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DAIRY PRACTICES TO RAISE INCOME GIVEN BY BAILEY

Dairymen anxious to earn a better return from their dairy herds are turning to improved practices, according to Karl D. Bailey, county agricultural agent.

County Agent Bailey listed some of these practices as:

1. Regular milking practices using fast milking procedure and spacing milking time 12 hours apart.

2. Feeding plenty of bright legume hay and balanced grain rations based on the actual production of each animal in the herd.

3. Growing good, robust heifer calves for herd replacements.

4. Using good sires to improve quality of the herd. If you do not have a good bull and your herd is not large enough to afford to keep a good sire, make use of artificial breeding services.

Accurate records on production of cows within the herd, the county agent suggests, will allow farmers to know which of their animals are making them money. Although feed prices are lower and feed is more plentiful than it was a year ago, pouring it into a "boarder cow" that does not pay for her keep is unwise.

One-third of the total mineral value produced in Michigan is centered in the upper peninsula.

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Farm young people everywhere are taking increased interest in forest management. These two youths are receiving a lesson in the use of the increment borer, an instrument used to determine growth rate of trees. Professional forester, right, instructs.

PICKING OAT SEED HINTS ARE GIVEN BY COUNTY AGENT

With oat planting time just around the corner, now is a good time to buy your seed oats if you need them. County Agent Bailey said this week.

Some of the common varieties for Michigan, all resistant to stem rust, leaf rust, smut, and Victoria blight, are Eaton, Clinton, Benton and Kent.

The Eaton variety has white grain and stiff straw. It is also adapted to the whole state and yielded 65 bushels per acre in 1948 in 6 overstate test areas.

The Clinton variety has yellow grain and stiff straw. It is also adapted to the whole state and yielded 65 bushels per acre in 1948 in 6 overstate test areas.

The Benton variety has ivory colored grain, is a tall variety, and produces well on heavier soils. Benton is susceptible to lodging and it is not as popular in southern Michigan as the Eaton and Clinton varieties. The average yield for the Benton variety in 1948 was 60 bushels per acre in 6 overstate tests.

The Kent variety produces white grain, has a heavy test weight, and it is medium in height and maturity. It grows best on soils where lodging is not a serious problem. In 1948 the average yield was 65 bushels per acre in 6 overstate tests. Kent is a new oat, and seed will not be available for general planting until 1950.

County Agent Karl D. Bailey says Eaton and Huron have proved to be most adapted to Oakland County. He says certified seed may be obtained from any local farmers' elevator.

A list of sources for certified seed is available from the county agent.

Advice On Corn Choice Available To Farmers

To help Michigan farmers choose the hybrid corn that they will grow this year, the farm crops department at Michigan State College has prepared a new folder listing results of corn trials over the state.

The hybrid corn trials are conducted annually at several locations in Michigan to find the adaptation of a large number of corn hybrids to various parts of the state. Yields of the hybrids are listed according to yield per acre, moisture in the ears, and the number of years that the hybrid has been tested.

By comparing the results of the trials in his locality, a farmer can determine which hybrid he might wish to grow.

Copies of the folder, F-67, "Corn Hybrids Compared", are available from county agricultural agents.

SEEDS MUST BE TESTED

Many advertisements are now appearing in newspapers, by farmers and others, offering their seed for sale. Owners who advertise their seed for sale are reminded that it is necessary according to the State Seed Law, to have it tested and tagged so that it meets legal requirements, reports Charles A. Stahl, Seed Analyst, Michigan Department of Agriculture. This is especially true of seed offered for sale at public auctions.

State inspection too often shows that the seed offered for sale has not been tested and tagged in compliance with the law.

MSC Plans Dairy Meet At College April 4 To 7

Over 100 persons will attend the sixth annual Dairy and Food Inspectors' and Sanitation School held April 4 to 7 at Michigan State College.

According to E. S. Churchill, of the MSC dairy bacteriology laboratory, many reservations have already been made, among them two from representatives of the United Nations at Lake Success, N. Y.

Three nationally prominent men in the field will be on hand for the three-day meeting. Colonel Paul Logan of the National Restaurant Association will speak on "Kitchen Utensil Design"; Milton Caroline, of the U. S. Department of Interior field and wild-life service will discuss "Rodent Control"; and Dr. L. A. Moore of the U. S. Department of Agriculture bureau of animal industries will speak on "DDT Poisoning".

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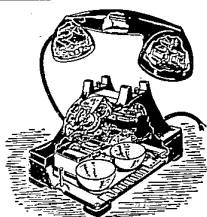
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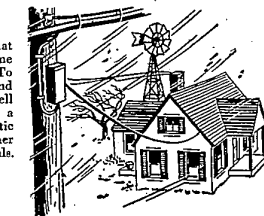
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Weed Eradication Story On MSC Radio Program

The United States will hear about "Chemical Eradication of Weeds" from the Michigan State College campus on Saturday, Mar. 19, when a nationwide network radio broadcast will originate from East Lansing.

The program will originate from WKAR, the Michigan State College station, and be carried over 165 stations of the American Broadcasting Company starting at 1:30 p.m.

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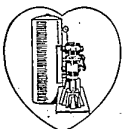


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