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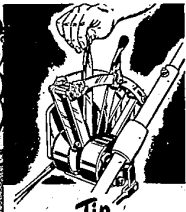
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MAKE PLANS FOR 4-H DAIRY FOODS DEMONSTRATION

Plans for the 1949 National 4-H Dairy Foods Demonstration program are under way in Michigan, according to the State Extension Service. It is the only nationally sponsored 4-H Club program devoted entirely to demonstrations. Members enrolled in a 4-H foods project may participate.

Last year Michigan named 11 county winners. State honors for individuals went to Mary Rogers, Palmyra, whose demonstration "Milk Drinks", was given 15 times to a total of 450 persons. Mary Mahar and Mildred Munson, both of Saginaw county, won the team award with their demonstration, "Ice Cream", presented six times to audiences of 375 persons. Based on a survey of 41 states conducting the 1948 program, an average of 25 people attended the 3,758 dairy foods demonstrations given by 4-H members.

The program seeks to show the value of dairy products to general health. Uses of dairy foods and skill in preparing tasty dishes are demonstrated. Subjects relate to the preparation, manufacture or use of dairy products including fresh or evaporated milk, malted milk and ice cream.

Eight new awards based on demonstration records and general achievement are offered by the Farmington company this year. They include the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago, November 27 to December 1. County winners will again receive a gold filled medal, while individual and team champions in each state will get a 17-jewel gold watch.

The Cooperative Extension Service supervises the program.

Dairymen Need Good Pastures

Abundant supplies of good pasture during the 150 to 175 days of normal grazing in the year reduces the cost of milk production, says J. G. Hays, dairy extension project leader at Michigan State College. Grass, the only natural feed for cows, will provide a complete ration for the dairy herd. Hays states, "A lush, succulent grass offers minerals, proteins, sugars and starches, plus an abundance of vitamins. A dairy cow will eat an estimated five tons of grass during the season. Careful planning of pasture land and crop rotation is necessary to meet this demand, Hays points out.

Thoughtful dairymen are using a sequence of grass seedings for pasture purposes. Plantings of special grasses, such as Reed canary for wet spots, sudan for the hot summer period, and ryegrass for late fall and early spring grazing, will supplement the reliable alfalfa-brome mixture. Alfalfa-brome normally supplies the bulk of grass fed during the early and middle summer season, the specialist continues.

Dairy herd improvement association records show that most profits are made by dairymen supplying ample feed during the entire year. A good, well-fertilized pasture supplemented with small rations of grain or silage will pay dividends.

Farmers should plan now to attend the Grass Day programs to be held throughout the state in June, Hays advises. These programs, sponsored by the Michigan State College cooperative extension service with other agencies cooperating, will include demonstrations and information on good pasture management.

Lightning Loss Can Be Reduced

Spring thunderstorms can be very helpful in making crops grow. But agricultural engineers at Michigan State College point out that lightning is the greatest cause of farm fire loss in Michigan.

Each year lightning destroys about 20 million dollars worth of farm property in the nation and 350 thousand dollars worth of property in Michigan.

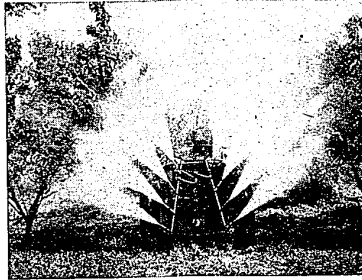
The MSC engineers say that a small amount of money invested in lightning protection is meager compared to the value of the buildings protected. An approved system of lightning rods, kept in good condition, is the best defense against loss.

They urge that farmers check their lightning protection to make sure it is adequate before another thunderstorm comes.

Spring is a good time to start killing weeds with the selective weed killer, 2,4-D, say Michigan State College extension specialists. Be careful not to let the spray drift into shrubbery and flowering plants.

Overcrowding of turkey poults, usually results in poor feathering, uneven growth, feather picking, and possible disease, warn Michigan State College poultry specialists.

New Protection For Fruit Growers



LANSING, MICHIGAN — Serious fruit losses due to fungus and insect infestations are now being avoided by the new Low-Boy spray mist, made here by John Bonn. This new type of automatic spraying gets the spray on the underside of leaves and stems where mites concentrate and results in a clean crop of premium fruit. It delivers up to 60 gallons per minute and is fully controlled by the tractor driver so that one man can cover up to 50 acres of orchards per day.

Though many Michigan families produce their own milk supply, they can have pasteurized milk with very little trouble. Good milk is an important food for everyone from baby to grandmother and it should be safe to drink.

Two methods for pasteurization are suggested by Roberta Herber, foods and nutrition specialist at Michigan State College. These directions are approved by the State Health Department.

Pour 4 to 6 quarts of clean fresh milk into a kettle and place a floating dairy thermometer in the milk. Do not use tin, iron or chipped enamel utensils or a candy thermometer which is part copper.

Heat the milk rapidly, stirring constantly, until a temperature of 160 degrees Fahrenheit is reached. If you heat it above 160 degrees the milk will taste cooked or boiled.

Place the kettle immediately into a large pan of water. Keep the kettle covered to prevent scum from forming. Cool the milk quickly to 60 degrees or lower. Change the water in the pan often. Store well covered in a cool, clean place.

Here is another method suitable for pasteurizing one or two quarts of milk and no thermometer is necessary. Place one to two quarts of milk in top of a double boiler. Cover. Place 1 quart of water in bottom of cooker. Boil water vigorously for 10 minutes.

Plan Poultry Study At MSC

Construction of a building to house experimental poultry at Michigan State College has been made possible by a grant of \$3,250 from the United States Public Health Service.

The fowl to be housed in the building will be used in investigations of lymphomatosis (fowl paralysis) a poultry disease. The research project, now under way, is being done cooperatively by the bacteriology section of the Michigan Agricultural Experiment Station and the East Lansing U. S. Department of Agriculture Regional Poultry Laboratory.

The scientists are trying to find whether lymphomatosis can be transmitted from one flock to another by Newcastle disease vaccine made from eggs produced by birds having lymphomatosis.

The National Cancer Institute has expressed interest in the research project because of possible findings related to cancer research.

Good herd management, including the use of correct milking practices, will help to prevent mastitis.

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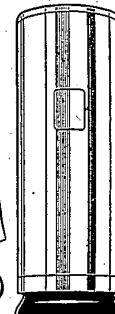
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