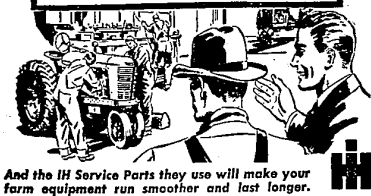


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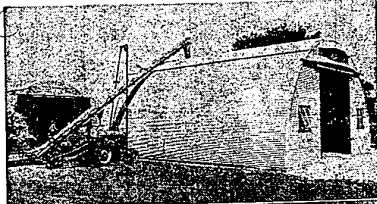
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# FARM FEATURES

## New Corn Drying-Storage Method Boosts Value of 1948's Big Crops



How a Quonset is equipped to dry as well as store corn is illustrated in these photos. (Above) Ear corn is loaded into the building through removable roof sheets. (Right) Ears pile around ventilation tunnel. When building is filled, air blown into this tunnel by outside fan circulates between ears and carries moisture out through top vents.



Corn growers, confronted with lack of facilities for handling their record yield this year, now may obtain newly-developed buildings that increase crop value by drying as well as storing the grain. The new agricultural development is a Quonset 32x36 adaptation that handles 5,000 bushels of ear corn. Local dealers can erect and equip it to receive corn in a few days' time. Drying is accomplished by forcing air through the corn at the rate of 25,000 cubic feet a minute.

The Quonset is equipped with special bracing, a motor-driven fan and a slatted framework which runs lengthwise through the building's center. Corn piled around the frame forms a tunnel into which air is blown. The air circulates through the corn, absorbs moisture, and escapes through vents at the building's top. The special equipment can be removed easily when the Quonset is desired for other uses. Another corn-handling unit, the Quonset portable crib feeder, has been developed to eliminate most of the labor in hog production. One 500-bushel filling of the crib will feed approximately 40 pigs from weaning until ready for market.

## Cherry Groups Report On Year's Activities

A recent report of the Michigan Cherry Commission indicates that 1948 was not only a successful year in volume of cherries produced, but practically all the cherries processed have been marketed. It is the first year the Cherry Commission has functioned under Public Act No. 228, of 1947, and it appreciates the cooperation it has received from both the growers and the processors of the cherry crop.

The eleven-man commission, according to Acting Secretary Lawrence O'Neill, Michigan Department of Agriculture, is working with the National Cherry Institute.

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## Dairy Price Drop Helps Consumers

"Recent drops in the retail price of butter have brought a big saving on consumer food budgets and have increased butter consumption," stated F. M. Skiver, Chief of Michigan's Department of Agriculture Dairying Bureau. In June of this year butter was retailing throughout Michigan for 86 cents a pound, while today it averages around 64 cents, a drop of 22 cents a pound.

While these price reductions are welcomed by consumers, they are naturally reflected in the cash income to dairy farmers. The farm price for milk going to butter and cheese plants has fallen 85-90 cents per hundred pounds since July. The demand for Michigan sweet cream in Eastern markets is off and prices are down considerably. Decreased consumption of ice cream has cut demands for sweet cream and immediately reduced the producer prices at several large Michigan plants.

### MILK SHORT

Producer prices for inspected milk going to bottling plants have not been reduced in Michigan markets. At the present time many markets are very short of milk for bottling purposes. Any reduction in paying prices will reduce such supplies, and might cause a serious shortage of milk for city consumption.

Skiver stated that price drops in dairy products at this time of the year are unusual. Prices generally rise slightly in the fall due

## Program Activities Listed For Oakland Farmers

A series of three radio broadcast programs have been arranged for dairy farmers over station WJAB, Pontiac, which have been designed to be of particular interest to Oakland County farmers. The three programs will be heard at 12:45 p.m. each Friday, beginning November 26, and continuing through December 6.

Four meetings to be attended by Oakland County farmers have been scheduled for four consecutive Mondays, starting December 6, and continuing through Monday, January 10, relating on more and better profitable farm production plans for local agriculturalists. The meeting place will be at 1 Lafayette Street, Pontiac, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., according to Earl D. Bailey, County Agricultural Agent.

ing the low milk production period and drop during the higher spring production period. This year prices went up slightly in June in anticipation of short supplies. Michigan has nearly a million head of dairy cows, some located in every county of the state. Director Charles Fly, Michigan Department of Agriculture, states a price change in dairy products affects income to more farmers than any other phase of agriculture.

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