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### PROCLAMATION

Michigan, with its million dairy cows producing over two and a half billion quarts of milk a year, ranks sixth in the nation as a dairy state.

In the past few years, Michigan's dairy industry has grown from a seventy-two million dollar business to one of over two hundred million dollars, and represents more than one-third of the average Michigan farmer's cash income.

The dairy industry has made great contributions to the general welfare of our citizens. Through the hundreds of thousands of dollars spent annually for the improvement of our dairy herds, for the installation of better machinery and equipment, and research in the field of human nutrition.

Therefore, I, Elia Sigler, Governor of the State of Michigan, do hereby proclaim the month of June 1947 as Dairy Month in Michigan, and urge that during this period, our citizens become increasingly aware of the importance of the dairy industry to the health and vitality of the people of this state.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Michigan, this twelfth day of May, in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-seven, and of the Commonwealth of the State of Michigan the One Hundred Eleventh

BY THE GOVERNOR

*E. S. Mather*  
 SECRETARY OF STATE

### MSC TO SPONSOR BEEF CALF FEEDING PROJECT THIS YEAR

July 1 to 10 are the dates for weighing in the best calves for the annual Beef Calf Feeding Project sponsored by the animal husbandry extension service of Michigan State College.

Graydon Blank, MSC extension specialist in animal husbandry, states that all calves entered in the contest must be sired by a registered beef bull and must have been born on or after September 1, 1946 and on or before April 1, 1947.

In February 1946, a show will be held at Michigan State College. To be eligible for this show and sale, the calves must make an average gain of two pounds per day during the approximately 210 day feeding period. They must weigh at least 700 pounds at the close of the project. Two calves may be entered per farm.

Last year's highest rate of gain was shown by a shorthorn steer and exhibited by Don Koenigman of Cass City. This calf was on feed for 225 days and gained 662 pounds for an average daily gain of 2.942 pounds. He required 3,510 pounds of grain and 990 pounds of hay to make the gain.

### MSC To Conduct Poultry Schools During July

The annual poultry blood testing and flock selection schools will be held at Michigan State College during July, according to H. C. Zindel, MSC extension specialist.

The beginner's school will be held July 7-11. This school is open to all hatchery owners, managers and employees.

The advanced school will be held July 14-18. This school will be open to all individuals who have been blood-testing under the National Poultry Improvement Plan for the past five years, or graduates of past three schools, or graduates of the 1946 class with academic grade of "A".

### Corn Fertilization Proves Profitable

Farmers in Michigan have long wondered whether it pays to fertilize corn. Karl D. Bailey, county agricultural agent, says that experimental work done at Michigan State College has provided some definite statements about corn fertilization.

Work done by C. E. Millar, Ray Cook and Lynn Robertson, MSC soil scientists, in 1945 and 1946 has provided a basis for the following statements, compiled by Paul Rood, extension soils specialist:

1. In general, it is very profitable to fertilize corn with manure. Plow it down for more corn.

2. Corn yields are definitely higher when alfalfa or sweet clover come in rotation just before corn. (Beans, sugar beets, and potatoes also give higher yields after alfalfa.)

3. In general, commercial fertilizer applied when corn is planted can be expected to make taller stalks in June but it is doubtful if the final yield will be increased much.

4. Experiments show that the yields of other crops in the rotation will be higher and profits will be greater if increased commercial fertilizer is applied. Therefore, the fertilizer should not be used when planting corn, but more liberally with other crops in the rotation.

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### Farmers To Study Bangs Control

Meeting of cattlemen in Oakland County will be held next Wednesday evening at 8:00 p.m., June 18th at the Clarkston Town Hall, to discuss a state sponsored program for Area Bangs Control in Oakland County.

The Oakland County Dairy Planning Committee has secured Dr. C. F. Clark of the State Agriculture Department for a meeting to be held at Clarkston to discuss with farmers of Oakland County the Area Bangs Control program, designed to curb outbreaks of Bangs disease in this county.

The purpose of the meeting will be to present the plan as it would apply to Oakland County and to give farmers an opportunity to ask questions so that the plan may be better understood.

Any farmer having cattle is invited to attend the meeting.

Before leaving a campfire, stir the coals while soaking them with water. Stir the fire again so that sticks and coals are drenched, and soak the ground around the fire.

### International Apple Group Meets In Detroit Aug. 11

Michigan will be host for the annual meeting of the International Apple Association to be held in Detroit during the week of August 11.

Problems of apple marketing will be the main topic of the conferences. Dr. H. B. Tukey, head of the Michigan State college department of horticulture, will be chairman of the sessions dealing with apple production. Other members of the MSC horticulture staff are working with the association's staff in planning the conference.

The apple association is headed by Mr. S. M. Coburn, Ishpeming. Representatives from every important apple producing section of America and foreign countries are expected to attend the meeting.

**Tattooing Hogs**  
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