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Wheat Estimate Up 28,000,000 Bu.

The Agriculture Department reported that August 1 conditions indicated record-breaking crops of 3,498,320,000 bushels of corn and 1,163,350,000 bushels of wheat.

The corn estimate compares with 3,357,376,000 bushels indicated on July 15, with 3,018,410,000 produced last year and with a ten-year (1936-1944) average of 2,605,499,000 bushels. The previous record crop was 3,203,310,000 bushels produced in 1944.

The forecast on wheat compared with 1,132,075,000 bushels indicated on July 15, with 1,123,143,000 bushels in 1945 and with a ten-year average of 945,692,000. The 1946 crop was the largest of record up to that time.

The winter wheat crop was indicated at 879,894,000 bushels compared with 865,465,000 forecast for mid-July, with 823,177,000 last year and 810,015,000 for the ten-year average.

The spring crop was forecast at 280,472,000 bushels, compared with 268,167,000 for mid-July, with 299,866,000 last year and with a ten-year average of 315,900,000.

The durum wheat crop was placed at 25,142,000 bushels, compared with 26,039,000 for July 1, with 35,020,000 produced last year and with a ten-year average of 31,000,000.

OAKLAND COUNTY GUERNSEYS SET HIGH RECORD

Peterborough, N. H. — A daughter of the registered Guernsey sire Brookwood Roderick, owned by John Endicott, Brookwood Farm, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, has completed an official Advanced Register record. She is Brookwood Isetta which produced 12839.1 pounds of milk and 622.2 pounds of butterfat. Besides this record she has produced a healthy calf for her owner. Brookwood Roderick has seven daughters in the Performance Register of The American Guernsey Cattle Club.

This record was supervised by the Michigan State College and reported to The American Guernsey Cattle Club for approval and publication.

A daughter of the registered Guernsey sire, Cesar General's Lyle, owned by Mrs. Alfred C. Wilson, Rochester, Michigan, has completed an official Herd Improvement record. She is four year old Meadow Brook Bridget's Grand which produced 8203.7 pounds of milk and 452.9 pounds of butterfat, on twice daily milking for one year.

Cesar General's Lyle has six sons and daughters in the Performance Register of The American Guernsey Cattle Club.

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Rural Progress Caravan Success Reaches Far

Success of Michigan's Rural Progress Caravan has led to a request to the Michigan State college extension service from the U.S. Department of Agriculture for the loan of George Amundson to tell other states about the Michigan labor-saving device show.

Amundson, agricultural engineering extension specialist at Michigan State college and director of the show, is now in the south-east section of the United States explaining the program to extension officials of those states. He will spend two weeks out of each month for the next four months conducting other states.

FARM SPECIALIST



STUART C. HILDEBRAND
Farm Crops Specialist

Stuart C. Hildebrand, formerly field representative of the Michigan Crop Improvement association, has joined the staff at Michigan State college as extension specialist in farm crops. In this position Mr. Hildebrand will work with the production and distribution of superior farm crop seed in Michigan.

Mr. Hildebrand is a graduate of Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg, and has his Master of Science degree from Michigan State College. He has had four years experience as a vocational agricultural instructor in Virginia, two years with the Soil Conservation Service at Howell, Michigan, and served with the army air corps from 1941-45.

Soil Heating

The use of electricity for soil heating to speed the growth of plants was discovered by accident. An engineer in Norway 20 years ago observed that plant growth was superior near an underground cable. Investigation revealed an overloaded cable which was heating the soil.

SHADE TREES NEED ADDED CARE DUE TO DROUGHT

Dry weather in many sections of Michigan should cause home owners and farmers to give special attention to the health of shade trees on lawns or along roadsides, according to Dr. Paul A. Herbert, head of the forestry department at Michigan State college.

A tree that is dying or leafing sparsely at the top or ends of the limbs needs special attention to restore its good health. To do this he suggests: (1) a protective mulch over the ground at the base of the tree; (2) fertilizer to provide needed nourishment; (3) extra water for the roots during the growing season.

He explains that trees growing under natural conditions in the forests are protected by a thick mat of dead leaves and twigs which conserves moisture and provides food. Trees on lawns and along roadsides are without this protection and as a result are generally undernourished and thirsty.

Moreover, the first move to save a tree that looks sickly is to restore the natural mulch by covering the ground around the tree with leaves or other decomposed matter. It should be several inches deep and cover an area at least two-thirds the branch spread of the tree. The longer the mulch is left under the tree, the more good it will do for the tree.

The next step is extra nourishment. Professor Herbert says to apply a pound of ammonium sulfate for each 500 square feet of ground space beneath the tree. Have the ground well soaked with water before the fertilizer is applied and afterwards gently "water" it.

Most feeble or sickly trees need extra water as well as food. Allow a stream of water to run on a wide area beneath the tree, Herbert suggests.

BUY U.S. WAR BONDS

4-H Summer Work Displayed

Farmington residents are cordially invited to attend the 4-H Club Exposition, August 16 and 17 at the Great Oak Stock Farm, on Hamlin Road at Rochester Road. The Exposition will be held at the calf barn.

4-H Club members will exhibit the results of summer project work in dairy, swine, sheep, poultry, rabbits, horses, crops, garden, flowers, food preservation, and food preservation.

Exhibits will be open to the public Friday and Saturday. Judging will begin Friday at 9:00 a.m. and at all day. Demonstrations will be given Saturday morning. The final program Saturday afternoon will begin at 2:00 p.m. and will present the outstanding exhibits of the show. The livestock parade will conclude the Exposition.

Essential to Growth

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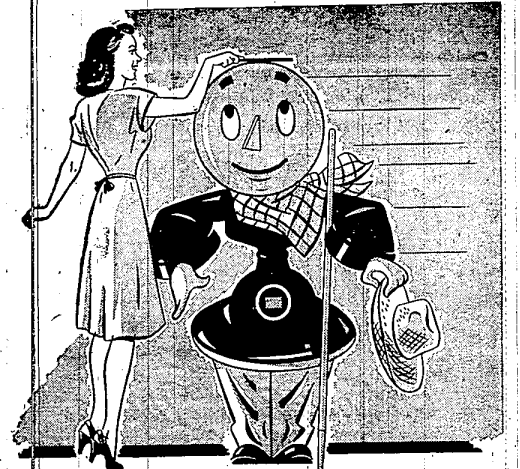
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★ Long Distance lines and switchboards serving Michigan resort areas are extra busy this summer. On calls to and from those areas, you'll get better service by avoiding the rush hours—10 A.M. to noon and 7 to 9 P.M. Keeping calls brief will help too.

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