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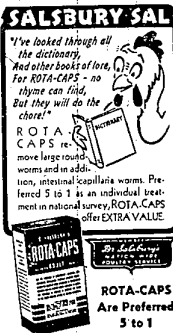
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Artificial Dairy Cow Breeding Available Soon

Artificial breeding for dairy cows soon will be available in this area. Many farm herds are already signed into the Local Association which will serve this area.

The main objective of the program is to grade up cattle on farms to make for more efficient production. Bulls being used in the association are Holstein, Guernsey and Jersey breeds and are either proven sires or sons of proven sires. Records on these animals indicate that for herds producing less than 400 pounds of butterfat a year, use of these good bulls on such herds would increase the production of the daughter as compared to their dam.

At present Edmund Alchin, of the Oakland County extension service is visiting farms in this area in an effort to sign as many herds as possible into the association in time for fall breeding, and indicates that interest is high and response of farmers good. At present, 22 herds, a total of 255 cows, have been signed up to include from 1 to 40 cows mostly of Holstein breed. Those farmers who have signed are: LeRoy Thompson, Charles Coe, Leonard Field, Fred Branda, Hugo Holman, Milton Murdoch, Wm. P. Peters, Harold Shepard, C. B. Stanley, Elmer See and Son, David Bennett, Joe Bart Gattari, Mrs. H. L. Morris, Albert E. Jackson, Geo. E. Vanler, Dorine Kutz, W. Beck Farms, Milton Murray, Geo. E. Campbell, W. Wesley, James G. Smart, J. E. Brinks.

Mr. Alchin says that 300 cows of one breed are necessary to make available facilities for breeding the cows and that a goal of 1000 cows has been set for this area. He states that the cost is not a prohibiting factor and that results as good as those obtained with natural breeding can be expected.

HARVEST SHORT CORN CROP WITH LIVESTOCK

Many farmers are expected to harvest their short drought-stricken corn this fall by turning cattle and swine into the field. Allowing the livestock to harvest the crop has proved labor saving, especially if the crop is light. Animal husbandry specialists at Michigan State college say a well-managed, heavy-fleeting crop may also be harvested in this manner.

George A. Brown, head of the department, recommends the practice for fattening long yearling or two-year-old cattle carrying considerable flesh. Such cattle will gain flesh rapidly and be ready for market when corn is harvested. To get cattle accustomed to corn first cut and feed all they will eat for two or three days before turning them into the field, Brown advises. They should also have the run of the pasture field adjoining the corn or be fed in hay racks. Cattle should be turned into the field when the grain has started to dent and the stalks are still green. If the stalks are dry, there is always the danger of cattle overeating the grain.

W. N. McMillen, specialist in swine feeding, thinks it best not to turn hogs into the corn until it is well dented. Small areas, however, may be used earlier in case of grain shortage. Large shots do a better job of harvesting the corn than smaller pigs. Older breeding sows may be turned in to finish the harvesting.

Pasture is also needed for pigs while they are harvesting corn. Adequate housing, a liberal water supply, and adequate mineral and salt must be provided. If protein supplement is available at reasonable prices it is advisable to feed it with the corn.

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Implements Demonstrated At New Hudson



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CROP LAND LEFT BARE WILL ERODE DURING WINTER

Between two and three million acres of good crop land in Michigan are left bare each winter and are subject to wind and water erosion. Leonard Braamse, soil conservation specialist at Michigan State college, believes more farmers should consider nature's system of ground protection and follow a similar practice. Under natural conditions, some type of vegetation occupies the soil throughout the growing season and leaves an organic residue on the ground during the winter. Erosion losses are especially heavy on rolling and hilly fields and on land subject to wind erosion if no protection is available.

A number of practices can be followed without seriously interfering with the normal farm operations, Braamse believes. He suggests a crop rotation so that wheat can be grown on silage corn and early bean fields. Heavy fertilization of the wheat will aid in getting a better growth and greater winter protection. An overwinter cover crop of rye planted one

half bushel to the acre and well fertilized -- is a practice which is not too late to start even in October.

More farmers could leave crop residue on the land to spread over the surface, Braamse adds. Legume tops, corn stalks and other residues form a mulch to hold moisture, decrease wind erosion and encourage show cover to stay where it falls.

Fall plowing on rolling and hilly land should be avoided, the soil specialist advises. He strongly recommends establishing soil conservation practices which include spreading of lime and constructing terraces.

Cotton prices for the first time in nearly a quarter century, are above the 30-cent-a-pound level. During the war peak of 1942, American cotton mills used 11.1 million bales. The present annual consumption rate is around 10 million bales.

POULTRY EXHIBITIONS BANNED IN MID-WEST

Poultry Exhibitions of live birds have been banned in several mid-west states following recommendations of the National Committee on Newcastle Disease. While the committee advised on the potential seriousness of the disease they cautioned poultrymen against use due alarm.

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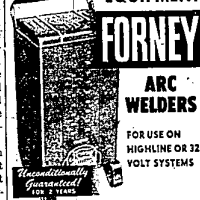
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