factors and the poor planting conditions that also have been prevalent in this area, it is very doubtful if the expected increase in acreage will materialize. A lower total production for the state, as a whole, is predicted because of the reduced yields usually incurred from delayed plantings. (May 2).—D. M. BAILEY.

VIRGINIA

It was generally estimated that the white potato acreage on the Eastern Shore of Virginia would be reduced 15 per cent, as compared with 1939's 33,000 acreage. As the planting season progressed, many sources believed that there would not be so great a reduction as had first been indicated. Some sources still believe the reduction will be from 10 to 15 per cent; many others think it is not more than 5 per cent. It is probable that the latter figure is the most accurate.

The crop, as a whole, is looking very good. Generally speaking, from Onley south the stand is excellent. From Accomac north there will be some broken fields and a few breaks in many others, but apparently this is not a very serious condition.

All the Eastern Shore of Virginia is suffering from lack of moisture at this time, although the lower fourth of the Peninsula had a reasonably good rain last Friday.

At present there are no new activities in connection with marketing. Apparently the conditions that prevailed last year regarding marketing the crop, will prevail this season. (May 15).—G. S. RALSTON.

ERRATUM

In the April issue, in the article by Skaptason, Peterson and Blodgett, on page 90, the figures in table 3 under "Percentage germination of sporangia of *Phytophthora infestans*" the two numbers are interchanged; that is, the 50.4 should be opposite "Virgin soil" and 8.6 opposite "Old soil."

POTATO TOURS

The Maryland and Virginia Potato Tour and Field Day will be held on Tuesday, June 18. Visitors will assemble at the Pilchard Farm at Pocomoke, Maryland, at 8:30 a. m. and after visiting there, will