

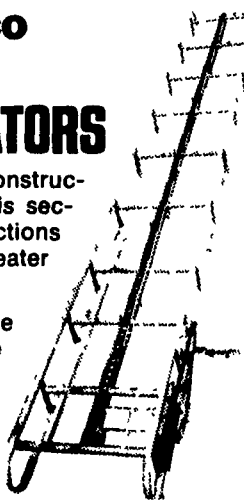


Corn planting was a popular activity this week as the days suitable for field work increased. The Pennsylvania Agricultural Statistics Service reported corn planting continued ahead of the five year average. Cool weather and the lack of soil moisture has hindered the growth of hay and small grains. Some farmers cut rye last week and fruit and vegetable growers continue to assess fruit trees for frost damage. Most of the fruit crop is now in full bloom. In the photo, the Amish farmer provides the subject for a scenic view across Lancaster County from Georgetown road looking north across Paradise Lane east of Strasburg. Photo by Everett Newswanger, managing editor.

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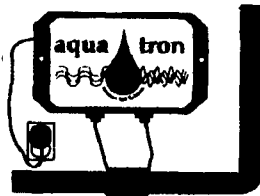
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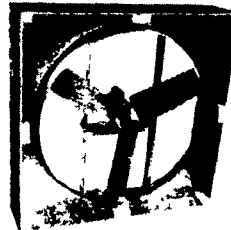
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