

Moisture, Soil Fertility Hand Corn Growers A Top Crop

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with a disc. At plowing, nitrogen is worked in. At planting time, a 46 percent urea is used.

Planting date was May 4 for Gary's field. Clarence planted April 26 and Stephen's went in on May 10.

Sidedressing takes place when the corn height reaches 18 to 20 inches. The 46 percent urea for sidedressing is spread and then cultivated in.

The Fehnels make use of the Lehigh Crop Management Association, which provides scouting for pest pressure, including weeds and insects. Clarence Fehnel attributes the use of a moldboard plow to helping control insects and weed pressure.

This year was particularly good for yields for the whole operation because the conditions were near ideal, according to Clarence. "We had a lot of moisture out there to push the

crop," he said.

"Nutrients and moisture combined to give us a good crop."

Topdressing occurring twice this year, early and late — put there when the corn needed it, according to Gary Fehnel.

The Fehnels also manage a small Holstein herd consisting of 30 head on the home farm. The milk is sold to a local bottler.

The family also grows about 2-3 acres of white sweet corn each year, which is sold on a

wagon.

Harvest began for the early corn the first week of October

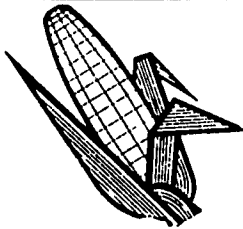
They use a corn picker. What is not stored in the many corn cribs is put in a shed and piled up and sold to local elevators and some to the area farmers. The harvest was completed by Thanksgiving.

Altogether, the Fehnels believe that keeping an eye on the soils and making sure fertility programs work together with moisture contribute to a better-yielding corn crop.



CORN TALK NEWS

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CORN TALK

Farm Calendar

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Tuesday, March 4

Franklin, Adams Small Grain and Robert Kessler, Cumberland Soybean Management, (717) 263-9226.

Cambria Crops Day, Ron Hostetter, (814) 472-7986.

Lebanon/Dauphin Weed Schools, Del Voight, (717) 270-4391, Paul Craig, (717) 921-8803.

Thursday, March 6

Potter Soil Fertility Workshop, Sam Crossley, (814) 274-8540.

Tuesday, March 11

Schuylkill Crops Day, Al Shoener, (717) 622-4225.

Wednesday, March 12

Lebanon Crops Day, Del Voight, (717) 270-4391.

Thursday, March 13

Dauphin Crops Day, Paul Craig, (717) 921-8803.

Fulton Crops Day, Tom Ford, (717) 485-4111.

Friday, March 14

Susquehanna Crops Day, Mark Madden, (717) 278-1158.

Tuesday, March 18

Erie/Crawford Crops Day, Joel Hunter, (814) 333-7460.

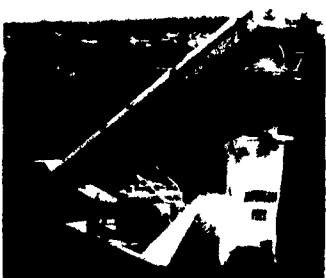
Tioga, Bradford Crops Day, Mark Madden, Wayne, Wyoming, (717) 265-2896, Sullivan, thru March 21.

Thursday, July 10


Lancaster Landsville Weed Tour, Bill Curran, (814) 863-1014.

Friday, July 11

Centre Rock Springs Weed Tour.

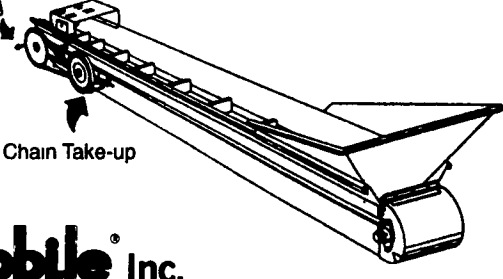


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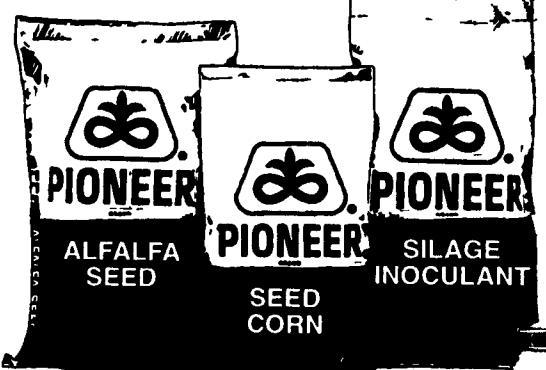
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