it adequate. The central region had moisture ratings of 65 percent surplus and 35

percent adequate, while southern reporters rated soil moisture 64 percent surplus and 36 percent adequate.

Statewide, spring plowing was 79 percent complete, compared to the 84 percent complete last year at this time and the five-year average of 96 percent. The northern region was 65 percent complete, the central region had 89 percent of its spring plowing complete and the southern region followed closely with 88 percent.

Across the state, 88 percent of the oats were seeded, compared to last year's level of 94 percent. In the northern section 74 percent of the oats were seeded, 99 percent in the central region and 94 percent in the southern region. Many producers in the northern section have abandoned oat seeding because of the excessive rainfall, feeling that it is too late to plant.

Soybeans were reported 26 percent planted statewide, behind last year's plantings of 34 percent. The northern region had 30 percent of the crop planted, the central section had plantings of 12 percent and the southern region reported 45 percent of the soybeans planted.

Statewide, 76 percent of the potato crop was planted, ahead of last year's level of 72 percent. The northern region had the smallest amount planted with 58 percent, with central and southern regions reporting 81 percent and 95 percent respectively.

Barley is now 18 percent in boot and 68 percent headed, compared to last year's development of 12 percent in boot and 77 percent headed. The northern region reported 28 percent in the boot stage and 47 percent headed, the central region reported 17 percent boot and 65 percent headed and the southern region has 12 percent in the boot stage and 88 percent headed.

By the end of the week, 42 percent of the wheat crop was in the boot stage and 31 percent headed, compared with last year's figures of 48 percent in boot and 48 percent headed. The northern region reported 53 percent in boot with 12 percent headed, the central section reported 39 percent in boot and 37 percent headed, and the southern region reported 33 percent in boot and 45 percent of the crop headed.

By the end of the week 58 percent of the corn crop was planted, far behind last year's plantings of 73 percent and the five-year average of 84 percent. Northern farmers reported 39 percent of the corn crop planted, the central region reported 73 percent planted and the southern region reported 75 percent of the crop planted. Some northern producers are switching to shorter season corn varieties due to the wet weather. Southern and central farmers report that the corn is shorter and yellow in color because of the weather.

Both alfalfa and clo-tim stands were rated good to fair. Statewide, 72 percent of farm reporters rated alfalfa stands good, 26 percent rated them fair and two percent rated them poor. Clo-tim stands were considered good by 76 percent of the reporters and 24 percent rated them fair. The amount of feed obtained from pastures was rated above average by 43 percent, average by 46 percent and below average by 11 percent. Pastures are reported to have good growth across the state, but excess moisture is becoming a problem. In the southern region some producers are noticing some hay stand deterioration in the form of root rot and rain damage.

Cool, wet weather has statewide strawberry growers predicting a crop one to two weeks later than normal.

Lebanon Co. dairy princess

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presentations and radio spots. She has promoted the industry at supermarkets and shopping centers and through literature distribution.

The local dairy princess winner will enter the state dairy princess contest to be held later this year in

Harrisburg.

Cathy Bomgardner is the chairman of the Lebanon Co. Milk Promotion Committee. The public is invited to view the dairy princess contest which will conclude with refreshments featuring dairy products.

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This major promotional effort will be heard on the East Side Dave Bluegrass Festival of Dave Kline and the Pine Ridge Mountain Boys, shown above, on WHUM and will consist of interviews and comments by dairy personnel. With the full support of Dave Kline, East Side Dave, the Milk Promoters plan to familiarize the public to the nutrition and the production of milk.

Representatives from the farm community will include: Ernest Miller, Hamburg, representing the Pomana Grange; Lavern Moser, Bally, and family representing Interstate Milk Producers and the Southeast Milk Promoters; Deborah Price, Berks County Dairy Princess; Carol Dreisbach, Pennsylvania State Jersey Queen; Patty Dreisbach, National Jersey Queen; Ronald O'Neil, Pennsylvania Young Farmers; Donald Duncan, Berks County Dairy Farmers Association; Roy Hoppes, Berks County Holstein Club; Dr. Robert Dreisbach, Pennsylvania Jersey Cattle Club, and Frank McDonnell, Montgomery County Farmers Association.