Pa. weekly crop roundup

The rains had finally eased during the week ending June 10 and in all three regions of the Commonwealth 5 days were rated suitable for fieldwork. Activities for the week include: plowing; spraying; mowing; baling hay; planting corn, green beans, tomatoes, green peppers, field corn, and soybeans, Southern region producers are beginning to transplant tobacco.

SOIL MOISTURE

Topsoil moisture was rated adequate by 62 percent of our reporters and the remaining 38 percent rated it surplus. In the northern region, 57 percent rated soil moisture surplus and 43 percent rated it adequate. Eighty-seven percent of the central reporters felt the moisture was adequate and 13 percent considered it surplus. The southern area had 67 percent reporting adequate soil moisture and 33 percent surplus.

CORN PLANTING

By the end of the week, 76 percent of the corn crop was planted which was behind last year's plantings of 83 percent and the five year average of 87 percent. Northern growers reported 64 percent of the corn crop planted while the central region had planting levels of 85 percent and the southern section reported 89 percent

SOYBEAN PLANTING The statewide level of planted soybeans was reported at 43 percent. At this time last year, planted levels were 50 percent. The northern section matched the state level at 43 percent while the central and southern regions had soybean acreage planted at levels of 31 percent and 57 percent respectively.

TOBACCO TRANSPLANTING

Across the Commonwealth, 30 percent of the tobacco crop was transplanted from the beds to the fields which is ahead of last year's level of 27 percent.

WHEAT DEVELOPMENT State reporters reported the

wheat crop as 55 percent headed, trailing last year's levels of 68 percent. The northern region had 40 percent of the crop headed, the central region matched the state progress of 55 percent and the southern region had 88 percent of their wheat crop headed. Some southern reporters are finding leaf stripe, rust and leaf spot on their plants.

BARLEY DEVELOPMENT

Statewide totals for barley developmend were 86 percent headed and 9 percent turning yellow. At this time last year, barley development was 65 percent headed and 29 percent turning vellow. Northern producers report 87 percent of the barley headed and percent turning yellow. The

central region had 96 percent headed and 1 percent turning yellow. The southern area's barley is 71 percent headed and 27 percent turning yellow.

OAT DEVELOPMENT

Across the state, only 6 percent of the oat crop was headed compared to last year's levels of 8 percent. Both the northern and central regions reported that none of the crop was headed and the southern region had 30 percent of the oat crop headed.

HAY AND PASTURE

CONDITIONS First cutting of alfalfa was 25 percent complete, behind last year's cuttings of 29 percent. Insect damage has been reported as

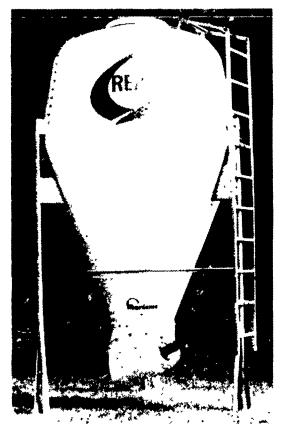
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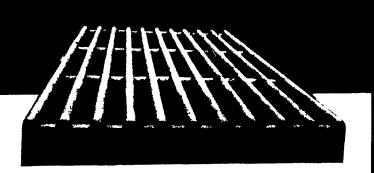
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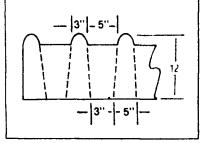
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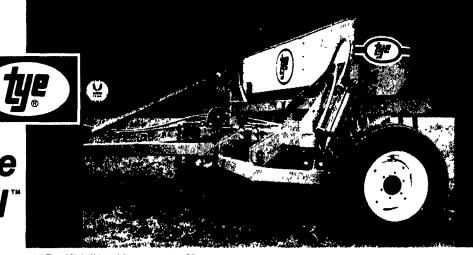
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