

30 YEARS AGO

THIS WEEK

— Frosts late last week did some damage to exceptionally heavy fruit and strawberry buds in the state, but a Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Survey released Wednesday by the State Department of Agriculture said it was still too early to estimate damages accurately. The Department said early set tomato plants suffered 30 to 100 percent kill in Berks County.

Temperatures averaged about five degrees below normal for the week ended Monday, and 15 to 20 degrees under readings for the previous week. The lowest temperature was 22 degrees in

Philipsburg, Centre County, on May 4.

— Lancaster County bee keepers were warned by William Clark, extension entomologist, to pull bees out of orchards before fruit spraying for insects begins.

Modern poisons used to kill harmful insects will kill bees, he said. It is best to move the hives at least a mile away from the orchard.

— The Department of Agriculture announced today that it is distributing to the food industry practical suggestions for assuring continued operation of

commercial food facilities in the event of an enemy attack.

— The Pennsylvania State Grange is bitterly protesting the action of the United States Department of Agriculture in reducing the wheat acreage allocated to Pennsylvania farmers for the 1958 crop season by 13,000 acres it was announced here today by S. Ralph Wanner, master of the Lancaster County Pomona Grange No. 71.

— A first and a second year member of the Farm and Home 4-H Electrical Club tied for top honors at the club roundup at the Greist Building in Lancaster Tuesday night.

The two members, both with 94 out of a possible 100 point score for the year, are Joanne L. Denlinger, R5 Lancaster, and Ivan R. Yost, R2 Narvon.

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YORK — York County has been approved for special haying and grazing due to drought conditions in 1986. Generally low hay production in 1986 and normal use over winter have reduced hay stocks on hand and will cause earlier than normal feeding of forage crops in 1987.

York County farmers participating in the 1987 Grain Program may now harvest hay for personal use or sale from ACR acreage and also graze year-round. Charges for forage crops that are sold from harvested ACR acreages may only cover normal

harvesting costs. Farmers that let other livestock producers graze ACR may not charge for the grazing.

There are several steps that farmers must take to meet the program provisions. The farmer must designate acreage for ACR harvest in the York ASCS office. He then must sign a register indicating intended use. This must be done prior to any harvesting or grazing. Finally, the ACR designated for special use must be eligible as ACR meaning row cropped or ACR in 2 of the last 3 years. The applicant must be prepared to give necessary cropping history to determine eligibility.

One exception to the 2 of 3 year rule is that an old field of hay may be used for ACR if a like acreage of hay was established in fall 1986 or spring 1987 and both fields are normally rotated with row crops. The new field of hay must have been row cropped, 2 of the last 3 years to allow harvest on the old field of hay.



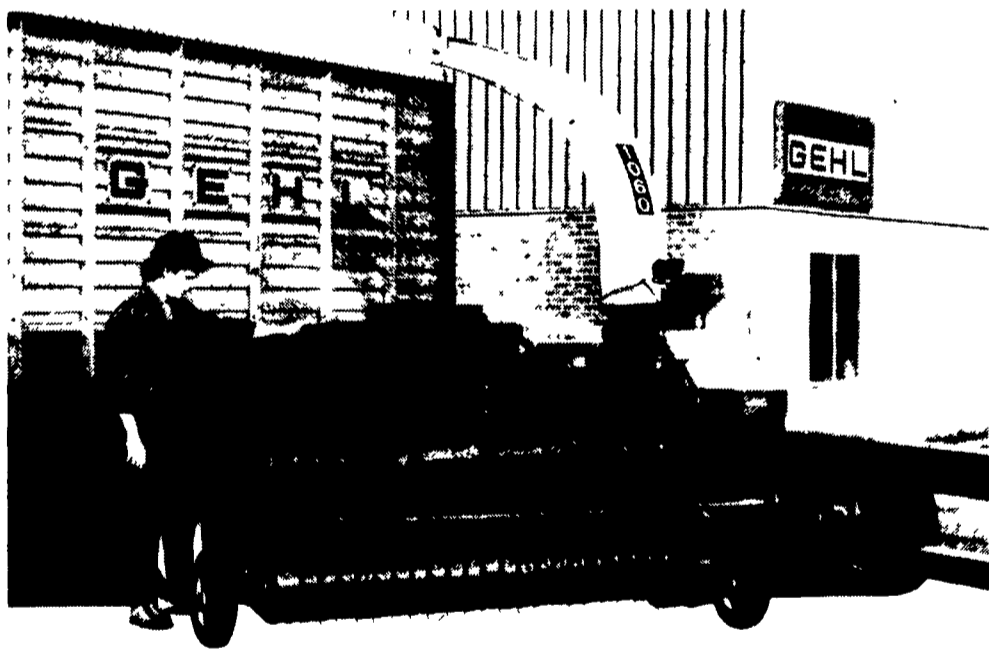
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