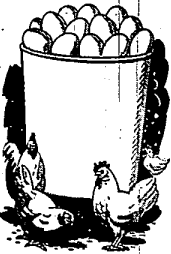


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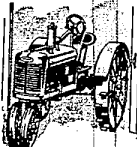
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County Harvests Record Quality Apple Crop

Oakland county's 329,000 trees have yielded a crop of excellent quality, according to Karl D. Bailey, County Agricultural Agent. While the crop is not large, consumers will take pleasure in eating the big, healthy colored apples produced this year by orchardists throughout the county.

Between seven and eight million bushels of the highest quality apples in history are being harvested, marketed and stored by Michigan producers this fall. Horticulture department officials at Michigan State college and M. E. Farley of the Michigan Apple commission, say the quality of the crop has never been better.

October 26 to November 2, is "Apple Week" for Michigan as well as Oakland County fruit growers. High quality is credited to two things. First, the excellent control of worms and insects through the use of DDT. But of outstanding importance was the intense interest shown by the growers in spray and cultural programs that would produce a better product.

Last year's short crop was also of inferior quality. So Michigan's apple producers were determined to do better by their customers and a high quality crop is the result. The International Apple Association has again set aside the week which includes Halloween as "Apple Week". Apples are rich in vitamin A and vitamin C, and are among the most healthful and economical fruits.

Michigan ordinarily ranks fifth or sixth among the high producing apple states in the United States. In the United States as a whole, the crop is about average this year and based on population will provide, every person with the apples a week throughout the year. While processors use many apples for canning purposes, there will be more fresh apples available to buyers in Michigan this year than in several years.

FRESHENING COWS NEED GOOD FEEDING PROGRAM

It's good, sound business to prepare your cows for freshening with a good feeding program. Money spent on feed for a milk cow during her six-week to two-month dry period before freshening will return milk production in months ahead that will pay the costs many times over.

Karl D. Bailey, county agricultural agent, says fall and winter freshening cows show good production records throughout the year. The best time to guarantee a good production record for the year is during the six-week to two-month vacation time a cow has before freshening.

Feeding of liberal amounts of bright high quality roughage and from 6 to 10 pounds of grain daily is recommended. It permits the cow to build up milk-making material which adds production after freshening time. A good grain mixture to use is 500 pounds of wheat, 200 pounds of corn, 100 pounds of high-protein concentrate or other protein feed. In addition to the grain and roughage, the cow should receive salt, preferably iodized. In some instances cobalt sulfate is recommended. Always provide milk cows with plenty of water.

The county agent says records at Michigan State college for the dairy herd improvement associations over the state show that an average of 3,000 cows a day will freshen in Michigan from September to April.

Prehistoric Mechanic

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CONTOUR FARMING CONSERVES SOIL AND RAINFALL

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Plots up-and-down the slope had an average soil loss eight times greater than those on the contour. Corn land farmed up-and-down the slope lost 100 times more soil than a plot planted in hay. Runoff water has also been measured and figured on the basis of the total amount of rain falling. On the up-and-down farming, of corn, 43 percent of the moisture was lost in runoff as compared to but 23 percent when farmed on the contour. Oats planted up-and-down the slope lost 42 percent of the rainfall while plots planted on the contour saved all but 32 percent of the moisture.

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Potato Survey Being Made in Michigan

The Bureau of Plant Industry and the Bureau of Marketing and Enforcement of the State Department of Agriculture are cooperating with the Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine of the U. S. Department of Agriculture in making a survey to determine whether or not Potato Rot Nematode is present in Michigan, says Director Charles Figg.

This pest is now known to be present in Prince Edward Island, Canada, and Aberdeen, Idaho. Although it is not known to have gained an entrance into Michigan, the economical importance of this pest is such that it is deemed advisable to make the survey in order to protect the large potato industry of the State. The estimated 1946 potato crop for Michigan is approximately 17,000,000 bushels.

strawberry plantations in several counties in Michigan.

The effects of the disease are most conspicuous to the grower about harvest time. Since 1910, the Department has been rendering a double inspection of strawberry plants for those parties who wish to dispose of stock, says Director Figg. The first inspection is made about blossoming and harvesting time, which is actually the best season of the year that the disease can be detected. The second inspection is made in the late summer or early fall months. According to C. A. Boyer, Chief of the Bureau of Plant Industry, Michigan is the first state to institute this type of inspection and it has proven successful in eliminating a high percentage of the disease.

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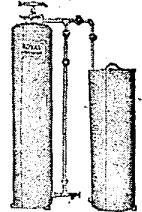
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