



Record rainfall. Record cool temperatures.

Record hot and dry?

We nearly drowned on the Fourth of July here in parts of York County Mother Nature's own fireworks that soggy afternoon washed out the planned ones with five inches of rain over some areas. Only an inch-and-a-half tumbled onto us that particular storm, but it added to the ongoing inch-plus rainfalls that kept June and July some of the dampest summer months we've had in ages.

And kept the lawn mowers busy and the weeds growing like there was no tomorrow.

Then, extremist that she can be, Mother Nature did an about-face and left us sweating in the dust.

Dust. Covering my car, parked in the garage with the door closed. Dust, blanketing the pepper plants in the garden and the marigolds in

the border, some of the few things still thriving despite late summer's choking heat and dryness. Dust, stirring in little puffs behind the cows' feet as they plod toward the barn in the late afternoon sun.

Dust, rising in clouds in the distance with every pass of the tractors and forage wagons hauling in loads of chopped corn silage. Because the weather extremes responsible for the billowing dust have hastened the fall harvest.

After mid-August's stretch of near-100-degree heat and drying breezes, the lower leaves of the cornstalks began turning brown, almost overnight. Day to day, you could see them shriveling, curling, the ears turning downward. While that's normal for the season, the intensity of the furnace-like atmosphere greatly "hurried it up."

From nearly a half-mile across the meadow, the dust puffs mark the convoy of the harvest, from

field to silo, load by load, packing away winter cow-chow for the "girls" in the dairy and heifer barns. They hustle past the house — too fast, I sometimes worry — to beat the weather that has dried the forage so quickly. And if it's too dry, quality starts slipping the moment the chopper gobbles the stalks from the field, because it won't store and cure just the way it should.

But while the desert environment has hastened the usual harvest hurry-up, it's slowed other parts of our routine.

The lawn mower — also covered with dust — is suffering from that lonely, unneeded feeling. My watermelon stalks succumbed to heat stroke about 10 days before the fruits were completely ripe. And the lush growth of the cantaloupes developed some ailment as well, just as the bulk of the nicest lopes were nearly ready.

Nor are there the usual lima beans to pick. They're a real embarrassment to my red-faced, green thumb. Those few small rows of lima beans germinated nicely, developed a thick stand of well-leaved plants — then vanished to bugs in a few days during the worst of the heat. Gone. I'm not

even sure what did 'em in, probably those squishy, yellow bean beetle larvae. Something even nibbled at some of the weeds. Imagine that.

But the sweet corn was plentiful and delicious and tomatoes still ripen. A slow-running hose to the new strawberry plants has rejuvenated their cactus-like look, just as watering has freshened-up the dusty peppers and a tiny row of

late string beans.

"All you farmers do is complain about the weather," I've been told.

Ah, yes, we do. But so does most everyone, it seems.

Eventually the brown clouds of dust will give way to a dusting of another sort. And the lawn mower will no longer be lonely — because we'll be stirring around it for a snowshovel.

And then we can complain about the cold.

Learn To Resolve Conflict

FLEMINGTON, N.J. — Rutgers Cooperative Extension will be offering a program on "Conflict Management" on September 18, 7-9 p.m., at the Extension Center, Route 31, Flemington. The program will be presented by Daryl Minch, extension home economist of Somerset County.

This educational program will provide participants with positive methods to resolve conflict so that there is a win-win situation, and

the conflict is resolved fairly. Participants will identify their own style of conflict management, learn new ways of handling them. (adapted from Managing Conflict Creatively, Rose I Ford, extension home economist, Gloucester County.)

Preregistration is required and the registration deadline is September 13. The fee is \$3, for further information call (908) 788-1342.



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