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## Oat Variety Trial Held In County

Farmers in Oakland County, according to Karl D. Bailey, County Agricultural Agent, have been somewhat uncertain as to the best variety of oats to plant during the past several years. Last summer a variety comparison trial was conducted on the farm of Andrew Mathews near Clyde, where it was found that "Eaton", a new oat variety recently developed by plant breeders at Michigan State college gave best results. Similar trials were conducted in other counties and in most cases Eaton was superior to every other variety tried. A summary of the Mathews trial is as follows:

Eaton, 82.6 bu. per acre; 99, 74.1; Marion, 71.2; Vicland, 76.3; Huron, 65.9; Worthy, 52.3.

The Eaton variety is resistant to all forms of rust — has white grain and a test weight equal to any other Michigan variety except Huron. There was no lodging with Eaton, whereas some of the other varieties lodged badly.

According to Mr. Bailey, seed of the Eaton variety can be obtained at most elevators.

## RECORD ONION CROP CAN BE USED IN TASTY DISHES

Onions are one of the most adaptable and most plentiful foods on the market right now. So let's make use of the flavor, good quality and low cost of this record crop by serving them often.

Evelyn Craig, food and nutrition specialist at Michigan State college, says that her favorite recipe for onion soup makes a perfect opening for dinner or luncheon. To make this soup, cook 2 cups of finely chopped onions in 2 tablespoons of fat until lightly brown. Sprinkle with 3 tablespoons of water and stir. Add 1½ quarts hot most broth, made by cooking soup bone, and stir until smooth. Season with salt and pepper and simmer until the onions are tender and the flavor well-blended. Serve in bowls with toast and grate a little dry cheese over it.

If you decide to serve boiled onions, cook them from 30 to 40 minutes. They will remain snowy white if you add a few drops of vinegar or lemon to the cooking water. Cook in plenty of water with no lid on the cooking pan if you like a mild flavor. Serve with melted butter, drippings or a white sauce to which cheese has been added.

Onions make a very attractive combination served with carrots — either raw in salads or cooked. They combine well with tomatoes, too. And for seasonings they are indispensable in meats, soups, salads — just about everything but dessert. In baked stuffed form, onions are an excellent way to use up left over meat. Remove the centers from large boiled onions. Stuff with a mixture of bread crumbs, seasonings, the chopped onion centers and diced meat. Top with bread crumbs and minced parsley before browning in the oven.

## Moisture Needed

A corn plant uses about 500 pounds of water to produce one pound of dry matter. Potatoes require 330 pounds of water to make one pound of dry matter.

## MSC SCHEDULES CONFERENCE ON FARM BUILDING

The second annual farm building conference will be held at Michigan State college on March 12 and 13, 1947, according to A. W. Farrell, head of the agricultural engineering department at MSC.

The conference is sponsored by the department of agricultural engineering and the Michigan farm building advisory committee.

Farrell will preside at the Wednesday morning session. An address of welcome by E. J. Anthony, dean of agriculture at MSC, talks on the present status of farm buildings and how a home economist views farm home planning will be heard.

C. M. Meredith, former county agricultural agent for Arenac county and now field representative for the Portland Cement Association, is chairman for Monday afternoon. His program will feature talks on financing, designing, electrification, and sanitation for farm buildings.

The second morning George Amundson, extension project leader, will be chairman and James S. Jyd, agricultural engineer at MSC, will preside in the afternoon. The day's talks will feature safety programs, planning, and the outlook for farm building construction.

The conference will be held in the music building on the Michigan State college campus.

All farmers and their wives, county agricultural agents, rural builders, and anyone concerned with farm building is urged to attend the conference.

## Local Dairymen Active in Artificial Breeders' Group

The Oakland County Artificial Breeders Association No. 1, operating in the Southwest part of Oakland County is providing excellent service for dairy farmers in this area. More than 60 dairy herds, totalling about 700 cows are enrolled in the artificial breeding program.

E. W. Alchin, Assistant County Agricultural Agent points out that farmers who are receiving the service are enthusiastic over the results that they are getting. Cows are being settled as rapidly as by natural service and the expense of keeping a bull for a small herd is eliminated by belonging to the artificial breeders cooperative.

Many new herds have been added in recent weeks. When the association started operating on October 21, thirty-nine herds totalling about 400 cows were enrolled. Among those who have most recently contracted for the service are: Laura C. Hovey and Mary E. Flint of Pontiac; E. Grovlin of Birmingham; Russell Calkins of South Lyon; Lucille Howard and Dorcas Patchin of Farmington.

Mr. Alchin points out that Glen Robinson of Northville, who is manager of the association desires more cattle in the association and now is a good time to join while milk prices are favorable. This will put better cows into the herds for more efficient production should milk prices drop.

## Should Gather Eggs Three Times Each Day

The production of high quality hatching and market eggs depends on the farmers almost as much as on the hens.

H. C. Zindel, extension poultryman at Michigan State college, says that even in winter, both fertile and infertile eggs will lose quality unless gathered regularly.

If eggs are left in the nest, the germ spot in a fertile egg will continue to grow just as long as the temperature is right. The germ growth ceases when the egg is taken from the nest and cooled. If eggs are left in the nest too long they cannot be cooled without killing the germ. Infertile eggs, while unaffected from the hatching standpoint, are lower in quality when left under the hen for too long at a time.

The poultryman recommends that farmers gather eggs at least three times a day in both winter and summer. This will reduce the possibility that they might remain under the hen too long and deteriorate.

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## Cleanliness Important In Disease Control

A new extension folder prepared by R. J. Killman, extension specialist in animal pathology at Michigan State college, stresses cleanliness as a way to control animal diseases.

Killman points out that too many farmers view sanitation from the standpoint of disinfectants. These agents are useful in many cases but cannot destroy disease germs unless they come in actual contact with the germs.

Nature, on the other hand, provides cheap, effective and easily used germ killers. Fire, sunlight, fresh air, and dryness will accomplish good results.

The folder lists ways of cleaning places where germs may lurk. A formula for a good lye solution is also given.

Farmers may obtain this folder from their county agricultural agent.

## LEGISLATION IS TOPIC OF FARM BUREAU

The Walled Lake Farm Bureau met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Wedow on Thursday, January 16, with 19 members and one guest present.

Arthur Grein led the discussion on "National Legislation of Interest to Michigan Farmers."

It was decided to have a Valentine Box Social at the next meeting which will be held the third Friday of the month, February 21, at the home of Guy Seeley.

After an enjoyable social program, refreshments were served.

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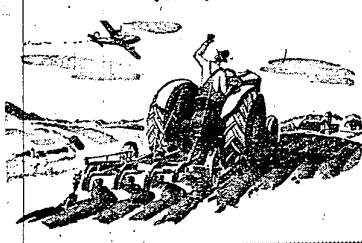
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