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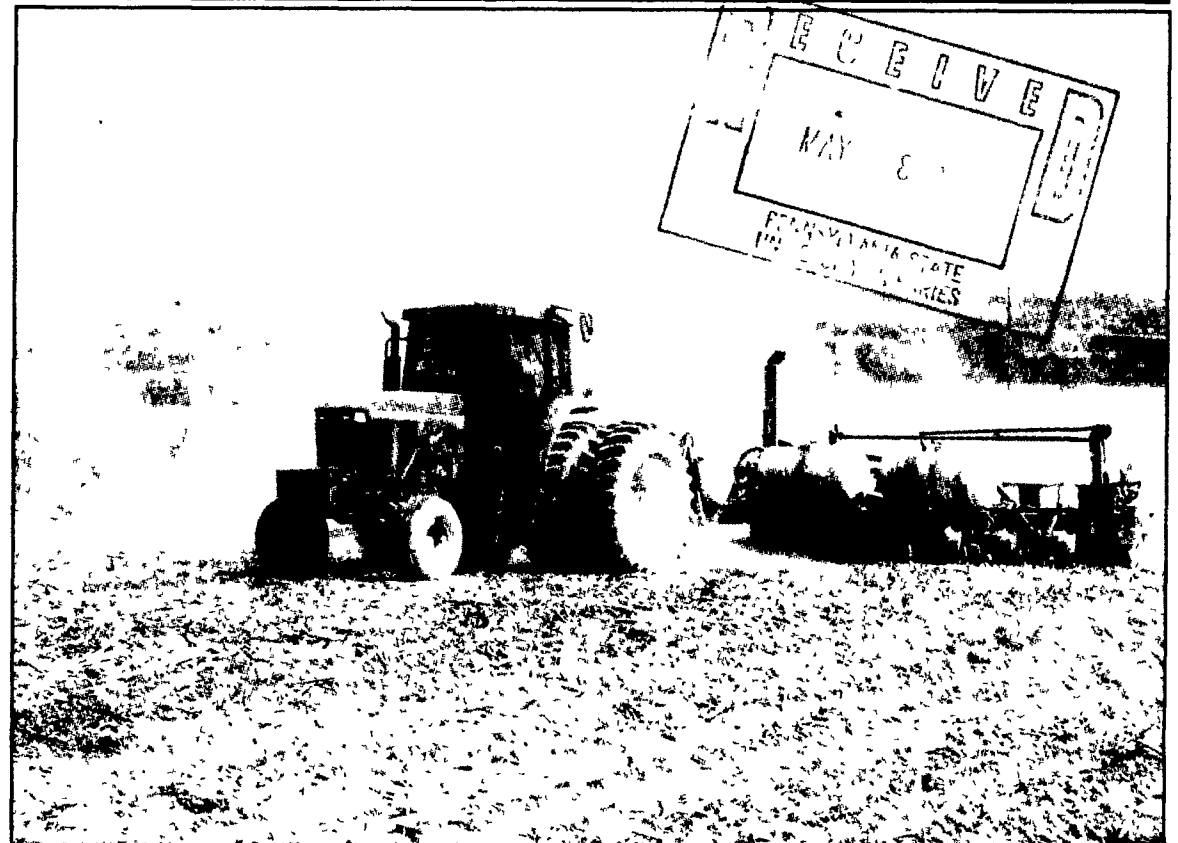
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A Great Week For Fieldwork



STEVENS (Lancaster Co.) — For many crop farmers, the week was ideal for planting. Dry, hot weather arrived by midweek to help ready the fields for corn. According to the Pennsylvania Agricultural Statistics Service, for the week ending April 29, there were five days suitable for fieldwork, despite some low-lying areas still too wet to farm. Soil moisture was rated 3 percent short, 81 percent adequate, and 16 percent surplus. Spring plowing was 42 percent complete, 8 percent behind last year and 14 percent behind the 5-year average. Some oats were beginning to emerge in fair to good condition. Barley acreage was heading two weeks behind the average.

In photo at left, Lamar Miller, left, and Dan Martin load corn to the hoppers of a 12-row planter at a farm leased by Eugene Martin, Denver. The 60-acre field was planted to shelled corn. Martin's fieldmen planted more than 1,200 acres in the area this week. *Photos by Stan Hall*

Stray Voltage Concerns Under Scrutiny In Project Rep. Bunt Claims Current Data Is Conflicting

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HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture (PDA) has funded a \$36,000, six-month research project to address the possible problem of stray voltage on dairy farms. "Stray Voltage: Methods For Detection and Remediation" is being conducted by Penn State University and headed by the Agricultural Engineering Department. Meanwhile, at the Capitol, the Pennsylvania Senate and House Agricultural and Rural Affairs

Committees conducted a joint informational meeting Tuesday on the problem. Mark A. Cook of the Wisconsin Public Service Commission presented the committees with information gathered on stray voltage in Wisconsin since 1987, when the state created a stray voltage task force. Cook said he has traveled a million miles and has seen a thousand farms in his work toward developing a "viable stray voltage program" in Wisconsin. According to Cook, stray volt-

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Fundraiser Supports Pro-Agriculture Legislators

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HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — When Franklin County farmer John Stoner helped organize FARMER, Farmers Allied For Responsible More Effective Representation, the purpose was to have a voice in the legislative

policies that affect agriculture. After 21 years, FARMER continues its legacy as the political action arm of the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau (PFB). At FARMER's annual statewide dinner on Wednesday at the Hilton Harrisburg Towers, Guy Donaldson, president, encouraged supporters to let their

voice be known. If legislators don't hear our concerns on policies such as environmental issues, our side will not be represented, not because legislators don't care but because they don't know and understand our needs, Donaldson said. (Turn to Page A40)

Lehman Earns Top Awards At Poultry Science Banquet

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STATE COLLEGE (Centre Co.) — The 11th annual Penn State Poultry Science Club awards banquet took place late last week here at the Nittany Lion Inn. In a surprise award not listed on the program, Heather Lehman of Mechanicsburg was called to the podium to receive the Bryce Jordan Student Leadership Award and \$850 from the college of Ag Sciences. She also received the High Grade Point Average and Most Active Club Member awards. Earlier in the year, Heather accepted the Outstanding Student of the Year Award at the International Poultry Exposition in Atlanta, Ga. Nick Gardner received the Most Active New Club Member Award. Tracy Lindgren received the Highest Grade Point Average

In Their Major Award. New officers elected include Josh Elliott as president, Tracy Lindgren as vice president, Karen Groner as secretary/treasurer, and Nick Gardner as Ag Student Council representative. Dirk Wise serves as club adviser. Jim Perdue of Perdue Farms in Salisbury, Md., spoke of his company's history, the major issues affecting their business and the poultry industry, and how they approach these issues. Perdue said his grandfather started the business in 1920 and built the business around the still-current values of integrity, a strong work ethic, caring about the individual, and a frugal approach to business. The company expanded when Jim's father Frank became president in 1941. "We're involved in all aspects

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Award recipients at the Penn State Poultry Science Club awards banquet include, from left, Nick Gardner, Most Active New Club Member Award; Heather Lehman, Highest Grade Point Average and Most Active Club Member; and Tracy Lindgren, Highest Grade Point Average In His/Her Major. *Photo by Gail Strock, Mifflin Co. correspondent*